



CHESTER AND NORTH WALES CTC
CAER A GOGLEDD CYMRU
EARLY SEASON TOURIST TRIAL SUNDAY 28TH MARCH 2010
50 MILE COURSE RIDDEN IN 4 OR 5 HOURS



This popular annual event starts and finishes at the Scout HQ, Higher Kinnerton CH4 9AJ just outside Chester – OS Landranger Sheet 117 grid ref. 332 615. The entry fee is £9.50 which includes tea and biscuits at the start and finish, a generous buffet lunch, route instructions and a certificate for finishers. We offer a discounted rate of £7.50 for under 18's. We welcome cyclists of all ages and abilities. You do not have to be a CTC member to take part. You can ride on stripped down racing bikes, mountain bikes, tandems, small wheels or big. Complete the entry form here and return with the fee and one C5 (162 x 229mm) stamped Self Addressed Envelope to the organiser. PLEASE NOTE that entries are limited. Apply early, before the closing date **12th March, 2010**. Late entries will be charged at £12 and only accepted if there is space.

You challenge yourself to cycle the 50 mile course in either 4 or 5 hours. It is not a race. Most people get round quite comfortably with time for lunch, dealing with the odd mechanical issue and read the route instructions. This event is also part of the CTC Tourist Competition. Complete the details on the form if you are collecting points.

The day starts with registration inside the Scout HQ. You will have received route and control sheet in the week before the event. You are allocated to a group of perhaps 10 cyclists. Please tell us on the entry form if you want to ride with someone in particular. The earliest departure will be 9.30am and then every 5 minutes until all the groups are away. You do not have to stay with your group. You are responsible for getting yourself round the course by reading the instructions on the route sheet or a GPX file is available. There are no marshals or additional markings on the day.

The route itself is a fairly gentle one and mostly on quiet lanes. There is an incline as you leave the start for maybe 2 miles. But once that is done, you are on a straight run through to MARFORD and HOLT, cross the River Dee and on to FARNDON, STRETTON MILL and TILSTON. Then CHORLTON, and on to SHOCKLACH and WORTHENBURY, before reaching OVERTON, itself.

You must check-in for the lunch at Overton Village Hall. It is quite a feature - soup, sandwiches and cake with tea or coffee. Vegetarians will be catered for. You can take as long as you want to do it justice but we do not stop the clock for that time off the bike.

The route home takes you through BANGOR-IS-Y-COED and different lanes to retrace to WORTHENBURY, SHOCKLACH, FARNDON and HOLT. You could be unlucky with a headwind in the straight, more exposed parts of the course. You can expect to be checking-in at the finish between 2 to 3pm. You will receive a certificate recording your individual time. Enjoy a drink and chat with other cyclists.

There is limited car parking at the Scout HQ. Additional space will be available but a little way out of the village and there will be a charge. Be green if you can and arrange to car share or cycle out to the start.

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