

DEVON DELIGHT 2024 Riders Information Sheet.



START: 21/07/24 09:00

Welcome to this years 30th AUDAX event: The following information should help you complete your enjoyable day out on the bike with South Devon CTC.

START: The HQ for the event is at the Pro Cycle Centre, Wharf Road, Newton Abbot. TQ12 2DA. NO PARKING available here, but there is a large public Car Park in Osborne Street close by – see map on website. (Flat rate £1.20 Parking all day on Sundays!)

The building has toilets, and there will be Tea/Coffee available free at the Start. At the finish there will be Tea/Coffee/Squash and a cream tea. START TIME FOR THE 100Km Devon Delight is **9.00am** (distance 107Km) although we may have two starts, or a rolling start this year depending on numbers – please be patient as our volunteers check you in.

<u>CONTROLS:</u> There is one control point along the way at **STOKE CANON** where you should obtain a stamp on your Brevet card as proof of passage. There will also be plenty of cakes and savouries on offer here plus tea/coffee/squash etc. Dawlish is now an info control at the Warren. At Other controls (Ashcombe, Thorverton, and Longdown) also require you to obtain some information to add to your card – **information is on the card!** Do STOP and record the information – it's your proof of passage, <u>we won't validate the ride unless the control information is given</u>.

<u>PREPARATION:</u> Although we will feed you at Poltimore, you must be self sufficient on this ride. Ensure you carry enough liquid, food rations, and spare tubes and repair kits, and a basic tool kit, and be able to use it. In a real emergency we may be able to help get you home. You should also carry waterproofs, and spare clothing to allow for changes in the weather. Faster riders will complete the event in just over 4 hours – NOTE: This is not a race, and you should not arrive at the finish before 13:20.

MAPS/ROUTE: A route sheet is provided – it's fairly comprehensive. GPX files are available for GPS units, - you are advised to carry a map for reference in case you need it (flat battery/lost route sheet?). There may be a few arrows guiding you to and from Control points, but in general the idea is for you to navigate your way around the course.

<u>SAFETY</u>: As always follow the Highway Code – try to avoid riding in very large groups, and never more than two abreast.

On shared paths please keep your speed low, and give priority to pedestrians, and give warning of your presence.

There are some descents that require caution, (Ashcombe, and Longdown into Teign Valley) and there will be deposits of sand and gravel in lanes. Particular care required near Gappah, and lanes between Stoke Canon and Thorverton.

Devon roads are in a poor state in general, do be aware of potholes along the route – we will issue some specific information about bad areas.

EMERGENCY: Emergency contact Numbers: ORGANISERS MOBILE: 078899 64101
Pro Cycle Centre: 01626-438353. Please let us know if you abandon the ride.

Thankyou – Enjoy your ride, and return home safely!

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