



Blidworth Weekend 2018

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th September 2018

Venue: Post code for venue is NG21 0NW

SATURDAY RIDERS ONLY, Please be aware that the Tour of Britain cycling race is finishing in Mansfield on Saturday 8th September. The route has the cyclist coming through both Blidworth and Ravenshead, estimated between 2pm to 3pm. There will be rolling road blocks in place along the route. This could affect you when leaving the ride.

Venue: The Venue is a grass field. It will be well signed, and a marshal will assist you with parking instructions. Please leave the venue tidy by taking all droppings and rubbish home with you. There are toilets and a café available to use at the adjacent Riding School.

Directions:

From the North A1, take the A614 towards Nottingham, past Ollerton, Rufford Park, White Post Farm Park. Keep heading towards Nottingham. Ignore the first two right turns signposted to Blidworth. Take third turn signposted Blidworth. Follow for approximately 1.5 miles. You will pass Kirkfields Riding School on your left hand side. The venue is in the next field on the left, just after the bend. **Take care; turning in could be tight.** Please be aware of horses and riders leaving the venue.

From South M1, come off at junction 27 Annesley, drive through Annesley towards Mansfield on the A608. At traffic light junction turn right on to B6020 towards Ravenshead and Blidworth. This road meets the A60 at Larch Farm traffic lights. Carry straight over at lights, towards Blidworth. Follow this road for approximately 1.5 miles, when the road swings sharply to the left take the next right turn before the road goes up the hill, opposite Fair View Farm Stud. Go down this road for about 1 mile and you will come to the Fox and Hounds Pub on your left hand side. The venue is about 50 yards on your right, before you get to the bend in the road.

Camping: If you are camping, please use the riding school entrance. The camp site is available from around 1pm on the Friday afternoon. There is a muck trailer for all horse droppings and old feed, NOT LITTER. Please take any litter home with you. We must leave the camp site tidy please. Water is available from a tap at the camping site. There are toilets, showers and café on site which we can use

Check In: All competitors to report to the Ride Secretary on arrival. Competitive riders check in from 8 am, pleasure riders after 9am. Self check in will be in operation at the secretary. Tick your name on the list, take two wristbands with emergency numbers – one for you and one to attach to your horse and take your numbered bib. Don't forget to return your bib after the ride and collect your rosette. Members can record mileage on the website when you get home.

Pleasure riders will be issued a yellow bib, competitive riders red bibs and next step with orange. Check the Notice Board for any route changes, hazards or issues you need to be aware of. Please remember to print/bring your own map (also competitors vet sheet) with you.

Pleasure ride distances are 4, 10, 16, & 21 Miles.

Competitive classes are 31, 21 & 16 RS and Next Step

General : All pleasure riders to start between 9.15am and 11.30am. All riders to have completed route by **3 pm**. There will be water for your horse on route in two places. Please check master route map at venue to see where these points are. Crewing is allowed and recommended in forestry car parks. **Please do not inconvenience other forestry users**

ROUTE The route is over private farm land and forestry commission land. The route will be marked with directional arrows in blue and red on the ground.

A photographer will be present on the route www.indiepics.co.uk

First Aider: Newark Community First aiders will be present at this event and a first aid kit will also be present at secretary desk.

All droppings and rubbish must be picked up off the venue and taken home.

**THE VENUE IS A COMPULSORY WALK ZONE.
DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEAD AT ALL TIMES**

No SPURS or Whips longer than 30" as per our rules.

Standing Martingale are also not permitted without written approval prior to the ride

Hats must be secured by chin strap and meet current standard

No Head Cameras (these are permitted on arm, leg or body)

All riders should take time to read through our rules – these can be found on our website.

Never pass another horse without asking permission first, always pass at a pace no more than trot. Remember that not everyone may be a confident rider or they may have a novice horse, please see below tail ribbons for guidance.

TAIL RIBBONS

Please wear the follow ribbons in your horse's tail if needed.

RED RIBBON – My horse may kick

GREEN RIBBON – I or my horse are nervous /novice, approach with caution and pass with care

BLUE RIBBON – My horse is a stallion

If you have any problems or queries prior to the ride please contact me on **07816556511**, or elainemonk@btopenworld.com

Please be courteous to the Stewards / Helpers who give up their time to help at this ride.

Hope the weather is kind and you enjoy the ride, Elaine