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GUIDANCE NOTES - to be read in conjunction with the waypoint location schedule.

Waypoint locations. You should have received a copy of the waypoint location schedule with these notes. If you haven't please contact Geoff McGladdery by email (above) or phone on 07588 559698. If any changes to the waypoints are necessary, we will advise you as soon as possible. Any changes will also be on display at the start, so please remember to check.

The schedule describes, as accurately as possible, the waypoints you need to pass through to qualify for a medal. These points will all be identified by a codeboard – see sample right (actual size A4 - 295 mm x 210 mm or 11¼" x 8¼"). The codeboards will, where possible, be clearly visible from the road regardless of which direction you approach. They will not be hidden and usually will not require you to dismount. They will definitely not require you to enter anyone's property. **This is not a treasure hunt.**

When stopping at codeboard locations, please ensure that you park safely and do not obstruct other road users.

Our aim is to guide you around the boundary of Herefordshire and to take you to some of its more beautiful and interesting locations.

Waypoint descriptions – We have used 5 different ways of describing the waypoint. You may use any or any combination of these descriptions to locate the waypoints.

- **Ordnance Survey Grid References** – 6 figure references are used. Please remember that these can only be expected to place you in a 100 metre square. They have been plotted from 1:50,000 Landranger series maps. Probably the best way to find your route. You will need sheets 137, 148, 149, 150, 161 and 162 to plot all the waypoints.
- **Postcodes** – These can range in accuracy from very precise to very imprecise, particularly in rural areas. In open country it is not unusual for the postcode to be several hundred yards from the waypoint. A great way of getting a "rough cut" route, but, **treat postcode locations with caution.**
- **DD co-ordinates** (Decimal degrees). These are expressions of latitude and longitude and are usually, accurate. They can be used in "Google Maps" and many satnavs.
- **Latitude and Longitude co-ordinates** (degrees, minutes and seconds). This data will be of assistance to Garmin users (and possibly other satnav systems) where co-ordinates in this format can be inputted directly into the device.
- **What 3 words** - What3words is a proprietary geocode system that is designed to identify any location with a resolution of about 3 metres. <https://what3words.com> .These are the most precise of all the systems.
- **Descriptions** – you will not be able to identify the waypoints by these alone. They are there to provide you with comfort and confirmation. If the description really doesn't support your map reference or DMM co-ordinate, then you are probably in the wrong place!



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Route Planning - The waypoints in the schedule are listed from the north in clockwise order. No route is implied. It is up to you to plot these waypoints and select your own route through them. In choosing your route please remember the following.

- You must choose to start at **either** Leintwardine or Ross-on-Wye and you must finish at the same point to qualify for an award. If you have changed your mind about your start/finish point, you must inform us as soon as possible.
 - You are required to visit the other three Cardinal Points and you **must stop to rest for at least 30 minutes at one of these**. Proof of passage at Cardinal points will be by Orienteering punch.
 - Food and drink can be purchased at all four Cardinal points.
 - To qualify for a BRONZE you must visit 10 waypoints in addition to the Cardinal points.
 - For a SILVER you must visit 15 waypoints in addition to the Cardinal points.
 - For a GOLD you must visit 20 waypoints in addition to the Cardinal points.
 - Other than personal satisfaction, there is no award for visiting all 32 points. Entrants choosing to do this should be aware that the minimum distance they will need to cover will be approximately 190 miles.

Herefordshire on the Ragged Edge



If you wish to qualify for a **“Ragged Edge”** ribbon, you must visit all 4 **“Ragged Edge”** waypoints listed in the schedule. If, for example the **“Ragged Edge”** waypoint is listed as **R25**(see left), you visit and record that waypoint and you **do not visit or record the standard waypoint 25**. You can win a **“Ragged Edge”** ribbon at Gold, Silver or Bronze level. Our event has been granted special permission to ride on the Downton and Kentchurch Estate roads FOR THIS ONE DAY ONLY. Please ride with special care and consideration on these roads, we would like to be invited back next year!



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FUEL – Fuel is available at Ross, Leintwardine and in Hay on Wye (Cardinal Point West). You will pass through or close to the Herefordshire market towns of Kington, Knighton, Ludlow, Tenbury, Ledbury and Bromyard. They all have fuel available on Sundays. **PLEASE NOTE IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONFIRM THAT YOUR PLANNED FUELING POINTS WILL BE OPEN AT THE TIMES YOU INTEND TO VISIT THEM.**

REMINDER

- This not a race or a rally.
- You will be sharing some very small rural roads with walkers, cyclists, horse riders and very large and lumpy agricultural vehicles.
- Ride with care, caution and respect for other road users.
- If you are travelling in groups or sharing the same navigational information, please keep them to a **maximum of 6 vehicles**.
- **Do not use a third party**, who is not in the event to guide you round the route.

COVID PROTOCOLS

If Covid protocols are in place, then please observe them. There may be occasions when you are required to “sign-in”, wear a mask or keep a “social” distance, so please adhere to any instructions which are posted and follow any directions given to you by event staff, staff at the start, the finish and staff at cafes, filling stations or shops that you stop in along the way.

IF YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO DO THIS, PLEASE CANCEL YOUYR ENTRY AND WE WILL REFUND YOU IN FULL

START/FINISH – Both start/finish points will be open between 08:00 and 10:30 and again between 16:00 and 18:00. **A special 30 minute extension has been granted for the Ross finish and this will now close at 19:00.** You may start no earlier than 08:30 and finish at any time the control is open. **IF YOU WISH TO LEAVE A VEHICLE ALL DAY, SPACE IS LIMITED AND THERE IS A £5 CHARGE AT THE TRAVELLERS REST ROSS-ON-WYE. THERE IS NO CHARGE AT THE LION AT LEINTWARDINE, BUT SPACE IS LIMITED. IF YOU NEED TO PARK ON THE STREET, PLEASE DO IT WITH CONSIDERATION FOR LOCAL RESIDENT AND OTHER ROAD USERS.**

THE ORGANISERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REVISE THESE INSTRUCTIONS AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE START OF THE EVENT. ANY REVISIONS WILL BE POSTED AT THE START VENUE.