



WEST ANGLIAN ORIENTEERING CLUB

URBAN REGIONAL (LEVEL C)

HERTFORD, SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2025

HERTFORDSHIRE URBAN WEEKEND- DAY 1

Final Details

This is the first day of the Hertfordshire Urban Weekend with Hertford being a new area for orienteering. Hertford is a charming market town and is at the confluence of four rivers, so providing a proliferation of bridges and underpasses to keep you entertained! Happy Herts will be running day 2 on Sunday 26th October in historic St Albans, well known for its Roman remains and having an excellent museum and cathedral. Details of day 2 can be found on the [HH website](#).

This event is part of the East Anglian Urban League and UK Urban Orienteering League.

Please note, to avoid overlap with other Saturday morning events, starts are later than normal, from 12:00 - 14:00 and courses close at 15:30. Competitors should ensure they start early enough to finish by 15:30.

Entries on the day are only available online at [SIEntries](#). If you want to register at the event you will need to use a smartphone for registration and payment. It may be easier to register before you travel.

Location Info:

Parking at: Mead Lane Industrial Estate

- Postcode for Sat nav: SG13 7BJ
- What3words: /// fuzzy.finely.banks

Event Centre (dibber collection, key drop, download) at 1st Hertford Scout Hut

- SG13 7JY
- What3words: /// drum.tight.dirt)
- Route to the Scout hut and start/finish will be signed from the parking area

Directions/ Parking:

Parking will be at Mead Lane Industrial Estate. Please note that parking on the Industrial Estate is permitted only in certain approved areas. Please follow the instructions by the parking marshals.

By Car: If travelling into Hertford on the A414 from the east or West, follow signs from the A414/A119 junction towards Mead Lane Industrial Estate. There will be orienteering signs marking the turning into the industrial estate. Please take care when approaching the parking and give way to orienteers on foot and other pedestrians.

Public Transport: Hertford East rail station is about 500 m from the event centre.

The route from the parking area to the Event Centre and Start/Finish will be signed from the parking area.

Courses and Registration:

Please note, as this is an urban event, unaccompanied Under 16s (on the day of the event) will be restricted to courses 6 and 7, and unaccompanied Under 12s (on the day of the event) will be restricted to course 7.

Starts from 12 noon - 2 pm

Courses close at 3.30pm. Competitors must have finished by this time

IMPORTANT: Please report to the Download desk even if you do not finish your course.

Course lengths are subject to final controlling. Course lengths below are given as straight-line distances, but due to the nature of an urban event actual distances run by competitors will be greater.

Course	Class	Straight Line Distance (km)	Optimum Distance (km))	Climb (m)	Controls	Map and Control Descriptions
1	Men Open	7.5	10.1	45	29*	A3, double sided Pictorial Descriptions printed on map
2	Veteran Men (M40+) Women Open	6.1	8.1	20	28*	A3, double sided Pictorial Descriptions printed on map
3	Supervet Men (M55+) Veteran Women (W40+)	4.9	6.3	5	22	A3, double sided Pictorial Descriptions printed on map
4	Ultravet men (M65+) Supervet Women (W55+)	3.9	5.1	15	21	A3 single sided Pictorial Descriptions printed on map
5	Ultravet Women (W65+) Hypervet Men (Mt5+) Hypervet Women (W75+)	2.8	3.7	5	20	A3 single sided Pictorial Descriptions printed on map
6	Junior Men (M16-) Junior Women (W16-)	2.7	3.1	15	17	A4 single sided Pictorial Descriptions printed on map
7	Young Junior Men (M12-) Young Junior Women (W12-)	2.1	2.2	15	15	A3 single sided Text Descriptions printed on map

* For those on longer courses please be aware that older red and black dibbers (SI Card 8) only support 33 punches. If in doubt, please come to registration for a swap.

Loose control descriptions for all courses will be provided in the start lanes.

Entries:

All advance entry and entry on the day is available on [SIEntries](#).

If you want to enter on the day at the event, you must have a smartphone to access the SIEntries for registration and payment.

Helper discounts for HH, WAOC and EAOA members are available, set at 50% of the entry fee. Please contact entries@waoc.org.uk for the helper code before entering.

For anyone wanting to redeem a helper voucher from the British sprints, please contact the organiser well in advance by email to reserve a map.

Online Entry

Seniors: £13 (BOF) / £15 (non BOF)
Young Adult (21-25): £10 (BOF) / £12 (non BOF)
Juniors: £4 (BOF) / £5 (non BOF)
Late entry supplement*: +£2
Discount for entry on both days: -£2

SI Card Hire

S.I. card hire: £1
SIAC card hire: £3
(loss of a hire SI card will incur a charge of £30)

*Late entry after 19th Oct 2025 including Entry on the Day is subject to map availability and a late entry supplement.

Facilities: Toilets are available at the event centre at 1st Hertford Scout Hut. No water or drinks will be provided- please bring your own drinks.

Starts and Finishes:

The start and finish are both approx. 1km from the car park.

Map and Terrain:

Hertford is an ancient county town situated at the confluence of four rivers and with a major A road running through the middle.

The town centre has the usual array of pedestrianised areas, backstreets and passageways. The town centre is flat but to the North there is a steep hill which the longest courses will encounter.

There are almost 20 river crossings on the map providing some interesting route choices. The A road is OOB and is crossed using 5 pedestrian underpasses which provides even more route choice possibilities.

The start and finish are on Hartham Common where the junior courses spend most of their time.

The event will use a brand new 1:4000 map in A4 and A3 sizes.

Note 1:

There will be market stalls in the centre of the town during the event. The area is marked with a screen of purple dots on the map, as shown below.



Most courses have been designed so that optimal routes do not pass through this area. The area is not Out of Bounds but competitors are required to walk through the area to avoid any accidental collisions with shoppers and other pedestrians. **Anyone seen running through the area will be disqualified.** Please respect this in order to maintain Orienteering's good reputation which allows these events to take place.

Note 2:

There is permissive pedestrian access through a historic housing area to the east of the main town centre. Ignore signs at some entrances stating there is no public right of way.



Safety:

Take care for the usual hazards such as steps and rough ground. Please show consideration to other competitors, and pedestrians including dog-owners and cyclists.

As this is an urban event, care must be taken when crossing roads. Roads marked as 'Out of Bounds' must only be crossed at pedestrian underpasses indicated on the map.

The area includes numerous water hazards on Hartham common and throughout the town. Please take care.

Competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety.

A First aid box will be located at download in the 1st Hertford Scout Hut (SG13 7JY).

Nearest hospital is Lister Hospital, Coreys Mill Lane, Stevenage, Hertfordshire SG1 4AB

Results: The results from this event will be published online as soon as possible, see www.waoc.org.uk/results.

PLANNER: Ian Smith (WAOC)
CONTROLLER: Dorien James (SMOC)
ORGANISER: Stuart Hatfield (WAOC)

Grateful thanks go to EHDC for allowing the event to go ahead, and to all at WAOC/HH who have helped in putting on this event.



NEXT events:



- Sunday 26 October: St Albans City Race (Hertfordshire Urban Weekend- Day 2)



Safety and Risk: A risk assessment has been carried out by the organiser, but participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety during the event.



Insurance: Please note that if you have participated in three orienteering events/activities and not joined an orienteering club that is a member of British Orienteering then you are not covered by our public liability insurance.



Privacy: You agree that we may publish your Personal Information as part of the results of the Event and may pass such information to the governing body or any affiliated organisation for the purpose of insurance or for publishing results either for the event alone or combined with or compared to other events. Results may include (but not limited to) name, any club affiliation, race times and age group.



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