

Organising Events in the Satterthwaite Parish

The Parish of Satterthwaite includes Grizedale Forest, which is a Mecca for mountain bike and orienteering events. In consequence, the number of such events is rapidly increasing and this is causing conflict between residents, tourists and participants. We welcome well-organised events to use our beautiful landscape and villages. To ensure your event complies with countryside laws and addresses local concerns, please note the following:

- When setting your route please remember that it is illegal to use mountain bikes on footpaths, and motorbikes on footpaths and bridleways. Please obey the law.
- Your event shares the bridleways and forest tracks with every other member of the public, so be prepared to encounter, and give way to, pedestrians, mountain bikers not taking part in your event, and horse riders, who are also using the same routes. They have a right to be there.
- Our road system carries high volumes of traffic during weekends and school holidays. Try to avoid using the public highway as part of your event route. If this is not possible, ensure that participants do not cause obstruction or danger by riding in groups or weaving in and out of traffic. Please keep to the Highway Code.
- This is a tranquil valley. Please keep noise from public address systems to a minimum. Try to limit your event to daylight hours. Consider the detrimental effect your large event may have on our small resident population.
- Help us keep our countryside pristine by arranging a systematic litter pick of your event route before you leave. Please follow the Countryside Code.
- Ensure that you have a sufficient number of experienced, adult marshals to police your event and that they are familiar with the event route. Be aware that mobile phone coverage is patchy so communication may be difficult.
- Ensure all maps and information sheets for competitors have clear instructions of the event including: start and finishing points, check points and first aid stations, areas that are out of bounds or not permitted for use.
- Ensure you have completed your risk assessment.
- Assist us to advise local people that the event is taking place by placing a notice on the parish notice board in Satterthwaite and informing the newsletter editor at liggerc@hotmail.com Please also send the information to admin@satterthwaitepc.org.uk so that it can be put on our

website. This should be done at least two months before your event is scheduled. As well as providing an indication of the route of the event the information should include: the date of the event, start times and finishing times, nature of the event (mountain biking, race, trail quest etc), number of participants and the location of parking areas. Our experience suggests that communicating with the local residents is critical to making your event successful.

- Advise the public, by posting notices at the start of all routes into the forest that cross or share your event route, that an event is taking place. Remember to remove all notices and route signs before you leave.
- If you are planning to use private roads or fields please ensure you have the landowner's permission to do so.
- Provide sufficient facilities, such as car parking and toilets, for the number of participants, organisers and supporters involved.
- We expect events to be professionally organised so that the safety of everyone is protected. In addition to the codes referenced above we advise adherence to the LDNPA Checklist for Organisers http://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/index/visiting/events/organised_recreational_events.htm and the Code of Practice for Fundraisers from the Institute of Fundraising (document link below).



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