Town & Country Weekend – Day 2 Kilnsey North – Final Details

**Sunday 13th May 2012**

**Travel Directions**

Turn off the A59, Skipton by-pass, onto the B6160, Skipton to Grassington road. Near Grassington, stay on the B6160 to continue towards Kettlewell and Kilnsey. After passing Kilnsey Crag continue towards Kettlewell, crossing the River Skirfare by Skirfare Bridge, SD972692.

DO NOT TURN LEFT TOWARDS ARNCLIFFE BEFORE THE BRIDGE. THERE IS NO ACCESS TO THE CAR PARK FIELD THIS WAY.

Turn left (signed) immediately after crossing the River Skirfare onto the single track road to Hawkswick. Please give way to oncoming vehicles.

On reaching Hawkswick turn left over Hawkswick Bridge and left into car park field (SD955704)

**Parking**

£1 charge. No exit before 12.30. You must turn right out of the car park field and return to the B6160 by the route of approach.

**Dogs**

On a lead in the car park/assembly field only. Strictly no dogs in the competition area.

**Assembly**

In the car park field you will find **Toilets**, Aireport (information and First Aid point), Registration and Download in the big green tent, Yorkshire & Humberside Junior Squad cake stall – all in the lower flat part of the field.

**String Course**

In the upper part of the assembly field. Free entry – simply go to the string course start point in the field when you are ready. Start times from 10.30 to 12.30.

**Start**

The route to the start is 1.3km with 150m climb. Allow 20 – 30 mins. Not suitable for pushchairs. Cross a road out of the top of the assembly field. This will be marshalled. Beware of traffic. You will cross a field with cattle present, that have always kept away from anyone walking through.

Follow a taped route uphill. Before reaching the Start, you will pass a clothing dump. This is also on the taped route back from the Finish. Please provide your own named bags.

Punching start with minus 4 call-up. Starts 10.30-12.30. Please keep to your allocated time. Loose control descriptions will be available in the start lanes.

**Finish**

We are using a remote Finish which will be staffed. Distance from Assembly is 1.8km with 150m descent. **Do not forget to download in the Assembly field.**

Drinking water is not provided. Please bring your own.

**Map**

On waterproof paper. Based on Stirling Surveys map of 1994. Updated by Martyn Gill and Chris Burden 2012.

Blank maps will be displayed in the start lanes. Control descriptions are also on the maps.

**Terrain**

Fast close cropped grass with lots of limestone features – rocky terrain including limestone pavement and crags of various sizes. There are many unmapped animal tracks throughout the whole area.

There are numerous deep pits within the area, these will **not** be taped. Please be careful when approaching any pit. Some pits are steep sided and very deep. Controls have been positioned well away from these pits.

There are grazing cattle in one field that Short Blue, Blue, Short Brown, Brown and Black cross and may show a mild passing interest in you. Please ignore them and divert slightly if necessary to avoid scaring them or being scared by them.

**Crossing points**

Walls or fences mapped as un-crossable can only be crossed at the official crossing points where wooden stiles have been positioned for this event. Other crossing points such as permanent stiles, gates and the odd sheep-hole can be used also. Walls **must not** be climbed. If a wall collapses it may cause serious injury to the competitor. Ruined walls are crossable.

All temporary wooden stiles are lightweight in design and build to aid positioning and transportation. Please climb the stiles carefully without running or jumping on them. Competitors are asked to be considerate to each other when using the stiles.

If you inadvertently damage the wall whilst using the stile, we would very much appreciate you informing the organiser so that repairs can be effected immediately.

**Safety**

The area is high and exposed with some rocky terrain. Competitors may wear shorts in good weather conditions. However, in the event of bad weather full leg cover and cagoules will be compulsory. It is your responsibility to dress appropriately. Please remember, as can be seen from the last few weeks, weather conditions can change quickly on such areas. Notices will be displayed in the assembly area. Whistles are compulsory – **NO WHISTLE NO GO.**

The limestone pavements, rocky terrain and in some places numerous rabbit holes give plenty of potential for sprained ankles (and worse) – please be careful, especially if the weather is wet.

There is a deep cave entrance on the area (near the end of all courses) which will be marked with black & yellow hazard tape **– please keep well away**.

Competitors travelling alone are asked to leave their car keys at Aireport labelled with name and course entered as an added safety precaution.

First Aid will be available at Aireport with mobile phone communication with Start and Finish.

Upper Wharfedale Mountain Rescue are on standby for the event. Nearest A&E is Airedale General Hospital, Steeton, Keighley.

All competitors run at their own risk.

**Important course information.**

Given the fast nature of the terrain and based on wining times of previous events on Kilnsey all courses (except for Yellow) have been planned long.

Yellow course notes – the nature of the terrain has led to the following items on the Yellow course. There will be two taped routes between controls. There will be a single wall crossing using a stile, please take care here. It has been necessary to use the bottom edge of an escarpment / long crag as a line feature. Part of the course goes along the side of rocky terrain, again used as a line feature. Please keep to the West side of this terrain and take care underfoot. To the East of this terrain will be taped with black & yellow hazard tape – keep well away.

Orange course notes – It has been necessary to use the bottom edge of an escarpment and line of crags and the edge of rocky terrain as line features.

Long Orange – the edge of a limestone pavement can be used as a line feature.

**Courses close at 14.30**

**Cancellation**

In the event of cancellation for any reason, Airienteers reserve the right to retain all or part of the fees. Notice of cancellation would be posted on [www.aire.org.uk](http://www.aire.org.uk) as early as possible.

**Officials**

Controller: Chris Dicken – CLARO

Planner: Guy Patterson

Organiser: Ian Marshall (01943 862997)

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**Course Details**

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| **Course** | **Length** | **Climb** | **Map Scale** |
| Black | 11.7 km | 330m | 1: 10000 |
| Brown | 10.4 km | 330m | 1: 10000 |
| Short Brown |  9.0 km | 310m | 1: 10000 |
| Blue |  7.9 km | 230m | 1: 10000 |
| Short Blue |  6.4 km | 190m | 1: 10000 |
| Green |  4.7 km | 160m | 1: 10000 |
| Short Green |  3.8 km | 125m | 1: 10000 |
| Very Short Green |  3.3 km | 120m | 1: 10000 |
| Light Green |  3.6 km | 110m | 1: 10000 |
| Long Orange |  5.1 km | 180m | 1: 10000 |
| Orange |  3.0 km |  90m | 1: 10000 |
| Yellow\* |  1.2 km |  50m | 1: 5000 |

\*Yellow course will have written control descriptions and maps available at the pre-start (-4 minutes)