

Preliminary Details

Tim Watkins Trophy Event

Hutton Roof and Farleton Knott

Sunday 14 November 2021



This mass start, long distance race inspired by the famous Norwegian Blodslitet was renamed the Tim Watkins Trophy in memory of Tim who died following a car accident in March 2005. Tim was instrumental in introducing this demanding race to the UK and had already organised the first two races. It is usually held every 18 months, in March or November.

For 2021 the event will be on highly technical orienteering terrain when it returns to Hutton Roof which is about 10km SE of the South Lakes junction (J36) on the M6. It is a top class orienteering area on complex limestone terrain which ranges from open and semi-open fell to woodland.

This event will challenge your endurance and mental agility to the extreme over some of some of the finest orienteering terrain on the fringes of the Lake District.

If the pandemic restrictions have been lifted we hope to have refreshments and the prizegiving in the village hall – to make up for all the socialising with fellow orienteers during the last year or so.

In Norway, each autumn since 1977, Fredrikstad Skiklubb has staged the original Blodslitet. The nearest literal translation to "Blodslitet" is "Blood letter". During this period it has been raised to an almost cult event, recent years have seen around 2000 competitors from all over Scandinavia and elsewhere. Whilst the Tim Watkins Blodslitet not grown to this scale it has established a high reputation as a top quality event attracting some top orienteers from far and wide. It may not produce blood, but it is designed to challenge at each and every entry category.

Further information will be available nearer to the event.

Pre-entries only.

Organiser: **Brian Jackson** brian.rb.jackson@gmail.com

Parking and Assembly

Assembly and Parking at and close by Hutton Roof Village Hall, LA6 2PG (Grid Ref. SD571784)
Parking charge - £2 per vehicle

Travel Directions

Best approached from the A6 at Burton-in-Kendal. Leave the A6070 at junction (GR529761) at South end of the village signposted Hutton Roof and Kirkby Lonsdale. Eastward on Dalton Lane for 5km, to junction signposted Hutton and Lupton.

Do not use the very narrow lane which has junction 1km North of Burton-in-Kendal.

Car park and Assembly

Car parking is in a small field adjacent to the village hall and a large field opposite.

The Toilets are in the village hall. No muddy shoes or studs in the village hall. "Enquiries" will be in the hall or close by.

Start

There will be Mass starts for the 4 TWT courses between from 10.30am and 10.55am
It is not a punching Start. Maps will be distributed to competitors before the order to start.

The Blue Course will not have a mass start. Competitors will start at 1min intervals between 10.30am and 11am.

The Start is 350 metres with 15m ascent from the Car Park and Village Hall.

The walk to the start passes the village War Memorial and villagers will be holding their **Remembrance Day Service** here at 11am. It is very important that our event causes no disturbance or distraction. Competitors must be at the Start area before the service commences.

Finish

Village Hall and Car Park are close to the Finish.

Refreshments and Prizegiving

Providing there are no new Covid regulations we hope to have Tea, Coffee, Soups and Cakes in the Village Hall at reasonable prices for competitors after they have finished. The Village Hall Committee is famous for its legendary cakes. All proceeds to the village hall. It should be a great opportunity meet and socialise after many months of inactivity and isolation and attend the **Prizegiving**.

Traders

There are no traders attending the event.

Course Information

Terrain - Beautiful well-contoured limestone woods and faster open areas with plenty of exposed rock. In the woods, paths are often covered with leaves and can be difficult to see. In the open, mapped paths are often rather indistinct. Limestone pavement can be very slow going and slippery if wet. The bracken will not have died down fully. Courses have been designed to avoid the densest areas of bracken.

Courses

Course	Age Classes	Approx Length (km)
A. Men's Open	M20+	16
B. Women's Open	W20+	13
C. Older Men, Junior Men	M50+ & M18-	12
D. Older Women, Junior Women	W50+, & W18-, M/W16-	9
Blue	For anyone not wishing to take on the full challenge	6

Course D and the Blue course do not involve any road crossings

Map

By Omapz 2013 Scale 1:7500 5m contours

Dibbers and Contactless Punching

The controls, including the finish, will be enabled in contactless mode so that those with SIAC dibbers should not need to physically punch the controls.

Course A has more than 30 controls, so competitors this course will need an SI mk6 dibber or later.

Safety

Terrain and weather

This is Cumbrian woodland and open fell at the beginning of winter. All runners should dress appropriately and carry a whistle.

There are brambles, bracken and thorn bushes in parts of the area. **FULL LEG COVER IS COMPULSORY.**

It is likely to be compulsory to carry a cagoule. Competitors should also bring waterproof bottoms, hat and gloves to the event so as to be prepared for particularly inclement weather.

A comprehensive risk assessment has been carried out by the organiser.
Participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety during the event.

Courses A, B and C cross a lightly trafficked minor public road.

Dogs

In parking field only, kept on leads and please poop scoop.

Contacts / Officials

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