

Race to be held on the Ladies Mile and Crowborough Circuits under British  
Cycling Technical Regulations



## Bec Open Road Race

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Start - 11:00am

Event HQ : Groombridge Village Hall, Station Road,  
Groombridge, Sussex TN3 9QY

National B Road Race E, 1,2,3  
Distance 74.5 Miles / 120 Kms  
(10 Laps of Ladies Mile + 5 laps of Crowborough Circuit)

### Race Officials

Event Organiser: Mr J. Hughes, 39 Tandridge Gdns,  
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Chief Commissaire: Paul Tunnell  
Ass Commissaire: Dave Evans  
Chief Judge: Dominic Hill  
Ass Judge: Garry Beckett  
Motorbike Marshals: National Escort Group  
Marshals & Drivers: Members of the Bec CC and AMS

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## **HQ**

Groombridge Village Hall, Station Road, Groombridge, Sussex TN3 9QY (open from 09:00).

Once again we are asking riders to park away from the HQ in the designated event car park (It's a local resident's field that we've been using for the past couple of years). This is because the HQ car park can become congested, making organization of the race convoy difficult.

This event car park is 800mtrs away from the HQ and all riders are requested to park in it before riding to the HQ for signing on / briefing. The car park will be marshalled before the race.

**Event Rider Car Park - Eridge Rd, Groombridge TN3 9NH - 80yds south of junction with Station Road.**

## **Course Details**

You won't be surprised to hear that road surfaces on both circuits quite poor. There are a number of potholes, some of which will be marshalled to ensure riders are aware. Other less severe holes will be highlighted in the pre race briefing.

Currently there are road works on the Crowborough Circuit. These are on the fast decent from Crowborough along London Road. They are currently scheduled for completion on the 6<sup>th</sup> May so with a bit of luck they will be gone. The good things about using two courses is that in the case of road works or other problems on one of the circuits, the event could still continue on the other course, with the same finish. This would necessitate 17 laps of ladies Mile before heading to the finish.

### Ladies Mile Circuit, Sussex

Start in Withyham Road (B2110), Groombridge. Go along the B2110 for 1.8 miles turn left (M) into Ladies Mile. At the end of Ladies Mile

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turn left (M) onto B2188. After 1.4 miles turn left (M) at the junction with the B2110 to complete circuit.

Lap Distance: 4 miles. Half lap up to the lap board at the end of Ladies Mile, then 10 further laps. Right turn.

#### Crowborough Circuit, Sussex

From the ladies mile course proceed along B2188. Course starts at junction of London road. Proceed along B2188, turn left in to Mardens Hill / St Johns Road (M). Turn left at T junction in to London road (M). Continue along London road to junction of B2188 (M) to complete one lap

Lap Distance: 5.3 Miles, 5 laps.

#### Finish

Finish will be off the circuit on B2188 approx 1km after the left turn to Crowborough.

From the 1km to go sign it is a steady uphill all the way to the finish. At around 600m to go just before the Church Hill Car park on the right (spectator parking for finish) the road straightens out. The finish can be seen at this point, up a steady incline.

Event duration 3 hr 5 mins – 3hr 20 mins

### **Prizes**

1<sup>st</sup> £120 + Bill Prothero Trophy for one year

2<sup>nd</sup> - £80

3<sup>rd</sup> - £60

4<sup>th</sup> - £50

5<sup>th</sup> - £40

6<sup>th</sup> - £30

7<sup>th</sup> - £20

8<sup>th</sup> - £10



## Notes

- Rider car park - Eridge Rd, Groombridge TN3 9NH
- Signing on will be open from 09:30 – 10:40, riders not signed on during this time risk having their place reallocated to reserve list riders.
- Riders are advised to allow sufficient time to drive around the route to familiarise themselves with the road and also spot any hazards that the organiser has not been able to remove (eg pot holes on the racing line).
- Official cars only – No following vehicles.
- Neutral service will not be available this year. Sorry

## Spectators

The course is ideal for spectators and each of the circuits has good parking and viewing locations. The following parking areas are recommended

- For the ladies Mile, please use the car park on the corner of Withyham road junction with Ladies Mile (marked corner 2)
- For the Crowborough circuit, recommended parking is around St John's Church on Marden's Hill
- For the finish please use Church Hill car park on B2188, approx. 400m before the finish.

Further details including course maps, rider list and latest news will be available on our web site [www.beccyclingclub.co.uk](http://www.beccyclingclub.co.uk)

## Headquarters

Facilities include: - Toilets, limited changing, Tea stall selling hot and cold drinks, rolls, cakes etc. Please bring cash to make purchases / donations.

The HQ will remain open throughout the event

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## Past Winners

2022 – Rory Townsend – Wiv Sungod  
2019 - Sam Culverwell - Team Estera  
2018 – Matthew Downie – TAAP  
2017 – Isaac Mundy – PMR @ Toachim House  
2016 – Ashley Cox – CC Luton  
2015 – Ed Palfreeman - Corley Cycles - Drops RT  
2014 – Ashley Cox – CC Luton  
2013 – Andy Betts – Felt RT  
2012 – Allan Ridler – Pedal Heaven RT  
2011 – Gary Chambers – Wilier / GoSelfDrive.com  
2010 - Andy Betts – Sigma Sport  
2009 - Martin Smith - AWCycles.co.uk  
2008 - Tom Hemmant - London Dynamo  
2007 - Tom Smith - Awcycles.co.uk  
2006 - Gary Dodd - Sigma Sport R.T  
2005 - Tony Gibb - P.C.A  
2004 - Colin Roshier - Team Quest  
2003 - Gary Baker - Angliasport  
2002 - Rob Hurd - Team Peloton  
2001 - Andy Proffitt - Arctic R.T  
2000 - Gary Baker - Angliasport  
1999 - Andy Proffitt - V.c. Deal  
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1996 - Barry Elcombe - Festival R.c.  
1995 - Danny Rudd - De Laune C.C.  
1994 - Joe Bayfield - Wycombe R.C.  
1993 - David Staff - North Road R.T.  
1992 - Robert Kennison - Wembley R.C.  
1991 - Steve Dennis - East Grinstead C.c.  
1990 - Richard Long - Haverhill Wheelers  
1989 - Nigel Brown - Old Kent C.C.  
1988 - Gavin Stevens - Harp R.C.  
1987 - Russell Fenton - V.C. D'or  
1986 - Richard Sutton - V.C. Olympia Sport  
1985 - Cliff Dent - 34 Nomads  
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1983 - T. Morgan - V.C. D'or

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