

Dear Competitor

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Butser Hill Challenge on Sunday. Please see below an outline of the event logistics but please get in contact on info@butser.org if you have any queries before Sunday.

Weather Conditions and Terrain

Please be advised that the races are on rough ground, so appropriate footwear should be worn. Wet and windy weather is currently forecast on Sunday so we recommend competitors bring warm layers to put on before/after racing and wear appropriate footwear as the hill may be slippery in places. A full race briefing will be given to competitors at the start line. The races will go ahead as scheduled even in inclement weather unless there is a MET Office Severe Weather Warning at AMBER or RED, if such a situation arises, we will advise competitors of any changes or cancellations to racing.

Venue & Parking

The base of Butser Hill in Queen Elizabeth Country Park, exit the A3 at the **QECF exit** event parking is signposted off the road on the Butser hill side of the A3 (please do not use the QECF visitor parking as you will be charged) Follow the event parking signs to the 'cannonball camping field' where there is free event parking. We ask that visitors depart the event car park at the end of the event by 15:00. We cannot take any responsibility for any vehicles using our parking facility.

Event facilities

We have a visiting caterer who will be serving hot and cold food and drinks throughout the event and Churcher's College Rock Band will be providing competitors and spectators with some great motivational music throughout. Toilet facilities are available in the car park field area, changing facilities and a bag drop are unfortunately not available, the car park is adjacent to the start/finish area so we advise bags to be stored in cars. Medi4 are our first aid providers and will be present throughout the event with medical care and first aid including a 4x4 vehicle.

We have allocated a space for visiting schools to put up gazebos for their competitors, please drop into the registration tent upon arrival and you will be directed to where these should be located, a race village map is also at the bottom of this letter. Please be advised we cannot take any responsibility for personal belongings and gazebos.

Race Number Collection

Race numbers are to be collected at the Registration tent upon arrival, we suggest arriving at the race venue at least 40 mins before your allocated race start time. All competitors must complete the emergency medical information on the back of the race number and display their number on their front at all times during the race. We suggest that all competitors bring their own safety pins but we will have a supply on hand. Please note race entry closes at midday on Friday 13th September and we cannot unfortunately accept any entries on the day.

Medals & Race Prizes

All competing runners will receive a medal at the finish line. Presentations will take place at the times below with prizes being awarded for the following categories.

| School/Children's Races: | Senior Race: |
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| 1 st 2 nd & 3 rd place finishers in Year 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 & 11 Girls & Boys | Senior Race Winner Male & Female 1 st U23 Male & Female 1 st 23-39 Male & female 1 st 40-49 Make & Female 1 st 50-59 Male & Female 1 st 60-69 Male & Female 1 st 70+ Male & Female Male & Female Team Prize (1 st 3 runners) |

Race Timings & Routes

| Event | Distance | Start Time (Please arrive 40 mins before start time) | Approx. Trophy Presentation |
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| School Year 3 | Approx. 1 km | 09:50 | 10:25 |
| School Year 4 | Approx. 1km | 10:00 | 10:25 |
| School Year 5 | Approx. 1km | 10:15 | 10:35 |
| School Year 6&7 | Approx. 2km | 10:50 | 11:20 |
| School Year 8-11 | Approx. 3km | 11:35 | 12:15 |
| Senior Fell Run (Min age 16) | Approx. 8 km (5 miles) | 12:30 | 13:45 |

The Year 3-7 races will take place on the lower slope of the hill, with year 3,4 & 5 completing one lap of the 1km course and year 6&7 completing two laps of this course. Year 8-11 will complete one ascent of the hill with a lap of the lower slope to complete approx. 3km. All routes will be clearly marked, and marshals will be in key places enroute.

The Senior course is approx. 5-mile course taking on the route outlined below, which will also be marked and marshalled accordingly. An additional water station is located at the top of the hill near the radio mast for the senior competitors. Water, fruit and a cereal bar are available at the finish line are for all finishing competitors.

Charity Partners- The New Blendworth Centre

Proceeds from race entry go towards supporting our partner charity The New Blendworth Centre a local charity assisting those with learning difficulties and disabilities. Staff from the New Blendworth Centre will be on hand at the event to answer questions about the great work the centre is involved with.

Do let us know if you require any further information before Sunday's event,

Kind regards
Louisa Taylor

Race Director



