



Mole Valley Orienteering Club

(affiliated to British Orienteering)

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2021 Southern Championships

South Ashdown, West Sussex

Sunday 12th December 2021

FINAL DETAILS

The 2021 Southern Championships incorporate:

The final race of the 2021 UK Orienteering League.

The Southern Championships for members of SCOA, SEOA and SWOA.

The South East Orienteering Association Long Distance Championships for members of SEOA

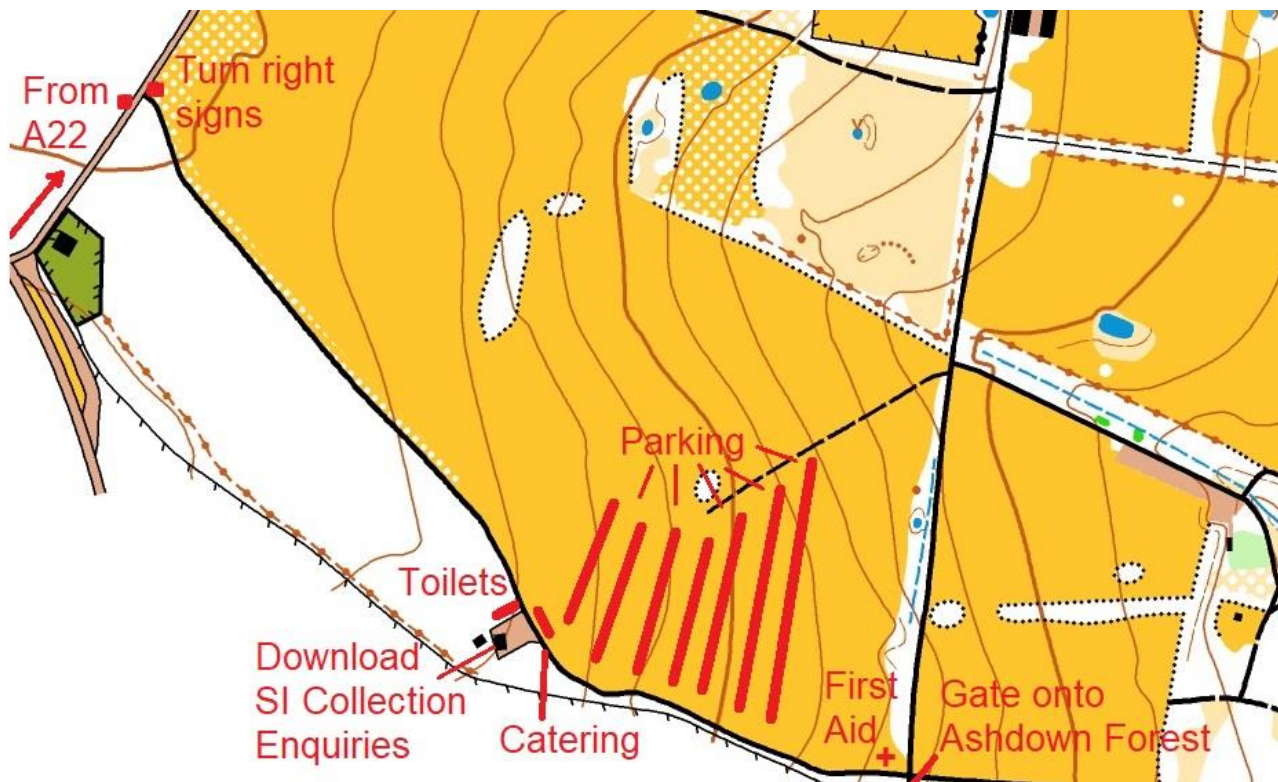
The South-East Families and Veterans competition

Covid: You are reminded of the need to follow the [British Orienteering Participant Code of Conduct](#).

Event: All event facilities including car parking will be within the Pippingford Park Manor Estate, Nutley, Uckfield TN22 3HW entered from the A22 East Grinstead to Eastbourne road at GR TQ 437302, What-3-Words earpiece.nurture.fruits **Beware:** Some satnavs try to use the wrong gate – follow signage!

Parking: There will be ample gently sloping parking for **cars** all with downhill exit in the field adjacent to the Assembly. A site plan is included in these details. Please note the route for cars from the entrance to the estate (first right) to the parking field. On arrival at the field you will be directed by officials.

There is small amount of hardstanding for **minibuses or campervans** – if you need this please let an official know.



Take care when exiting the site – the A22 is a fast road!

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Registration: There is no registration on the day. Any competitor who has hired a SI or SIAC dibber should collect it from Enquiries (from the named and listed board).

Map: Surveyed and drawn with OCAD2020 to ISOM2017 specifications completed November 2021 by Mike Elliot. Based on previous maps Mike Elliot (2018 & 2002). The previous map may be found on Routegadget at [South Ashdown 2018](#) (Note that the 2002 map was prior to RouteGadget.)

The Map scale is 1:15,000 (for courses 1 & 2) or 1:10,000 with 5 metre contours, the North lines are 300 metres apart and it is printed on waterproof material.

Terrain: **South Ashdown** consists of the North and South facing slopes of an E-W ridge and comprises of a varied area of wooded valleys, open land and a significant area of well contoured lowland heath. Bracken and heather will be encountered on most courses. There is an extensive path network.

Runnability has generally improved across South Ashdown. There has been some growth and spread of gorse. It is shown as light or in areas of open land with scattered trees by using the undergrowth screen. It is generally passable where shown as light undergrowth though you will not be able to hold a bearing and it can be more than head high. In areas marked with heavy undergrowth the gorse can be quite thick and high but passable, though not in a straight line. Gorse is present in other locations.

Courses:

Course	Length	Climb	Controls	M classes	W classes	Scale
1	14.2	500	29	M21E		15
2	10.8	350	27	M20E, M18E, M35L, M40L, M21L	W21E	15
3	9.4	340	24	M45L, M50L		10
4	9.0	330	18	M55L, M18L, M20L, M21S	W21L	10
5	8.2	290	15	M60L, M16A		10
6	7.6	295	18	M35S, M40S	W20E, W18E, W35L, W40L	10
7	6.8	230	16	M65L, M45S	W45L, W50L	10
8	6.6	240	15	M70L, M50S, M55S, M20S, M18S	W55L, W21S, W20L, W18L, W16A	10
9	6.2	225	12	M75L, M60S	W60L, W35S	10
10	4.4	180	13	M65S	W65L, W70L, W40S, W45S, W50S	10
11	3.9	165	12	M80, M70S	W75, W20S, W18S, W55S, W60S	10
12	3.0	135	10	M85, M90, M75S	W80, W85, W90, W65S, W70S	10
13	5.8	205	15	M14A, M16B		10
14	3.8	150	10		W14A, W16B	10
15	3.6	145	11	M12A, M14B	W12A, W14B	10
16	2.3	85	11	M10A, M12B	W10A, W12B	10
17	2.0	70	11	M10B	W10B	10

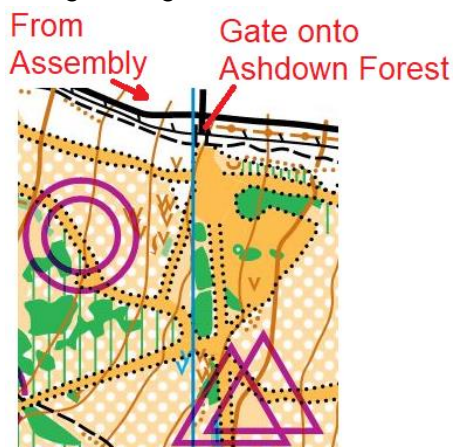
Controls on the courses will be SIAC enabled. Should a control fail then use the pin punch on the map and explain at Download. If a SIAC "dibber" battery fails then use the unit and "dib" at all controls. The Start and Finish controls are not SIAC enabled and SIAC users need to "dib" at these.

Safety:

- The **safety bearing is to head North** which will bring you either to the public road on the main ridge or to the stream on the North of the map. In the latter case then head west.
- Competitors should be aware of the **ponds and streams** across the area which can rise rapidly after rain. Courses are designed to encourage use of safe crossing points.
- Most courses cross the Millbrook, a deep fast flowing stream that is likely to be hazardous after the recent rains in the area. There are 2 wide bridges across the stream and on the map these "optional" crossing points are shown and the stream is marked as out of bounds.
- The Assembly area is in regular military use and competitors should **avoid touching any suspicious objects**.
- Please give way to **horse riders** and avoid spooking their mounts.
- If there is a chance of **severe weather** on the day you may be required to carry a whistle and a weather proof top. Notices will be posted if this is the case
- Please note **courses close at 15.00**. Controls may be collected progressively before this time.

- In case of **emergency** please call 074340640229 (the Mole Valley Event 'phone) or contact the nearest event official or a marshal.

Starts: There are two starts which are adjacent and will share all call up boxes. One is for Courses 15, 16 & 17 and is to the left (east) of the start lanes and the remainder of the courses are on the right (west) side. The starts are accessed via the gate onto the forest as per the site plan above and below. They are some 420m from the Assembly hut that we are using for SI Collection, Enquiries and Download. If you do not need to collect a dibber you can go straight to the start.



The event will be using punching starts. If you are late for your start you will be asked to start either at the next appropriate start minute or possibly at a half minute at the discretion of the start team. You may therefore have to wait some time.

The SIAC Battery test unit will be at the gate before exiting Pippingford Park.

The Clear stations will be before the call up.

Call up will be at -4 minutes

The Check Stations will be in the first box (-4).

Control descriptions will be in the second box (-3), together with the SIAC “working test” box. If your SIAC does not work on this box then go back (quickly!!) to clear, check and test again.

Blank maps in the 3rd box (-2).

The start line is at the front of the 4th and final box (-1).

All competitors need to “dib” at the Start control and then collect the map from under the course box.

Please note there are no facilities for leaving clothing at the Start. If you do so it will be at your own risk and you will need to retrieve it after your run.

Finish: See the map above for the relative positions of the Start, Finish and access gate to Pippingford Park. No water will be provided at the finish. Please make your way to Download as soon as you have finished.

Any complaints or protests may be made to the organiser who will make a ruling. If this is unsatisfactory it will be referred to a Jury convened in accordance with the rules of orienteering.

Results: We hope to be able to have results-on-the-day at www.race-results.info (cards with a link will be available at Download)

Prizegiving: **There will be no formal prizegiving.** Will any holders of Southern Championship Trophies please return them to Enquiries (preferably cleaned). It is hoped that the trophies will be distributed, if not presented, at BOC22 on March 26th.

Conservation of the Forest

Ashdown Forest, as many of you will know, is a very special place. It is managed by the Board of Conservators of Ashdown Forest, an independent body. In recognition of the ecological importance of Ashdown Forest and to ensure its protection, it is designated as a European Natura 2000 site and as a Site of Special Scientific Interest under UK legislation. Ashdown Forest is also within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The Conservators have duties laid down by statute which include the following:

- To regulate and manage the forest as an amenity and place of resort
- To conserve it as a quiet and natural area of outstanding beauty

The Conservators are keen to raise the public's (and hence our) awareness of their legal duty and, within this, their aim of balancing the interests of all users of the forest.

Please have particular regard, therefore, to the other users of the area, including all walkers, dog walkers and riders, all of whom are also seeking to enjoy their activities peacefully. Slow to a walk, keep especially quiet and leave a wide berth at any point where you meet horse riders.

Event Officials:

Organiser: Mike Elliot, with Mike Bolton.
Planner: Tony Burton
Controller: Mike Murray (SLOW)

Acknowledgements:

Ashdown Forest Conservators, Rangers and other staff.

The Morriss family for the use of Pippingford Park for Car Parking and Assembly

The Organiser also wishes to thank all those who have volunteered to help at this event from MVOC & SAXONS OC. Your help is invaluable and should have the appreciation and thanks of all competitors.

A full risk assessment has been undertaken by the Organiser and will be available for inspection at Enquiries. However competitors are reminded that they take part at their own risk and are responsible at all times for their own safety.

Last minute changes:

Please visit the MV web site before travelling to check for last minute changes or new information about this event. www.mvoc.org