



## VELO CLUB LONG EATON RELIABILITY RIDES - RISK ASSESSMENT

Reliability rides/trials are organised mass participation, non-competitive bicycle rides that challenge riders to complete a set course. Rides are undertaken on public roads, they are not races, though they are often physically challenging and usually held early in the year as training rides. Entrants should possess the physical fitness to complete the course unaided and be experienced and confident riders. Riders should ensure they are self-sufficient in terms of refreshments, adept at navigation and following route details and able to deal with mechanical problems.

**THE RELIABILITY ROUTES ARE NOT WAYMARKED OR MARSHALLED.**

<b>To:</b>	<b>British Cycling, National Cycling Centre, Stuart Street, Manchester. M11 4DQ</b> <b>Derbyshire Police Authority, Butterley Hall, Ripley, Derbyshire. DE5 3RS</b> <b>Staffordshire Police Headquarters, PO Box 3167, Stafford, ST16 9JZ</b>		
Type of event:	RELIABILITY RIDES (Non Competitive)		
Name of event:	1) VCLE 112k Reliability Rides - Sawley – Hatton - Ashbourne – Cromford – Holbrook - Sawley 2) VCLE 63k Reliability Ride - Sawley – Willington - Tutbury – Willington - Sawley		
Promoting Club:	Velo Club Long Eaton		
Date of event:	6 <sup>th</sup> March 2016		
Local Authority(ies):	Derbyshire County Council – Staffordshire County Council		
Time of start:	09.00	Estimated time of finish:	15.00
Organiser:	Forename: Brian	Surname: Peto	
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Start Area location:	Plank & Leggit Warren Lane, Sawley, Long Eaton, Nottingham, NG10 3AD		
Finish Area location:	Plank & Leggit Warren Lane, Sawley, Long Eaton, Nottingham, NG10 3AD		
Senior Official(s) on the day:	Brian Peto, Maurice Buxton		
Person(s) conducting Risk Assessment:	Brian Peto		
Date of Risk Assessment:	12th January 2016		



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First Aider/s on duty trained to the required standard.	Event Organiser Brian Peto
Signed – Event Organiser	



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LOCATION AND DETAIL OF POTENTIAL HAZARD/RISK	MEASURES TO REDUCE THE ABOVE HAZARDS/RISKS
<p><b>1: Winter Weather and Road Conditions</b> Two VCLE Reliability Rides are undertaken annually on the first Sunday in March each year. Adverse Winter weather is possible at this time of year and may render road conditions hazardous for cycling, particularly in the Peak District section of the route.</p>	<p>1.1: The Organiser, in consultation with VCLE officials actively monitor weather forecasts and road conditions for the area covered by the two routes. Where existing and/or forecast weather and/or road conditions are considered to present an unacceptable level of risk, the event will be cancelled.</p>
<p><b>2: Start Area</b> The start area in Warren Lane is adjacent to the Tamworth Rd / Warren Lane junction. Passing and approaching traffic represents a potential hazard for participants riding to and, congregating for the event Start in Warren Lane.</p>	<p>2.1: With permission, the start area is situated in the car park of the Plank and Leggit public house off Warren Lane, Sawley. At that time the public house is closed and Warren Lane has a low traffic count. 2.2: Signs warning vehicular traffic of a 'Cycling Event' will be positioned on Tamworth Rd in both directions and in Warren Lane.</p>
<p><b>3: The number of participants in the two VCLE Reliability Rides is expected to be in the region of 150-200. This number of riders may present a significant obstruction to other road users.</b></p>	<p>3.1: To minimise the potential for large groups on the roads, VCLE officials plan for setting riders off in small groups of 8-12 riders at ~5 minute intervals between 09.15 and 10.45am.</p>
<p><b>4: The two VCLE Reliability Rides have been held on similar routes for over 30 years. Regular reviews have led to the routes being modified during that time in order to reduce, where possible, participants' exposure to negotiation of busy road islands, riding along dual carriageways and time spent cycling on busy main roads. However, these rides are undertaken on the open public highways and the hazards and risks associated with cycling on the public highways are ever present. VCLE has identified and implemented the measures set out in this Risk Assessment in an effort to; ensure participants are aware of their responsibilities for themselves and others; and, through the provision of information raise participants' awareness to identified and potential hazards and risks.</b></p>	<p>4.1: VCLE has taken measures to ensure, as far as is practicable, that both Reliability routes avoid or limits participating cyclists exposure to road islands, dual carriageways and major trunk roads. <b>A map showing the Reliability Routes are attached.</b></p>
	<p>4.2: All participants at 'signing on' registration are made aware of their obligations to ride safely and in accordance with the 'rules of the road'. <b>A copy of the 'Signing On' sheet that forms part of this Risk Assessment is attached.</b></p>
	<p>4.3.1: Those aged under 16 must provide a signed Parental Consent form and be accompanied by a responsible adult. 4.3.2: Those aged 16-18 are required to provide a signed Parental Consent form. <b>A copy of the 'Parental Consent' that forms part of this Risk Assessment is attached.</b></p>
	<p>4.4: Detailed route sheets for both Reliability Rides are available on the VCLE website with hard copies available 'on the day' for all entrants <b>A copy of the two 'Route Sheets' that form part of this Risk Assessment are attached.</b></p>
	<p>4.5: In the event of a participant experiencing significant difficulty/breakdown the Organiser's contact phone number is on the Route Sheet, a vehicular recovery will be available if required.</p>
	<p>4.6: Both Reliability routes will be checked prior to the event and any new/other identified risk/hazard requiring additional safety advice and guidance will be made known to participants at 'signing on' and start briefing.</p>