

CHARLIE WESTLAKE 'SPORTIVE' BIKE RIDE (100 km / 62 miles)

Organised by Bury CTC with Bury Clarion. Time allowed: 7 hours

THIS EVENT IS NOT A RACE OR SPEED COMPETITION. STOP AT CONTROLS.

START CASTLE LEISURE CENTRE and join A58 direction Bolton.

After *Blockbuster Express*, turn R at TL on to Ainsworth Rd. (B6196) to **AINSWORTH**.

Follow the bend R, along Arthur Lane and down to **Harwood** and **Bradshaw Chapel**.

As the road rises turn sharp R at the TL (**care**) on to the B6391.

At the TL at the **A666 T JUNCTION** turn R to join the A666 direction Blackburn.

In **Egerton** turn L onto minor road (Longworth Road) signed 'Delph Sailing Club'.

At the crossroads turn L and steep descent to layby (16 km) **CONTROL (10.15 to 10.45)**.

At T junction turn R to Belmont village and at moor summit turn R onto minor road signed 'Tockholes'. Descend through **TOCKHOLES** (care-speed humps).

After crossing motorway, turn R at the X at the **BLACK BULL** pub (24 km).

After a short climb, descend (**10% - great care**) to the X at **Earcroft**.

Cross the A666 (**care**) on to Sandy Lane and continue down to mini roundabout (27.5 km).

Turn R and steep climb (1 in 8 - 12%) to **LOWER DARWEN**.

SO at TL to big roundabout at **Guide**. With care go across to B6231 signed 'Oswaldtwistle'.

Turn L at **BRITANNIA ROUNDABOUT** (31 km) and turn into the Britannia pub car park

CONTROL (10.45 to 11.30).

TURN LEFT onto the B6232 and descend to X at *The Crescent* pub where turn R.

Then SO at **INTACK** TL on to Whitebirk Roundabout where turn R and soon, keeping to the left, join the dual carriageway **ring road**. (There is a cycle path alternative.)

As the road climbs turn R at the second set of TL signed 'Great Harwood' (**great care**).

Join **Whalley Old Rd** and proceed up to **YORK** village.

From York descend steeply (**care**, speed bumps and sharp left hairpin bend at bottom).

Turn R and enter **WHALLEY** (45 km) (*toilets / shops*).

Continue through **BARROW**, **CLITHEROE** (following 'through traffic' signs), to

CHATBURN, where turn R to **DOWNHAM** (56.5 km) where stop at the Assheton Arms for

CONTROL (11.45 to 13.00). (Suggested cafe stop at Post Office.)

Descend to the bridge and cross the stream then left and get into a low gear for **long climb** with Pendle Hill looming up before you. At X turn R and descend (**great care**) through **BARLEY** (63 km). Fork left at **BARLEY GREEN** signed 'Barley Picnic Site'. Continue to X where turn R and up to **CLARION CLUBHOUSE** (66 km) (tea stop, lunch – bring your own as only confectionery is sold; view Charlie's memorial seat).

On leaving Clarion Clubhouse turn L to retrace to X where turn R and climb steeply. At the top continue R to **FENCE** where turn R on to **Wheatley Lane Rd** (74 km) then R at T junction (A6068) and immediately turn L on to Greenhead Lane. After passing under the railway bridge, turn second L on to Windermere Avenue. At TL go SO on to the A6114 signed 'Towneley Hall'. Continue up past Towneley Hall entrance to TL where SO signed 'A671 Bacup'. Nearing the top (Crown Point), turn R onto B6238 signed 'Rawtenstall' and descend to **WATERFOOT** (90 km) where right at mini roundabout to **Duke of Buccleuch** pub **CONTROL (14.00 to 15.30)**.

Continue and fork left at mini-roundabout before **RAWTENSTALL** to Tesco TL where take first L to **EDENFIELD** (97 km) where fork L at the mini-roundabout onto the A680 direction 'Rochdale' and climb to **OWD BETTS** pub (100 km) **FINISH CONTROL (14.30 to 16.30)**

Abbreviations: TL = Traffic Lights. SO = Straight on. R = Right. L = Left. X = Crossroads
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