



# Risk assessment form

<b>Name of assessor(s)</b>	Steve Dorrall	<b>Group / Establishment:</b>	Burnham on Sea Harriers
<b>Date</b>	11/01/2025		

<b>Updates made:</b>	<b>3 September – Updates to Traffic Management plan following amendments to road closure/restrictions</b>	
<b>What is the activity being assessed:</b>	<b>How was the assessment done?</b> e.g. desktop exercise, site visit, in consultation with employees, managers, safety representatives?	<b>Next review date:</b>
		31 October 2025
Burnham on Sea Half marathon – 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2025.	The Burnham on Sea Half marathon was first run in 1985 and has run every year except for 2020, 2021	<b>Is the assessment 'generic' or specific to the situation?</b>

Race Licence number: [29081](#)

Run Events race detail and online entry: [link](#)

and 2022 when the Coronavirus pandemic disrupted and prevented the race. Burnham Harriers have been the event organisers since 2006.

Burnham Harriers is an England Athletics affiliated club. The half marathon is licensed through England Athletics and entries are made online through Run Events.

Race organisers conduct regular meetings prior to the event to confirm all race arrangements including first aid, entries, marshal posts, water stations etc. Route is signed with mile markers, and the course is assessed prior to the event to identify possible on the day hazards.

This risk assessment is posted on the Burnham Harriers website and shared among organisers for review and comment.

Specific to activity

What is the hazard?	Hazard in more detail & what are the control measures in place to mitigate these hazards?	*Risk Rating Impact x Likelihood		What further action is recommended to reduce risks further?	Action by whom?	Date action due	Date action done
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Runners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Runners receive a pre-race brief when on the start line just before the race begins. The brief will highlight known hazards i.e. vehicles, public, course terrain, under foot conditions.</li> <li>Runners will run at their own risk – Risks include possible injury, falls or health issue (mental or physical).</li> <li>Marshals are posted throughout the course to provide support and respond to runner distress, or emergency.</li> <li>Marshals are required to remain at their posts to direct runners and ensure that nobody misses key turns or junctions or becomes lost.</li> <li>Runners are required to record on the reverse of their race numbers or entry form any medical conditions so marshals/race director/first aiders can identify any possible conditions or issues which may affect their run.</li> <li>Race is licensed through Run Britain and is subject to the road race licence</li> </ul>	Medium	Low	<p>Runners are not permitted to wear headphones - bone conductors are permitted.</p> <p>First aid will be available for the race, based at the BASC and ready to respond to incidents. Runner incidents to be reported to UK Athletics: <a href="#">Online Health and Safety Incident Reporting   UK Athletics</a></p> <p>There are 3 drinks stations on route in Brent Knoll (4miles, Lympsham (7 miles, Berrow 11 miles).</p> <p>Course marshalled 15 marshals throughout the course will carry</p>	<p>Run Director will describe many of the hazards to runners on the pre-race brief.</p> <p>This risk assessment is available on the Harriers website and runners are emailed all race information before the event</p>	<p>Actions will take place before the race alongside the prerace brief on race day.</p>	

guidelines: [Race Directors' Club - runbritain](#)

- The race has a 3-hour time limit with a start time of 9:45am. Runners are followed by a tail vehicle to ensure their safe completion and return.
- By prior arrangement, a few recognised runners start the run at 9:15 to ensure that they complete the course among other runners and before the tail vehicle.

mobile phones or walkie-talkies to maintain communication with race HQ and Race Director. An appointed first aid provider will support the event and be mobile to respond to an accidents/incidents or runner injuries. A tail vehicle follows the last runner to ensure everyone completes the course successfully.

Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burnham half marathon is a 13.1-mile route starting at the BASC Sports Ground following roads to Brent Knoll, Lympsham, Berrow before returning to the BASC Sports ground.</li> <li>• The race is run on roads – open road running commences from the B3140 motorway roundabout, joining the A38 towards Brent Knoll (at 2.5-mile point). Other open/country roads of risk take runners through Brent Knoll, Lympsham and Red Road towards Berrow). Additionally, stretches of Barton Road/Berrow Road have no pavements causing runners to run on the road.</li> <li>• Start and end of course is on grass as the route follows the outer boundary of the cricket pitch. This area can be waterlogged or muddy.</li> <li>• Other hazards on the route will include Obstacles on the course including street traffic, kerbs and potholes presenting possible slip/trip hazards.</li> <li>• The full course map showing water stations, marshal posts and directional signs is here:  <a href="#">Burnham Half Marathon 2023 - 21km Running Route near Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge (ID: 2247377) (plotaroute.com)</a></li> <li>• See further course details on pages.</li> </ul>	Medium	Medium	<p>A pre-race brief is communicated to all runners prior to the start of the race highlighting hazards.</p> <p>Race has a 3-hour time limit.</p> <p>Further race information is available on the Burnham Harriers website:  <a href="https://www.burnham-on-seaharriers.com/ourraces/burnham-halfmarathon/">https://www.burnham-on-seaharriers.com/ourraces/burnham-halfmarathon/</a></p> <p>Course is marshalled to provide support and call for assistance/first aid if a runner becomes distressed. Event has a tail vehicle that follows the final runners, ensuring everyone returns safely.</p>	Race Organisers and course marshals	Race day	
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<p>Roads and traffic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Course will be run on open roads after the motorway roundabout. A <a href="#">traffic management plan</a> is in place (see plan at base of risk assessment) to account for partial closures/managed access as the runners run from the BASC Sports Ground, along Love Lane and then along the B3140 Queens Drive as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One-way Closure between BASC and Love Lane/B3140 roundabout.</li> <li>○ One-way outbound closure from Love Lane/B3140 roundabout to Edithmead roundabout. Inbound has a 30mph speed limit.</li> <li>○ Stoddens Lane open for access only, controlled by marshals at Love Lane and B3140 junctions (9:45am until last runner clears Edithmead roundabout).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>All closures managed by Section 8 qualified individuals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Signage (e.g. caution runners) is placed along the route warning drivers of runners.</li> <li>● Marshals are positioned at the Tesco roundabout and Edithmead roundabout to observe runners</li> </ul>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Somerset Highways are contacted prior to the race to alert Highways of the event and identify whether any roadworks or closures are in place on race day. Further checks can be made here: <a href="https://one.network/?tm=GB131365913">https://one.network/?tm=GB131365913</a></p> <p>Marshals to be made aware that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• they do not have any lawful powers to flag, slow or stop, or otherwise direct traffic on the highway.</li> <li>• Runners will be briefed to proceed with caution whilst traversing the highway and to always remain vigilant regarding both traffic and adverse terrain.</li> </ul>	<p>Marshals</p>		
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	<p>and manage traffic as far as is reasonably practicable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course is fully marshalled including the road section – see marshal map below.</li> <li>• Somerset Highways are contacted prior to the race to identify roadworks or closures to minimise disruptions to the course on race day.</li> </ul>						
Weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weather conditions on the day can be unpredictable i.e. hot/cold/wet.</li> <li>• The route is entirely on roads except for the start and end of the course which is on the BASC sports field (outside the cricket pitch boundary). Course may be subject to wet, slippery conditions on both the field and roads.</li> <li>• The half marathon takes place in September, conditions could be subject to conditions where runners could be at risk of heat exhaustion, dehydration (hot) or hypothermia if conditions are extremely cold.</li> </ul>	Medium	Medium	Race Director reserves the right to postpone event or adjust the course if conditions are too dangerous.	Race Organisers	Race Day	

Animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Race is run entirely on roads except for the BASC sports field at the start and end of the route.</li> <li>• Runners may meet dog walkers along the course – runners to remain alert and avoid contact with dogs or other animals where possible. Marshals can alert runners and dog walkers where there may be contact.</li> <li>• Runners are briefed to respect pedestrians and road users as they complete their run.</li> </ul>	Medium	Low	Marshals carry walkie-talkies and a WhatsApp group is in place to communicate any obstacles, loose animals or incidents that arise or appear.	Marshals	Race Day	
Headquarters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Headquarters is at the BASC sportsground, Stoddens Road, Burnham on Sea.</li> <li>• Race Director will be based at the BASC ground throughout the event.</li> <li>• Food/Water provisions on site, both in the BASC and refreshments will be provided to runners upon completion of the race.</li> </ul>	Low	Low	First aid provision is available at the BASC sports ground with an accredited first aid provider appointed and available to respond to in race incidents and injuries.			

Risk assessment sign-off					
<b>Name of assessor</b>	Steve Dorrall	<b>Date:</b>	25 March 2025	<b>Race Director:</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>	S Dorrall - Burnham Harriers Secretary				



Course identification:				A	B	C	D
Whole event codes (1-8):				H/M/L	A to H	9-30 (only)	
ID No	Miles/ kms from start	Detail of hazard		Risk rating level H/M/L	Persons at risk from hazard		Additional measures to reduce risk to LOW, with name of person or official function who will reduce the risk to LOW (if applicable)
		Symbol	Desc				
1	420m	↑	Hump	L	A		Exit gate at BASC
2	440m	←	L. turn	M	A, C		Traffic from right Emerge from BASC, marshalled
3	640m	↑←	Bend	M	A, C, E		Right hand
4	880m	↑	T-Junct	M	A, E		Sign
5	1.1M	←	L. turn	H	A, D, E		Roundabout-Sign and marshalled
6	1.9M	↑	T-Junct	M	A, D, E		Traffic emerging from left Road / Sign
7	2.4M	←	L. turn	H	A, C, D, E		Roundabout-Sign and marshalled
8	2.9M	←	L. turn	M	A, D, E		A38 Crossroads turn left marshalled
9	4.2M	↑	T-Junct	M	A, D, E	9	Traffic emerging from left Rd marshalled
10	4.4M	↑		M	A, C, D, E		Water Point
11	4.5M	↑	T-Junct	M	A, D, E		Traffic emerging from left Road
12	5.1M	←	L. turn	M	A, D, E		Sign and marshalled
13	6.3M	←	Bend	M	A, D, E		
14	6.5M	←	L. turn	M	A, D, E		Sign and marshalled

15	6.8M	↖	Bend	M	A, D, E		Water Point on bend
16	7.1M	←	L. turn	M	A, D, E		
17	7.4M	↑	Hump	M	A, D, E		Railway Bridge Hazard
18	7.5M	↑	Hump	M	A, D, E		Railway Bridge Hazard

19	7.5M	↑	T-Junct	M	A, D, E		Traffic emerging from left Road
20	8.8M	←	L. turn	M	A, D, E		Left turn on bend Sign and Marshalled
21	9.9M	↑	Bend	M	A, D, E		Water Point
22	10.6M	↑	T-Junct	M	A, D, E		Traffic emerging from right Road Sign and Marshalled
23	11.2M	↑	T-Junct	M	A, D, E		Traffic emerging from left Road
24	11.3M	↑	T-Junct	M	A, D, E		Traffic emerging from left Road
25	11.5M	↑	T-Junct	M	A, D, E		Traffic emerging from left Road
26	11.8M	↑	T-Junct	M	A, D, E		Traffic emerging from left Road
27	11.9	←	L. turn	M	A, D, E		Sign and marshalled
28	12.2	↑	T-Junct	M	A, D, E		Traffic emerging from left Road
29	12.8	←	T-Junct	M	A, D, E		Turn left into BASC Sign and Marshalled
30	12.8	↑	Hump	M	A, D, E		Enter gate at BASC
31	13.1	↑	Funnel	L	A, D, E		Finish

Persons at risk key: A - Competitors; B - Organisers/Volunteers; C - Spectators; D - Oncoming traffic; E - Passing Traffic F - Crossing from right; G - Crossing from left; H - Other – specify.

# Traffic Management Restrictions half marathon 2025

