

Risk assessment Triennial Veterans' 100km Ride

14 July 2019



The risks: how likely are they to occur and how severe might the consequences be? And finally, how should risks be mitigated?

Each risk will be rated from 1 to 10 under 2 headings:

1. Likelihood of occurrence
2. How severe the consequences might be.

All turnings onto and off main roads (especially right turns off main roads) are potentially dangerous. The risk of an accident is small but the consequences can be most severe. If necessary, group leaders will consider whether it is safer to dismount and push across.

Country roads in the UK are poorly maintained and the roads around Bicester and Buckingham are no exception.

The organisers have checked the suitability of the route, but it is in the nature of cycling that accidents can occur, and when they do, consequences can be severe.

All riders, including leaders, will be sent and asked to read our *Guidelines for Safe Group Riding*.

Risk	Place	Likelihood	Severity	Mitigation
Bicycle safety and road-worthiness	At all times	2	10	(For guests) disclaimer signed on registration to indicate that bicycles are roadworthy. Group leaders will not verify the roadworthiness of bicycles.
Fitness to ride	At all times	2	10	Riders will be reminded of the demands of the ride: riding speed, distance and terrain. (For guests) disclaimer signed on registration to indicate participants are fit to join the ride.
Large group of cyclists causing an obstacle	At all times	2	10	Riders will be divided into smaller groups, each with its own experienced leader (see also <i>Guidelines for Safe Group Riding</i>).
Accidents in general	At all times	2	10	Riders and leaders will carry emergency contact details. The organisers do not provide qualified first aiders.
Poor road quality, pot holes, gravel	At all times	5	10	Ride leaders will slow down and issue warnings as appropriate. Riders are asked to be vigilant.
Accident turning right onto main road	Crossing B4100 at c11k	2	10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Group leaders will be briefed 2. Group leaders to brief riders at this crossing
Accident turning right off main road	Leaving A413 approaching Akeley at c40k	2	10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Group leaders will be briefed 2. Group leaders to brief riders before turning right 3. There is a large space opposite the right turn where the group can stop if necessary (see photo 1).
Accident on Deanshanger roundabout	50k	3	10	Group leaders will avoid the roundabout by taking the cycle track and bridge (see photo 2)

Accident crossing A422	61k	2	10	Group leaders to warn riders of poor visibility right (see photo 3)
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1. Right turn off A413 at Akeley 40k



2. Avoiding Deanshanger roundabout 50k



3. Crossing A422 at 61k



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