

RIDER INFORMATION -THE GREAT RACE 2023

The Knutsford Great Race Sunday 10th SEPTEMBER 2023

LOCATION

The Moor, WA16 6ES

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The Course is on closed public roads, as shown by the blue arrows on the plan below. It is approximately 900m in length and should take just under 4 minutes to complete for a reasonably experienced rider. The start is on Moorside, riders proceed to King Street before turning right down a gentle descent at the Old Market Place to rejoin Moorside.



A YouTube video of the course can be found here if you wish to familiarise yourself with it before race day-

Course video - <https://youtube.com/@KnutsfordGreatRace>

ACCESS & PARKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR RIDERS

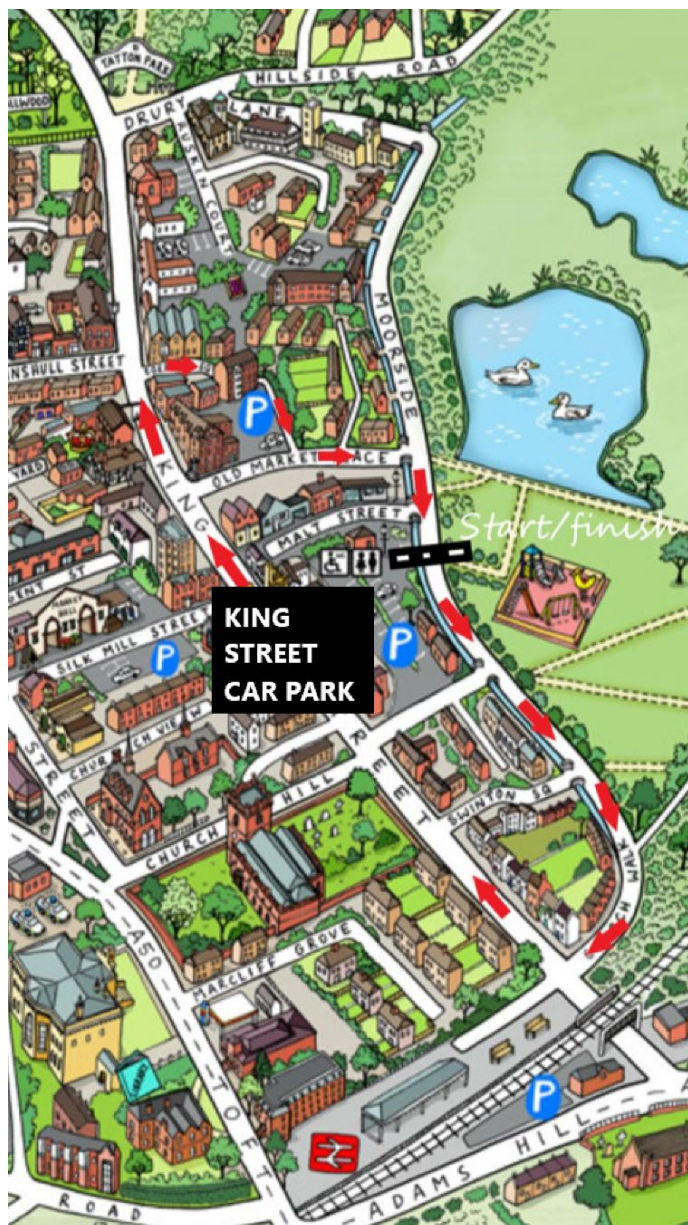
The course route is on public roads. These roads will close at noon and reopen at 4 p.m.

The car park at King Street will be closed to the public from 8 am to allow riders to use it for race preparation and easy access directly to the course, so if you can, please use this car park as it is situated in the middle of the course. If you

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tell them that you are riding or better still print off the Car park permit attached to the back of this booklet they will let you through.

Access to the car park will close at noon and reopen at 4 pm. It is best approached via King Street from Adams Hill.



TOILET FACILITIES

There are public toilets situated in King Street car park, please note that they operate a pay on a pay-on-access 20p basis. 4 portable toilets will also be made available on the Moor and will be available for use by the public and riders.

CHANGING FACILITIES

Changing facilities will be provided on the day, and we will direct you to these when you sign in. Please note that we are unable to provide shower facilities.

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REFRESHMENTS

There are several coffee shops and cafés throughout the town which will be open early on Race Day. In particular, Tatton Perk which sells drinks coffees and pastries is situated next to the start/finish line. Knutsford Scouts are situated on the Moor and will also provide drinks and sandwiches on race day.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Please note that there will be a public address system which will provide you with information throughout the day.

9.30 AM- 11.30 AM- RIDER SIGN ON AT RACE HQ Tent

SIGN ON AND DISCLAIMER/ INDEMNITY -Please make your way to sign on for the race at the RACE HQ tent which will be clearly marked and also return the disclaimer attached at the back of this booklet.

RACE NUMBER-You will be provided with a race number which will look something like this. We ask you to attach this with the pins provided so it is visible on your back.

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TRANSPONDER You will also be provided with a transponder. These cost £75 each, so please don't lose it, simply tie it with the two zip ties provided to sit firmly on your machine's spine, above the forks and below the step. Following the race our volunteers will cut the transponders off machines for return to the HSS sports who are timing the event so please do not ride off with it.



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10.00 AM- 11.30 AM- Provisional -It is hoped that a Penny Stack can be arranged subject to time and the number of riders who express an interest. If it can be done, we will ask you to make your way over to the location on the Moor where this will take place.

11.30 AM- RIDER BRIEFING- A rider briefing to address any concerns will take place outside the rider HQ tent.

Noon- Roads will be closed and riders will be able to ride the course. We ask that until the roads are closed riders refrain from riding the course, given it may be busy with cars etc.

12.45 PM – Parade lap. You will be asked to ride a parade lap in no particular order and then come back to the Grid ready to start.

1 PM -4 PM – The Race will last 3 hours but may be shortened due to poor weather or a race incident.

4.15 PM– MEDAL CEREMONY outside Race HQ on the Moor

THE RACE

Cycling etiquette

Just a note on Cycling etiquette for race day

Cycling etiquette boils down to **SAFETY** – your safety and the safety of the people riding around you.

Please review and familiarise yourself with the following guidelines:

Please obey the Marshalls

Please be spatially aware. Everything you do has a knock-on effect on everyone behind and beside you.

Please share the road wisely. Ride a maximum of two abreast and single files when there is less space.

Be predictable with all your actions and communicate. Maintain a steady consistent line and avoid slowing or changing directions suddenly. If you need to avoid an obstacle, do so smoothly and with grace. Ride steadily and keep your line.

Please keep left – OVERTAKING ON THE RIGHT ONLY.

DOWNHILL- There is a gentle downhill section on the course. IT IS NOT STEEP, but you need to ride with caution and ideally at no more than a walking pace. See the YouTube video at 2.40 min if you wish to take a look at this section.

A helmet must be worn whenever riding on the course.

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RACE RULES AND INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY

The Knutsford Race is open to all penny-farthing enthusiasts and caters for all levels and ages of riding ability. So, whilst the focus of the day will be on the Great Race itself, the wider purpose of the event is active participation for all, as well as the furtherance of interest in penny-farthings, their history and the sheer enjoyment of riding them.

PRIZES

A prize will be awarded to the rider in the race who completes the most laps in the fastest time following the 3-hour gun. (See Race Rules below). Individual prizes will be awarded per category i.e. for first, second and third-placed lady, gentleman, and team. A commemorative medal will be awarded to all participants.



A prize will be awarded to the rider wearing the best costume as judged by the race committee.

BICYCLES PERMITTED TO RACE

Only direct-drive bicycles, universally known as "penny-farthings", "ordinaries" or "high wheelers" are eligible to race. We will accept all original, reproduction and modern machines, providing they comply with the following standards:

No aero bars are allowed.

No 'solid' wheels, i.e. only spoked wheels are allowed.

Machines ridden by children under the age of 16 years are exempt from these provisions.

The rider is responsible for ensuring the suitability of the machine, and we reserve the right to reject any machine which we consider unsafe for competition.

RACE RULES

During the race, racers must follow the instructions of race officials. Failure to do so could lead to disqualification.

The race referee's decision is final and there is no appeal.

A racer will not be permitted to race without signing the attached form of release which must be handed in at the Race HQ tent on the day of the race.

A helmet must be worn whenever riding on the course.

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Changes to the programme may be made according to the number of entries received or depending on weather events.

A rider briefing will take place at 11.30 am on the day of the race outside the Race HQ tent.

The public roads will close at noon, allowing for warm-up laps until 12.45 pm public roads must reopen no later than 4.00 pm.

All riders will be provided with a race number, which must be pinned to the rider during the race. The number of novice riders will be coloured red.

Each rider will be provided with a transponder that the rider will attach to his/her machine while racing. The transponder should be attached to the spine, just above the rear forks as close to the ground as possible. When racing as part of a relay team, the transponder must be transferred between machines if a different machine is to be used at the rider swap. The transponder will record the distance and time travelled during the race. The transponders cost £75 each, so we will arrange for them to be 'snipped off' the machine at the end of the race and accounted for.

A parade lap will commence 15 minutes before the race, at the end of which, riders will dismount.

Before the race begins, riders will take up their positions, as indicated by the race marshals on the grid.

RACE START-Riders will line up in rows of 4 and approx 5 metres in front of the next row and at least 1.5 metres apart. Experienced riders will start at the front, followed by intermediate riders and less experienced to the rear.

At the clerk of the course's signal, riders will be asked to prepare to mount their machines and roll forward to the start line, maintaining their grid position.

The start of the race, and all timings, will be signalled by both a gun and the wave of a green flag by the course marshal.

The starter will fire the pistol and all riders will mount their machines and start to race.

In the interests of safety, all riders must only overtake when it is safe to do so and on the right. Riders should shout their intended manoeuvre at other riders.

If racers wish to dismount on the course, they must try to keep to the right when doing so.

RACE END- A final gun will signal the end of the three-hour race. On hearing the final gun, all riders, wherever they are on the course, must complete the lap they are riding and cross the finish line. (So, for example, if rider A is 2 yards behind the finish line when the gun sounds, they will have finished when they cross the finish line; if rider B is 2 yards beyond the finish line when the gun sounds, he/she must complete the whole remaining lap.)

The racer/team who has completed the greatest number of total laps in the fastest time following the end of the race signal will be declared the winner of their category.

WARNING FLAGS

Yellow flag- non-serious incident – low safety risk- all racers must take caution.

Red Flag – Serious Safety risk -Race suspended, emergency access to the course required. All racers must stop racing immediately and dismount when it is safe to do so.

MID RACE INCIDENTS- If the race is suspended due to an incident, red flags will be waved and a gun will be fired, and racers must make their way back to the start and await instructions.

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For each racer/team, the number of completed laps and the respective time to cover them at the point the suspension is signalled will be recorded.

To restart the race, racers will be lined up in the race position they had achieved at the time of the race suspension, (this will be recorded by the timing team), with the leading rider lined up first. Riders will line up in rows of five.

The race will restart with a green flag and gunshot, and the additional laps covered by each racer/team in the time remaining before the race ends at 4 pm (total time 3 hours) will be added to the number of completed laps at the time of the suspension to provide the total laps covered in 3 hours. For example, if a suspension happens 1 hour into the race and lasts 45 mins, then the remaining race time will be 1 hour 15 mins, not 2 hours. If a further suspension is required, this process will be repeated depending on the time available.

The racer/team who has completed the greatest number of total laps in the fastest time following the end of the race signal will be declared the winner of their category.

Yellow Flag-minor incident, slow down and be prepared to alter your racing line.

Red Flag – Very Serious incident/race permanently stopped. The race clock will be stopped, and the racer/team having completed the most laps in the fastest time will be declared the winner.

Black Flag - dangerous or very unsporting behaviour will lead to disqualification. The organisers hope never to have to use this. A black flag means that a rider must stop racing immediately.

Green Flag- used to signal the start of the race.

Chequered Flag- used to signal the end of the race for each rider.

MEDICAL COVER

The safety of riders is of the utmost importance. Saint John's Ambulance will be in attendance, and we have several medical doctors on the course in case of any incident. In the unfortunate event of an accident the course doctor will assess if the rider is fit to continue.

INSURANCE

While the Knutsford Great Race organisers take the safety of all racers very seriously, organisers can accept no liability for your machine, either in transit or while in Knutsford. Furthermore, as with any cycling activity, penny-farthing riding and racing can be dangerous. The event carries public liability insurance and has been risk assessed, but as an event, participating racers are not covered by insurance and must make their own provision. For our protection, the disclaimer form must be signed before you start the race.

COSTUME

We welcome any rider who races in a costume that is in keeping with the vintage style of the event. A prize will be awarded to the best-presented rider.

PHOTOGRAPHY

By entering the event, you must understand that film crews and photographers will be present, and that your image may be used for promotional or commercial purposes that may be in no way related the Great Race.

If you have any further queries, please contact the team at enquiries@knutsfordgreatrace.com or visit our web page: www.knutsfordgreatrace.com

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RIDER CONSENT AND INDEMNITY FORM- Please sign and hand in at Race HQ.

(To be completed by all participants over 18 years of age)

NAME:

ADDRESS:

In consideration of your permitting me to participate in the Knutsford Great Race, I agree that my participation in practice for any such event or race shall be at my own risk. I agree that I shall have no claim for injury or damage caused to me or my property whether against you, the Knutsford Great Race team, your employees or agents or any of them and whether or not due to your breach of contract or to the negligence, fault or breach of duty of any such person or persons.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT AND INDEMNITY

(To be completed on behalf of all participants under 18 years of age)

PARENT'S NAME/PARENTS' NAMES: _____ ADDRESS:

NAME OF CHILD: _____

I/we with this consent to our child participating in practice for and in the Knutsford Great Race team. I/we jointly and separately undertake to indemnify you against any claim brought by or on behalf of the said child based on your breach of contract or the negligence, fault or breach of duty of you, the Knutsford Great Race team or any of your servants or agents or any other persons in respect of whose conduct you are or may be liable.

SIGNATURE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

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