Sotonia Cycle Club: Bourne Valley Reliability Ride

Distance: 88 km (55 miles); Total Ascent: 680 metres

Start date, time, venue: Sunday, 7 November 2021, 9:30 am, Romsey Bus Station

THIS EVENT IS NOT A RACE

gold award: 3:00-3:30; silver award: 3:30-4:00; bronze award: 4:00-4:30

If you arrive at the finish before 12.30, please wait for the organiser to record your time.

Organiser: Bill Drabkin Phone: 07922 029697 (call if emergency, otherwise leave text)

miles km Route Instructions (consult OS Landranger 185 or other navigation aid before starting)

- 0.0 0.0 R out of the Bus Station; L at mini-O, then 1st L; Follow road round to right; SO at TL
- 0.6 1.0 1st exit at mini-O (A3090), under railway bridge, SO at TL
- 2.3 L into Braishfield Road; Continue through BRAISHFIELD to KINGS SOMBORNE 1.4
- 7.5 12.0 1st R (sp Up Somborne, LITTLE SOMBORNE)
- 9.2 14.8 SO at X; no sp (do not follow main road, which bends right); mud possible on this stretch
- 10.6 17.0 SO at X to cross B3049
- 11.7 18.9 At summit, fork R, then R at T to join A30 (care needed)
- 13.6 21.9 2nd L into Martins Lane (sp Chilbolton Observatory) (13.6 miles)
- 15.7 25.3 SO into CHILBOLTON, then R at church (sp Wherwell, Andover)
- 16.4 26.4 L at Tonto B3420 (sp Wherwell), then sharp R onto B3048 (sp LONGPARISH)
- 18.6 30.0 L to remain on B3048 over A303 (sp LONGPARISH) do not join A303
- 19.0 30.6 L at T (sp LONGPARISH); SO through LONGPARISH to HURSTBOURNE PRIORS
- 22.2 35.7 R/L at staggered X, SO through ST MARY BOURNE and HURSTBOURNE TARRANT
- 28.1 45.3 R/L at staggered X, SO to UPTON
- 30.2 48.6 L (sp WILDHERN, ANDOVER), and ascend two hills (crux of the route)
- 33.9 54.5 R at T (Hare & Hounds PH) (sp ANDOVER, Weyhill)
- 35.0 56.3 2nd exit at O (sp CHARLTON)
- 35.9 57.7 2nd exit at O (sp Memorial Hospital); after road bridge (A343), pass hospital on L
- 36.3 58.4 R into Mylen Rd (Co-Op market); SO at O (PH Railway Tavern)
- 37.2 59.8 3rd exit at O onto Salisbury Rd; SO, passing under A303 bridge
- 37.5 60.4 Lonto Balksbury Hill (sp. THE CLATFORDS)
- 38.0 61.2 L at T up Sam White's Hill, SO through the CLATFORDS, LONGSTOCK, STOCKBRIDGE
- 44.1 70.9 SO at X, then through HOUGHTON
- 46.6 75.0 R at T (sp Dunbridge, Broughton, Nether Wallop), then SO through MOTTISFONT
- 50.6 81.5 R at Tonto A3057: good cyclepath for a few km, then ride on main road with care
- 54.1 87.0 At O beneath railway bridge, take second exit to remain on Greatbridge Rd
- 54.6 87.8 Follow road L and R to finish in Romsey market place, by the Palmerston statue

KEY

R = turn right L = turn left SO = straight on X = crossroads TL = traffic light Y = Y junction T = T junction O = roundabout sp = signpost PH = public house Place names in lower case – the route goes in that direction

Place names in UPPER CASE – the route passes through that place