

EVENT NOTIFICATION: Cotswold Way Charity Challenge 2024 – Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd June 2024



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Dear Parish Council,

I hope this finds you well. I wanted to get in touch to inform you of our annual Cotswold Way Challenge on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd June 2024. **This will be the 4th year** of the event and will follow a similar format to 2023. The event route is a 100km loop starting and finishing at Royal Agricultural University. Participants can choose to do shorter routes which include either the $\frac{3}{4}$ Challenge, 1st half or 2nd half, 1st quarter, or 2nd quarter and a **new 10k Challenge**.

The main route follows an anticlockwise direction heading east along the Thames and Severn Canal past Tarlton Bridge and turning north to Bisley and then around to Painswick. After Painswick the route picks up the Cotswold Way from Shortwood National Trust Car Park heading south to Wotton-Under Edge where the halfway point will be located at the **Wotton Community PARC**. From-Wotton-Under-Edge the route loops round to Tresham via Hawkesbury. The route then heads east picking up the Monarchs Way back to the Royal Agricultural University via Tetbury and Rodmarton.

The 10k route starts and finishes at Royal Agricultural University and follows the main route along the Thames and Severn Canal past Tarlton Bridge before turning off the main route, returning via Coates, and rejoining the main route back into the University along the Monarchs Way.

I have informed the county and district councils as well as the key landowners along the route. Further to this I wanted to contact stakeholders on a more local level. **If you feel there are other people in your parish that I should inform, please can you let me know their details.**

The route is detailed in the "Event Overview" document but I can create more detailed maps of specific sections on request. The route can also be viewed on the event homepage - <https://www.ultrachallenge.com/cotswold-way-challenge/>.

As per previous years with our Ultra Challenge Series event format, there are no licensable activities taking place, nor will we be requiring any road closures. We do put signage out (pink A5 arrows); however, this is participant facing at head height to help ensure that no one gets lost. **Our route team follow the last walker around the route and takes down all signage put out as well as litter associated with the event.**

Please find attached the Event Overview which includes route information and timings. Our Event Management Plan, Event Risk Assessment and our Public Liability Insurance certificate can be shared on request.

The event is well marshalled, with static and walking marshals, and **we have our own medical team supporting** (<https://www.trailmed.co.uk/>) the event with medics positioned at all venues and vehicles / ambulance out on the route. We are also now in the process of notifying every level of local authority as well as key landowners and Stakeholders filling out the relevant paperwork where appropriate and needed.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any further information. **Please also let me know if there are other people I should be contacting.**

Kind regards,

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