

Olveston GP Road Race: Sunday 28th May 2023



This cycle race, taking place on **Sunday 28th May** and passes 11 times through the villages of Olveston, Tockington, Old Down, Alveston and Elberton.

These details about the event, with timings and suggested viewing points, will help those of you who would like to watch the race and those of you who would like to avoid it, if that is your preference.

The **timetable** on the day will be as follows:

9:30 – Race organisation team arrive at the HQ which is Marlwood School, Alveston.

10:00 – Race warning signs are distributed around the circuit. **Although no roads are closed, junctions are shut down by accredited marshals each lap for a few minutes** when the race passes that point.

10.00 – The Finish area by The Crescent in Old Down will be set up. This will not affect traffic in any way.

11:30 – Race participants begin to arrive at Marlwood School for race sign-on. There are **80 elite cyclists** taking part in the event.

13:00 – Accredited Marshals will move to their positions on each major junction on the circuit. These marshals have police authority to stop traffic with the STOP sign they hold.

13:00 – Race stewards and red flag marshals move into positions around the circuit, in particular to assist at marshal points in Olveston and Tockington.

13:30 – The race convoy and riders will move out from Marlwood School and the race begins. The race convoy will include several lead vehicles and officials' vehicles, which are identified by signage and yellow flashing lights on the vehicles. They are supported by motorcycle outrider that warn traffic of the approaching race. Competitors are required to obey the rules of the road and there are race commissaires in following vehicles that can remove riders that do not adhere to this.

13:40 – **The riders will be approaching their first ascent of Old Down Hill**, which they will go up 11 times in total. This is the best position from which to watch the race. Please do not park on Old Down Hill. There is limited parking available at Queen Alexander Memorial Pavilion (QAMP) which is on the right at the top of the hill.

13:45 – The riders will pass through the finish point for the first time by The Crescent. This is also a good point to watch the race. The race finishes after 10 further laps.

15:00 – This is about the mid-point of the race and there is likely to be a breakaway group a few minutes ahead of the main bunch of riders.

16:20 – Approximate race finish time by The Crescent, Old Down. There are likely to be several groups of riders that finish over a period of up to 5-6 minutes.

16:40 – Finish area is cleared of riders and return to Marlwood School.

17:30 – Presentation to riders at Marlwood School.

We ask horse riders and pet owners to please be advised of the race, and to take care. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

The race organisers would also like to extend an invitation to local residents to help out on the day as stewards.

If you are interested, please contact Brian O'Kelly: brian.okelly@bristolroadclub.com