



# CYCLOTHON UK 2022

## EVENT INFORMATION PACK

### BRANDS HATCH CIRCUIT

Fawkham, Longfield, Kent, DA3 8NG

7th September 2022

We are delighted that you have chosen to take part in Cyclothon UK at Brands Hatch Circuit. As Cyclothon organisers, VU LTD ask that every rider reads this information pack; it contains the details for the day as well as health and safety guidelines. Please take your time to familiarise yourself with the details as this will enable you to enjoy your day even more.

At the end of this pack you will find a map of Brands Hatch and a Brands Hatch site map.

#### Timings

06.00	Venue opens	12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
06.30	Event briefing (12 hour race)	16.00	Afternoon Tea
06.45	Pit Garage registration begins	19:30	Race finished
06.45 – 7.30	Breakfast	19:45	Presentations
07:00	Test Lap	20:00	Dinner
07.30	12 hour race begins	22:00	Venue closes
09.30 – 10.30	Breakfast (8 hour race)		
10:30	Event briefing (8 hour race)		
10.45	Pit Garage registration		
11:30	8 hour race begins		





### **Prior to arrival at Brands Hatch**

All riders and spectators must now pre-register prior to arrival at Brands Hatch using the registration link: <https://brands-v1.msv.com/CheckIn/a9191f8a-ce83-47e8-bfb2-d94e0da5c82e>

Please fill in the details and tick that you hold a DVLA license (it doesn't matter for our event, just a necessity for the usual driving days at Brands Hatch). It is important that you register at least a day prior to arrival otherwise there may be delays in accessing the site. The Gate marshals will be using this list to allow access to the site.

### **Mercure Dartford Brands Hatch Hotel & Spa**

For those who have booked accommodation with us, the hotel is located adjacent to the entrance of Brands Hatch Circuit.

Address: Brands Hatch DA3 8PE

Tel: 01474 854900

Free camping is available at Brands Hatch.

### **Arrival at Brands Hatch**

Upon arrival at Brands Hatch, please drive through the main entrance and you will be greeted by marshals who will direct you to the parking area. You may drive your car to the rear of the pits to drop-off your belongings and bikes. Please unload your car before the Event Briefing.

All spectators must park in the main car park and will have no vehicle access to the pit garages. The site has 24-hour security, and the public gates are locked at night but please ensure you take care of your valuables and keep your vehicles locked at all times. Gates are closed at 22:00 and re-open at 06:00.

All the pit garages will be clearly signposted and labelled. At your pit garage you will be met by your 'Garage Host' who will be looking after you all for the duration of the event and will have your timing chips and any additional details that is necessary for the day.

You will be allocated a pit garage prior to your arrival for your team to use as a base for the duration of the event. Please bring photo ID.

**All riders must attend the safety briefing at 06.30 for the 12hr race, and 10:30 for the 8hr race, before being allowed access to the track. This will now take place in the pit lane via the public address system.**

After the Event Briefing you will need to go straight to your allocated pit garage to collect your timing chips & bib from your personal Garage Host.

### **Timing Chips**

Each team member will be given an individual timing chip. This must remain strapped to your ankle at all times during the event. This is how we will monitor riders around the track, therefore it is essential that each team member wears their chip at all times. Failure to do so may result in the timing system being unable to capture laps and times, which could result in both the rider and team being penalized.

**Your timing chips cannot be swapped or exchanged with any other team or team member during the race as this will result in instant disqualification**





### **Responsibility for Loss and Damage of Timing Chips**

All teams and riders **must** return the timing transponders / chips at the conclusion of the race. Teams are responsible for any loss or damage caused and will be responsible for this cost. Any cost of repair, replacement, damage or loss of such equipment will need to be reimbursed to the organisers, VU Ltd within 14 days of the event.

### **Catering**

The following catering will be provided for all participants registered:

Breakfast

Mid-Morning Energy Break

Lunch

Mid-Afternoon Refreshments

Afternoon tea

Buffet Dinner

***Any requests for spectator tickets will need to be made and paid for prior to the event as bookings will not be taken on the day.***

Spectators will only be allowed access to the pit garage of the team they are supporting. All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Spectators will not be allowed into the pit lane.

All the players and celebrities enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and are happy to give autographs and talk to everyone but please be aware that they are also riding in the event. Everyone's safety is paramount.

### **The Event Site**

In the central pit garages all riders and spectators will have access to mechanical and medical support and free sports massages

Toilets and shower facilities are available on site (see map) – please **do not** use the disabled toilets as changing rooms as we may have a number of wheelchair cyclists attending the event.

During the event there will be a commentator and music to provide some entertainment, but we suggest you also bring your own entertainment too.

### **Massage – Pit Lane Garages 17 & 18**

Massage is provided complimentary so do make use of the massage therapists throughout the day from 0730 – 2000.





### **Mechanical support – Pit Lane Garage 19**

[Gary's Bikes](#) will be at hand to provide all day, complimentary mechanical support. Riders will only be charged for parts. They are very happy to assist you all day.

Gary's Bikes also offer group bike services. If your team needs a group bike service, Gary's Bikes can offer you this at an additional cost. They will come to you at work or at home anywhere in the country and service your bike so you are all race ready and safe.

Please find contact details below:

[garysbikes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:garysbikes@hotmail.co.uk)

01179661590

07816515082

### **Bike Hire – Pit Lane Garage 20**

Bikes are available for hire through British Bike Hire:

<https://britishbikehire.co.uk/event-list/vu-events/>

You can pick up your hired bike from the British Bike Hire team on site.

### **First Aid**

Medical services are provided by Motorsport Vision Ltd and St John's Ambulance Kent.

### **Pit Lane & Garages**

Each team will be allocated a pit garage which has water and electricity points. The pit lane serves as the transition area where riders will be closely monitored to ensure that changes/transitions are made safely.

We would advise you bring anything to make your pit garage comfortable for the day including picnic chairs, tables, radios, TV's (TVs can be plugged in to the aerial points in the garages with a standard aerial) branding or even a fridge to keep your drinks and food cool. As each team will be sharing a pit garage with another team, we ask that you can be respectful towards each other and the space that you are allocated.

The Pit lane area is for competitors only. Each team will be allocated a pit garage to use during the race where they can store kit and equipment. Get to know your garage number; this is where you will make your changeover in the pit lane.

Transition is very simple. The next rider on your team waits outside your garage in the pit lane to change with the incoming team member. The incoming rider must come to a stop outside the team's pit garage before the next rider can set off. The outgoing rider will then set off in the lane closest to the pit wall and exit the pit lane to join the race.

Marshals will be on hand to observe rider changeovers ensuring they adhere to the correct method. A demonstration of the transition will be shown as part of the event briefing. The transition area will be monitored closely by race officials as rider safety is paramount in this area.

**Within the transition area a speed limit of 20kmph is to be strictly observed by all riders. Any riders found exceeding this speed will be penalised. Timing and speed radar equipment will be used to record riders entering and exiting the transition area. Please be cautious and ride safely.**

The outgoing rider must leave the transition area with their number on display and timing chip strapped to their ankle whilst they are racing on the track.





Teams are advised to bring with them chalkboards / whiteboards to communicate with riders on the track from the pit wall, please use the designated crossings in the transition area to do this.

### **Wifi**

There is complimentary wifi in the pit garages. Riders are able to sign up via their web browsers.

### **The Race**

The 12hr race will start Grand Prix style on the track, with the 8hr race starting Le Mans style from the pit lane.

Once out on the track the aim is to record the most laps in the time period to win and become Cyclothon UK champions. The timing chip must remain on its rider at all times during the race.

### **The Circuit**

Brands Hatch has a 2.3 mile circuit made up of smooth tarmac and the race will run clockwise around it. Features of the circuit include undulations and some great bends to test your bike handling skills.

### **Rider Etiquette**

Drafting is allowed however please consider other riders when drafting and do not take unnecessary risks. Use common sense when overtaking, drafting, leaving and joining the race; do not put yourself or others at risk by careless riding. Obey any instructions given by marshals or support crews.

### **Race Results**

Rider results and lap times will be displayed on the screens in HQ throughout the event. Competitors with Smartphone devices can also download an app that will allow them to monitor results live on their phones (via 3G coverage). The smartphone application details will be given out at the race briefing at the beginning of the day.

### **Post-Race**

The Winner's Presentation will take place on the Podium which is located trackside at the rear of Race HQ. After the presentation dinner will commence.

### **Health and Safety & Risk Assessment**

The wearing of helmets (conforming to CE Standards EN1078) is mandatory for all riders.

**No riders will be able to participate without a helmet.**

All riders must display their rider number so that it is clearly visible AT ALL TIMES when on the track. Be prepared for adverse weather and wear/carry adequate clothing. In hot, sunny conditions drink plenty of water and apply sun protection.

### **Emergency**

If you get into difficulty during the event and require assistance, please contact Rider HQ. We have an emergency support vehicle on site and they are equipped to deal with all emergencies. We will also have staff riders riding the circuit to check on the state of track and to deal with any problems that may arise.





### **Event Control:**

Your main contacts for the day will be:

**Becky Badenhorst – 07970 425171**

**Victor Ubogu – 07850 660033**

Please put these numbers in your phone - you can use this as your direct contact on the day of the event. Becky, together with the VU Ltd Event Staff, will be able to help with any problems or questions.

There will be a constant supply of water and food available. Please ensure that you and your team stay well hydrated and nourished during the ride.

Riders will be taking part in the race at their own risk. Any damage caused to them or their property will be at their own liability.

### **Risk Assessment**

A full risk assessment was carried out by Gallowglass Health & Safety on behalf of VU Ltd.

### **Tips for the Day**

We recommend that you bring comfortable chairs to sit on whilst not riding.

Bring along equipment and spare parts that you might need along with your own choice of energy bars/gels to use in the race.

Allow for all weather conditions: bring appropriate clothing to stay warm when not riding, cool and or dry!

### **General rules & Regulations**

All riders must be 16 or over at the time of the ride.

All riders **must** attend the event and safety briefing that takes place before the 12 hour and 8 hour race.

All riders will have their hands stamped once they have attended the briefing. No rider will be allowed on the circuit without having attended a safety briefing.

To ride, riders must have signed an indemnity at registration prior to arriving at the site

You will need to show photo ID before you ride.

Any riders under 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign for them

Minimum amount of riders who can register in a team is 3. Maximum number of riders is 8. Teams will be disqualified if more. No substitute riders are allowed.

Only road/mountain style bikes are allowed to compete in the competitive categories.

### **Disc brakes WILL be permitted.**

To comply with British Cycling regulations, the use of tri vests is prohibited.

Wearing a helmet is compulsory when riding.

Use of iPods, mobile phones, earphones or any other music device is prohibited when riding.





This is a non-contact ride and disqualification may result if riders are deemed to have impeded others on the circuit or in the pit lane.

The circuit is one way (clockwise). Teams/individuals may face disqualification if they ride the wrong way.

Laps are counted electronically at the start/finish line. Teams will be disqualified if they ride over the line without completing one full circuit in-between.

Laps are only valid if riders remain on the circuit between the start line and the finish line. Riders to be aware of the Marshals flags - **Yellow means caution | Red means stop.**

In the case of punctures or bike malfunction riders must leave the tarmac and fix bikes on the run-off verge.

If riders are unable to fix their bike or sustain an injury, they should put their hands up and wait for an emergency or rescue vehicle to come to their aid.

Riders may walk back to the pits (clockwise only) with their bike again using the run-off verge and not on the tarmac of the race circuit.

If riders cut across the infield to get back to the pits they will receive a one lap penalty. If riders are transported back to the pits then they will receive a one lap penalty.

Only one member of any team at any time can ride on the circuit.

Access to the circuit for unofficial persons or the non-riding team members is prohibited.

It is the rider's responsibility to keep a log of who is riding at any given time.

Team rider number must be worn at all times when riding.

All bikes must be plugged with suitable bar ends.

Be courteous to other riders. Aggression to others will result in team disqualification.

The end of the race is at 19:30. Winners will have the chance to stand on the podium after the results have been counted and verified.

The organiser reserves the right to move teams into other categories and to cancel categories at their discretion.

No cooking of any sort will be allowed at the event.

No generators of any type running on any fuel are permitted.

No glassware.

No pets are allowed within Brands Hatch even if locked in a vehicle.

No loud music allowed in the pits.

No pedestrians / spectators are permitted in the pit lane.





Riders who have access to a ½ pit garage please be courteous to your co pit sharing team Power supply, wires & cables.

The only power supplies available are those within the pit garages. Other power outlets are not suitable for use.

Teams must ensure that all trailing cables, hoses and other trip hazards are covered by trip mats. In particular, cables, hoses or wires must not cross access routes unless they are covered by trip mats. Any power cables running from pit garages may only power equipment immediately in front of the relevant garage, and not any other vehicle(s)/equipment outside the immediate vicinity of the pit garage.

### **Removal of goods & materials**

At the end of the Ride, Teams must clear and remove all of their property and other materials from the Venue, other than those provided by MSV. Any items remaining after the event may be removed or disposed of by VU Ltd and the Team shall reimburse the cost of such disposal/ removal on demand by VU Ltd.

There are no storage options at Brands Hatch.

### **Responsibility for loss or damage**

Teams shall be responsible for any damage caused and will reimburse VU Ltd for any cost of repair or replacement, damage to or loss of such equipment, within 14 days of a demand from VU Ltd.

### **Safety Checks**

Each Team must inform all riders that it is, and remains, their responsibility to ensure that any cycle they intend to use on circuit is safe and suitable. Participants arriving with non-permitted cycles, such as bikes which are not properly maintained will not be permitted to start. Gary's Bikes Mechanics are on site to assist the riders with repairs where possible.

### **Severe Weather**

In the event of severe weather conditions that constitute a severe risk to health and safety, VU LTD have the authority to stop all activity until conditions improve.

### **Access**

The height of the tunnel to the pits is 3 metres – the out tunnel is 2.2 metres.

### **Event Organizer**

VU LTD, 14 Hackwood, Robertsbridge TN32 5ER [www.vultd.co.uk](http://www.vultd.co.uk) Tel: 01225 788880

### **Your team's check list for the day:-**

- Bike & Helmets
- Pit Garage comforts & entertainment
- Chalkboard / Whiteboard for race communications
- Adverse weather kit & sun tan lotion
- Additional equipment and parts
- Any paperwork completed for registration
- Sun protection
- Energy bars / gels

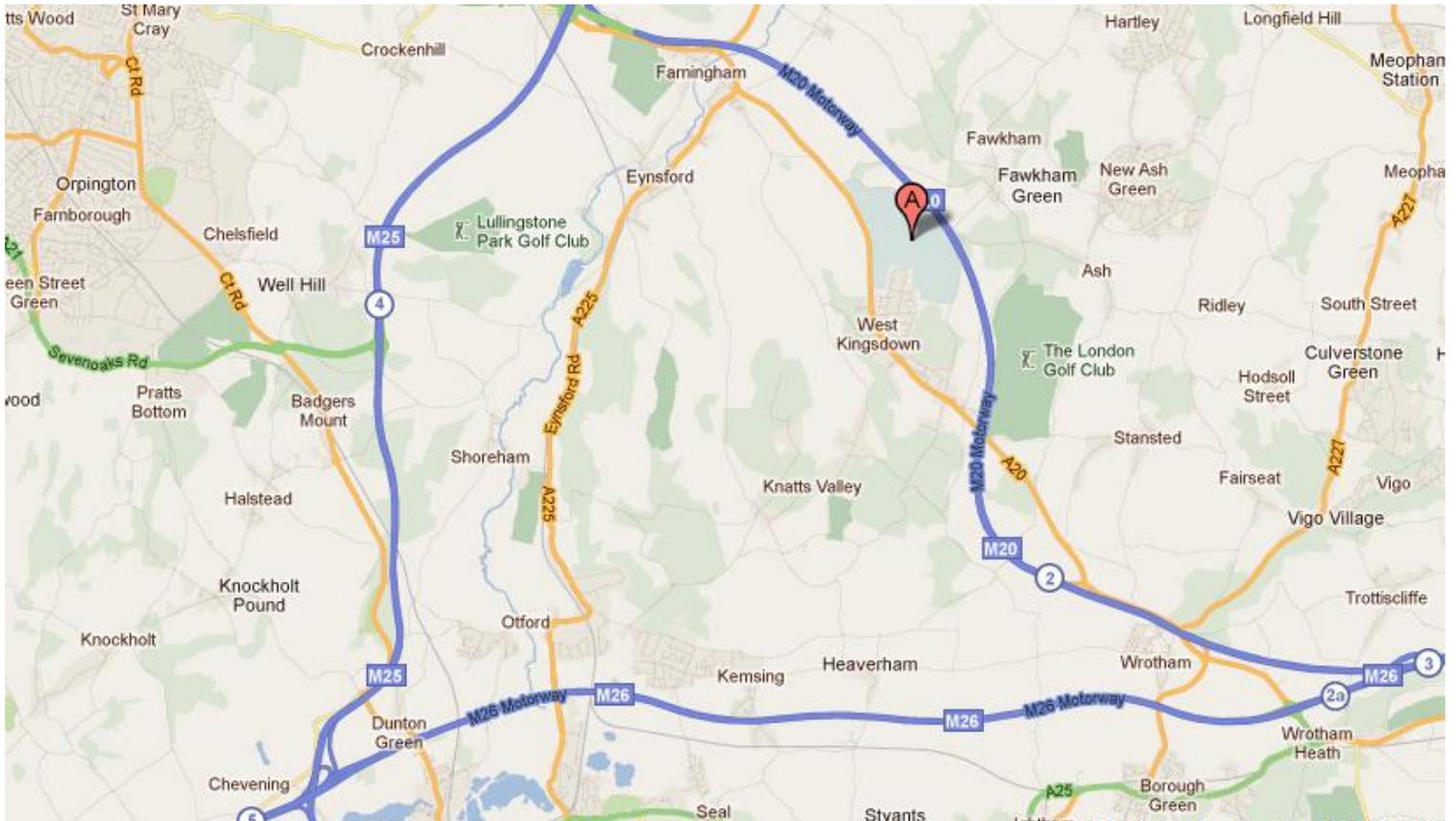




Please keep up with all the team antics, trials, tribulations, successes, fun and banter throughout the day on Facebook and twitter.

We welcome your tweets before, during and after the event.

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## Brands Hatch Site Map

