

Jack of Herts: October 23rd, 2022

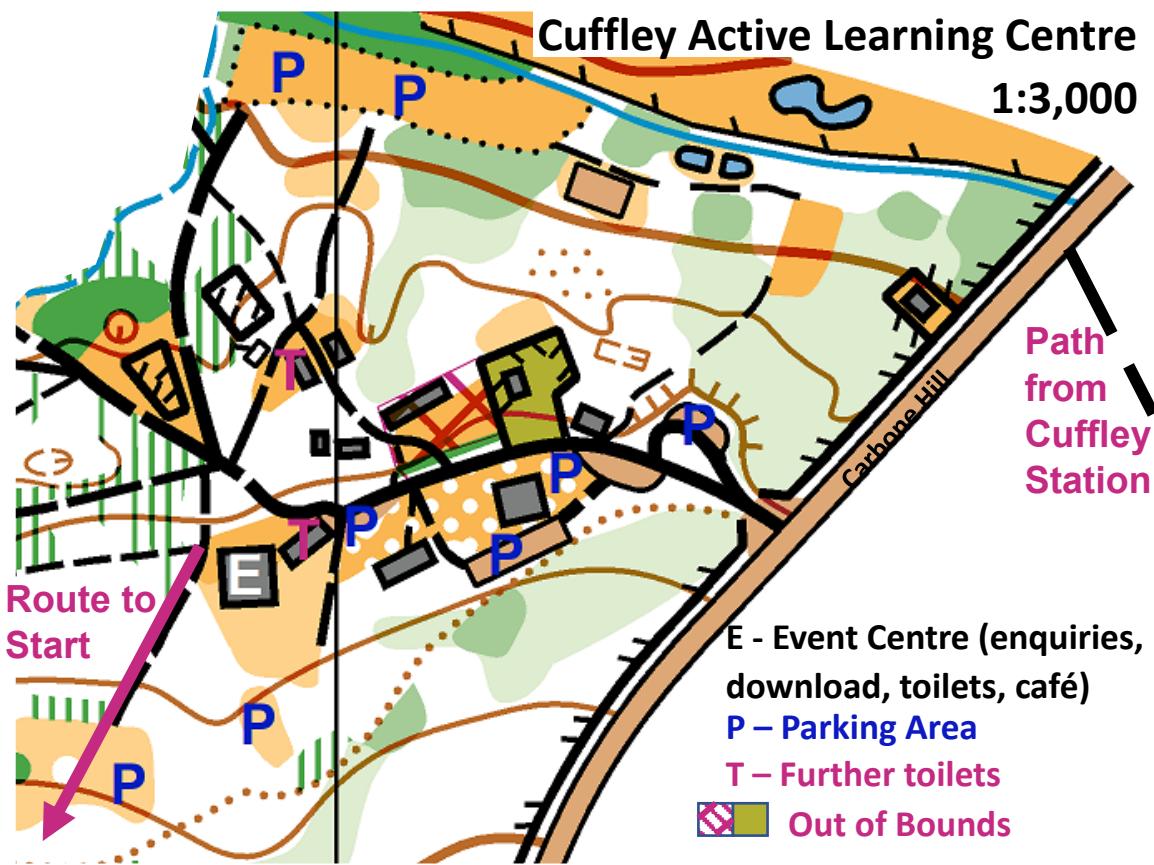
Northaw Great Wood

FINAL DETAILS

Welcome to the Jack of Herts 2022! We're delighted to bring this event back after 3 years and wish you an excellent day's orienteering in this lovely corner of Hertfordshire.

Key things you need to know...

- Parking at Cuffley Active Learning Centre, Carbone Hill, Cuffley EN6 4PR
- 2km. walk from Cuffley station
- Event Centre has Enquiries, Toilets, Download, Café and bag drop
- Start is 400m, from the event centre; finish is 200m. back
- SIAC enabled with start and finish in punching mode
- Wood & Wire mesh fences must not be crossed
- Nearest A&E: Barnet Hospital, Wellhouse Ln, Barnet EN5 4BZ. Tel. 0208 216 4600



Location

Cuffley Active Learning Centre is situated on Carbone Hill near the village of Newgate Street. The nearest postcode is EN6 4PR. We have use of the refectory building as an event centre.

[Google Maps](#)

What 3 Words: //hosts.works.plays

[Openstreetmap](#)

Getting Here

By Train / Bus:

The event centre is located approximately [2km walk from Cuffley Station](#). Leave the station subway through the exit opposite to the car park, then turn right onto Tolmers Road. At the end, continue on the footpath through the wood, emerging onto Carbone Hill. Turn left and the entrance to the event centre is on the right after 130m. **Take care crossing Carbone Hill and on the approach road to the event centre.** We understand from Great Northern that trains at Cuffley are replaced all day by buses running between Hertford North and Alexandra Palace; cycles are not permitted on the bus. Additionally, the [242 Arriva bus](#) from Welwyn Garden City via Potters Bar to Cheshunt and Waltham Cross stops at Cuffley station

Alternatively, for cyclists, trains run to Brookmans Park (6.6km.) and Potters Bar (6.9km.)

By Road:

From the West via M25 junction 24: take the A111 North and turn right at the lights in Potters Bar onto the A1000. After 800m, at the lights, continue into the B156 and in Northaw village turn left onto Vineyards Road. This road becomes Carbone Hill after crossing The Ridgeway. The event centre is on the left (O-signed) after 800m.

From London and the East via M25 junction 25: take the A10 North and turn left at the first roundabout onto the B198. At the second roundabout, turn left onto the B196 passing under the railway at Cuffley station. At the T junction, turn right onto Plough Hill which becomes the Ridgeway. After 1.8km. turn right onto Carbone Hill. The event centre is on the left (O-signed) after 800m.

From the North via A1(M) junction 4: take the A1001 South then left at the next roundabout (avoid the A1(M) slip road) before merging into the A1000 towards Potters Bar. At the traffic lights in Brookmans Park, turn left onto the B157 towards Cuffley. After 1.3km. turn left into the Ridgeway. After 2.2km. turn left onto Carbone Hill. The event centre is on the left (O-signed) after 800m.

Or use directions on [Google maps](#)

Parking

Parking is at Cuffley Active Learning Centre. Please follow the marshals' directions once you enter the Centre. We will be using a mix of car parks, open grassland and forest tracks. Please share cars where possible or use public transport.

Event Centre

The event centre will be in the refectory, which will have the following facilities:

- Enquiries including help for new orienteers, hired SIAC card collection, key drop, first aid
- Download (access externally via route from finish)
- Toilets
- Café
- Shelter, seating and bag drop (items left at owner's risk)

Please do not enter the refectory with muddy shoes or dobs

There is a small residential area between the entrance gate and the refectory on the North side of the road which is signed as private and is strictly out of bounds to orienteers.

Toilets

In addition to the event centre, toilets are also available around the car parking area. These are shown on the map extract above

Terrain

Mainly runnable deciduous woodland with contour detail. The water features are drier than the map might suggest, although this could change if we get heavy rain in the days before the event.
Good path network so suitable for beginners upwards. Help is available – just ask.

The area is popular with cyclists, dog walkers and horse riders. Please show them due consideration.

Map

1:10,000 pre-marked maps for all courses on waterproof A4 paper. For a previous event on the area, see [Routegadget](#).

Control descriptions are printed on the map and loose control descriptions will be provided in the start lanes.

Courses

<u>Course</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Climb</u>	<u>Controls</u>	<u>Difficulty</u>
White	1.7 km	25m	11	1: Easy – all along paths, control flags whenever you need to decide to turn.
Yellow	2.6 km	50m	9	2: Fairly easy – navigate along line features such as paths, walls, streams. Some turns with no control flags.
Orange	2.9 km	60m	11	3: Moderate – start cutting across country, some controls a bit away from line features.
Light Green	3.2 km	65m	11	4: Harder – a range of navigational skills needed to find controls on any mapped feature.
Short Green	3.6 km	65m	13	5: As hard as we can make it on the area.
Green	5.0 km	95m	19	5: As hard as we can make it on the area. Double sided map
Blue	7.0 km	165m	19	5: As hard as we can make it on the area. Double sided map
Brown	9.0 km	200m	25	5: As hard as we can make it on the area. Double sided map

There will also be a string course

Planners Notes

The area is divided into two parts: the eastern part owned by the Cuffley Active Learning Centre and the woods surrounding it. The Centre is enclosed by a fence. Parts of the fence are made of wood & wire mesh - these sections **must not be crossed** – and their approximate locations have been overprinted on the map (with one exception - see below). Other parts are made of wood & vegetation and may be crossed anywhere but convenient and significant gaps have been mapped. The start is outside the Centre. Green, Blue and Brown courses will cross the fence three times in various places. Maps on these courses are two-sided. Turn over your map for Part 2 of the course when indicated on the control descriptions.

White, Yellow, Orange, Light Green and Short Green courses will re-enter the Centre via a control located on the northern end of the fence. (The Green course will also use this control to leave the Centre.) The section of wire fence near to this control must not be crossed, but to aid map clarity this section has not been overprinted with the 'uncrossable' symbol. Tapes have been placed to help guide White course competitors to the main path after this control.

Please be aware that, as is usual at this time of year, fallen leaves and bracken have obscured parts of some smaller paths.

Entry & Fees

Entries, via [SI Entries](#) only, close at 11.15 on the day of the event. The cost for BOF members is Adults £11, Juniors £6; for non-members, it's Adults £13, Juniors £8

Starts

Starts will be in blocks:

- Very early 10:30 – 11:00
- Early 11:00 – 11:30
- Middle 11:30 – 12:00
- Late 12:00 – 12:30

The start is 400m. from the event centre, from where the route will be signed and taped. The first section of this route follows a track which will be used for parking – be careful of moving vehicles

Please try to start within your block so as to reduce queuing. At certain periods, notably very early, helpers will have priority. Your start time on the start list is the beginning of your start block. Courses close 14:00. Please start in good time to finish by then.

Punching

SIAC will be enabled for controls on the course. Both the start and finish controls will be in punching mode: ensure that you punch the start and finish.

If you need to hire a SIAC (timing chip) the cost is £2.00 and this must be ordered via SIEntries as part of your entry. Charge for lost SIACs £60.

Finish

The finish is located around 200m. from the event centre. Follow tapes to download which is located on the West side of the event centre. You will not need to enter the building to download.

Water will not be provided – bring your own or visit the café.

Results

Live information will be available from your smartphone / tablet on www.herts-orienteering.club:

- List of pre-entered competitors so you can check your entered course, start block and the dibber number you entered with.
- Live Results and splits updated every few minutes.

There will be WiFi available in the Event Centre, details will be posted at Enquiries:

Full results and Routegadget will be published on www.herts-orienteering.club as soon as possible after the event.

Safety

Orienteering is an adventure sport. You take part at your own risk and are responsible for your own safety. A full risk assessment has been carried out.

You must go to Download (in Assembly) even if you don't finish your course. We need to confirm you're back safely.

First Aid will be available at the Event Centre.

The nearest A&E is Barnet Hospital, Wellhouse Ln, Barnet EN5 4BZ. Tel 0208 216 4600

An Urgent Care Centre is available at Chase Farm Hospital, Hunters Way, Enfield, London, EN2 8JL

Competitors travelling alone are advised to leave something of value that they will not forget at Enquiries (e.g. car keys). All competitors are advised to carry a whistle. In the unlikely event of extreme weather on the day, cagoules may be compulsory and you will be informed by car park marshals and in the Event Centre. Come prepared.

COVID:

Please do not attend if you have COVID or have recently been in contact with someone who has. A refund will be available in these circumstances by contacting the organiser.

All participants must follow the [British Orienteering Code of Conduct](#)

Acknowledgments

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