

Race to be held on the Ladies Mile and Crowborough Circuits under British
Cycling Technical Regulations



Bec Open Road Race

Sunday 12th May 2024 Start - 11:00am

Event HQ : Groombridge Village Hall, Station Road,
Groombridge, Sussex TN3 9QY

National B Road Race E,1,2,3
Distance 74.5 Miles / 120 Kms
(10 Laps of Ladies Mile + 5 laps of Crowborough Circuit)

Race Officials

Event Organiser: Mr J. Hughes
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Chief Commissaire: Derek Middlehurst
Ass Commissaire: George Cory
Chief Judge: Dominic Hill
Ass Judge: Anna Jenkins
Motorbike Marshals: National Escort Group
Marshals & Drivers: Members of the Bec CC and AMS

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HQ

Groombridge Village Hall, Station Road, Groombridge, Sussex TN3 9QY (open from 09:00).

There is very little parking at the HQ, so we are prioritizing event convoy vehicles. In the past we have used a nearby field for parking but this won't be open this year due to flooding.

If possible, please park away from the HQ and cycle down. There is plenty of parking on the streets of Groombridge, although please park considerately to avoid causing problems with local residents.

Do not change in public, and this regularly causes problems with local residents. Please bring kit / equipment to the HQ and change there.

Course Details

Road surfaces on both course are generally ok, although there are a number of significant holes on both loops. The worst of these will be highlighted to riders during the pre-race briefing. Please ride considerately, and highlight holes / poor road surfaces to your fellow racers.

Currently there are road works on the short section of road between the two loops. A number of options are being considered to navigate this short section (approx. 50 metres, through temporary lights). It is likely that this section will be neutralised.

The good things about using two courses is that in the case of road works or other problems on one of the circuits, the event could still continue on the other course. In the unlikely event that we couldn't use the Crowborough circuit we could race over 17 laps of the Ladies Mile Circuit, which has it's one finish line.

Ladies Mile Circuit, Sussex

Start in Withyham Road (B2110), Groombridge. Go along the B2110 for 1.8 miles turn left (M) into Ladies Mile. At the end of Ladies Mile turn left (M) onto B2188. After 1.4 miles turn left (M) at the junction with the B2110 to complete circuit.

Lap Distance: 4 miles. Half lap up to the lap board at the end of Ladies Mile, then 10 further laps. Right turn.

Crowborough Circuit, Sussex

From the ladies mile course proceed along B2188. Course starts at junction of London road. Proceed along B2188, turn left in to Mardens Hill / St Johns Road (M). Turn left at T junction in to London road (M). Continue along London road to junction of B2188 (M) to complete one lap

Lap Distance: 5.3 Miles, 5 laps.

Finish

Finish will be off the circuit on B2188 approx 1km after the left turn to Crowborough.

From the 1km to go sign it is a steady uphill all the way to the finish. At around 600m to go just before the Church Hill Car park on the right (spectator parking for finish) the road straightens out. The finish can be seen at this point, up a steady incline.

Event duration 3 hr 5 mins – 3hr 20 mins

Prizes

1st £120 + Bill Prothero Trophy for one year

2nd - £80

3rd - £60

4th - £50

5th - £40

6th - £30

7th - £20

8th - £10



Notes

- Limited parking at the HQ, please park considerately within the villiage
- Signing on will be open from 09:30 – 10:40, riders not signed on during this time risk having their place reallocated to reserve list riders.
- Riders are advised to allow sufficient time to drive around the route to familiarise themselves with the road and also spot any hazards that the organiser has not been able to remove (eg pot holes on the racing line).
- Official cars only – No following vehicles.
- Neutral service will not be available this year. Sorry

Spectators

The course is ideal for spectators and each of the circuits has good parking and viewing locations. The following parking areas are recommended

- For the ladies Mile, please use the car park on the corner of Withyham road junction with Ladies Mile (marked corner 2)
- For the Crowborough circuit, recommended parking is around St John's Church on Marden's Hill
- For the finish please use Church Hill car park on B2188, approx. 400m before the finish.

Further details including course maps, rider list and latest news will be available on our web site www.beccyclingclub.co.uk

Headquarters

Facilities include: - Toilets, limited changing, Tea stall selling hot and cold drinks, rolls, cakes etc. Please bring cash to make purchases / donations.

The HQ will remain open throughout the event

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Past Winners

2023 – Alex Richeardson – Saint Piran
2022 – Rory Townsend – Wiv Sungod
2019 - Sam Culverwell - Team Estera
2018 – Matthew Downie – TAAP
2017 – Isaac Mundy – PMR @ Toachim House
2016 – Ashley Cox – CC Luton
2015 – Ed Palfreeman - Corley Cycles - Drops RT
2014 – Ashley Cox – CC Luton
2013 – Andy Betts – Felt RT
2012 – Allan Ridler – Pedal Heaven RT
2011 – Gary Chambers – Wilier / GoSelfDrive.com
2010 - Andy Betts – Sigma Sport
2009 - Martin Smith - AWCycles.co.uk
2008 - Tom Hemmant - London Dynamo
2007 - Tom Smith - AWCycles.co.uk
2006 - Gary Dodd - Sigma Sport R.T
2005 - Tony Gibb - P.C.A
2004 - Colin Roshier - Team Quest
2003 - Gary Baker - Angliasport
2002 - Rob Hurd - Team Peloton
2001 - Andy Proffitt - Arctic R.T
2000 - Gary Baker - Angliasport
1999 - Andy Proffitt - V.C. Deal
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1996 - Barry Elcombe - Festival R.c.
1995 - Danny Rudd - De Laune C.C.
1994 - Joe Bayfield - Wycombe R.C.
1993 - David Staff - North Road R.T.
1992 - Robert Kennison - Wembley R.C.
1991 - Steve Dennis - East Grinstead C.c.
1990 - Richard Long - Haverhill Wheelers
1989 - Nigel Brown - Old Kent C.C.
1988 - Gavin Stevens - Harp R.C.
1987 - Russell Fenton - V.C. D'or
1986 - Richard Sutton - V.C. Olympia Sport
1985 - Cliff Dent - 34 Nomads
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1983 - T. Morgan - V.C. D'or

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