



Risk assessment template

Running Club: Burnham on Sea Harriers

Assessment carried out by: Steve Dorrall – club secretary/H&S Advisor

Date of next review: 3/12/2026

Date assessment was carried out: 03/9/2025.

What is the Activity being assessed?	How was the assessment done?
Brent Knoll Race – 22 November 2026, 11am start Race Licence: 30615 (Run Events) Event entry page: Brent Knoll Race Entry	The Brent Knoll race is a long-standing event that is organised and delivered by Burnham Harriers running club. This race takes place annually, on the last Sunday of November. Runners/race organisers are familiar with the course as the route or stages of the route are commonly used on club runs as well as planned recce runs in readiness for the race. The club meets regularly to plan and ensure all arrangements for the race is in place, including contact with key providers such as marshals, landowners where access is required, an appointed first aid provider and the BASC sport ground. The risk assessment is shared for view and comment and posted on the club website and Harriers Facebook page.

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Runners – ability to complete the course; physical ability; adaptation to the conditions and route.	- 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, animals, course terrain, and under foot conditions (slips/trips). - Runners will run at their own risk – Risks include possible injury through slips and trips, sprains and strains or health issue. - Runners are recommended to wear trail trainers as the race is off-road using surfaces including grass, mud, gravel/hard core tracks. - The Brent Knoll race route map and marshal locations is at the base of this risk assessment and available to all runners via the Burnham Harriers website: Brent Knoll Route Map Burnham on Sea Harriers.	Runners are not permitted to wear headphones - bone conductors are permitted. An accredited first aid provider (Apex Medical & Rescue Ltd) are the appointed first aid provider for the race. They are based at the BASC to respond to incidents. Marshals wear lanyards with emergency contact details and their location along with radios or mobile phones to raise an alarm via the Race Director if needed. Marshal communications are maintained via a WhatsApp group where	Medium	Low	Race Director	Race Day	

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	- Runners are required to record any medical conditions on the reverse of their race numbers so marshals/race director/first aiders can identify any possible conditions or issues which may affect their run. - Race is licensed through Run Events and is subject to race licence guidelines: Race Directors - England Athletics RunEvents	radios may be beyond their range. Runner incidents to be reported to UK Athletics: Online Health and Safety Incident Reporting UK Athletics Marshal locations shown at base of this risk assessment					
Weather – Event staged in late November and is subject to possible adverse weather conditions	- Weather conditions on the day can be unpredictable i.e. warm/cold/wet/ice/snow. - Conditions for the course can be wet, slippery, muddy, or icy. - Race weather can also be subject to high winds or other adverse weather conditions. Ongoing monitoring of weather conditions made via The Met	Course distance is under 6-miles where under EA guidance water stations are not required. Drinks and refreshments are provided to runners at the finish. Refreshments also available in the BASC – race HQ.	Medium	Medium	Race Director	Race day	

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	Office: Weather and climate change - Met Office - The course contains some steep sections including the ascent to and descent from the Knoll where slips/trips are known to occur. - As the race takes place in November, conditions such as the cold, rain or snow can lead to runners showing signs of hypothermia or the effects of the cold. The BASC venue provides a dry, warm location for individuals to shelter or recover if required. Apex First Aid on hand to provide medical assistance. - Waterlogging of the course is possible as the course consists of grass tracks (e.g. through the BASC, Crooked Lane and on the Knoll).	First aid support based at Race HQ. Course marshalled – marshals will carry mobile phones or radios to maintain communication with race HQ and Race Director. Race Director reserves the right to postpone event or adjust the course if conditions are too dangerous.					

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Course	- Brent Knoll race is a multi-terrain event measuring just under 6-miles in length. Surfaces include road, bridlepath, a grassed field, and hard-core trails and will include a significant climb up to the Knoll (runners may require assistance with the ascent at the Orchard section of the route by rope) followed by a steep descent to East Brent before returning to the BASC Ground. - Surfaces are uneven (hazards include divots, potholes, mud and waterlogged stretches), such as on the BASC sportsground, Brent Broad Rhyne, and Brent Knoll summit loop. A short road section (Ham Road and a crossing on Brent Street) is part of the course, and will have obstacles including	Pre-race information highlights course as multi-terrain; runners are told at the pre-run brief and via the race information document about the uneven surfaces including any sections that pose an identifiable and noticeable risk to runners. Course map and race details are also available on the Burnham Harriers website: Brent Knoll Race Burnham on Sea Harriers (burnham-on-sea-harriers.com) Course is marshalled – see marshal location map at base of this assessment. Marshals are required to	Medium	Medium	Race Director	Race day	

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	kerbs and potholes, presenting slip/trip hazards. The Brent Street crossing is marshalled. The course also requires runners to run through gates, which should be open and marshalled for the race. - Fences align some sections of the course, containing barbed wire. Barbed wire covers are applied to prevent injuries, such as hand injuries where runners use the fence as a means of support where conditions are slippery. - The course is signposted and marshalled as shown on the map below. - Landowners are contacted prior to the race so that access gates are opened for the race (West Croft Farm, Manor Farm, where applicable). Gates are, closed	remain at their posts to ensure runners remain on track and do not become lost. A tail runner tracks and supports final runners to ensure everyone safely completes the course.					

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	and locked immediately after the race. A finish funnel is in place to manage runners at the end of the course.						
Roads	- The course has one key road section - Brent Street as runners emerge from Brent Road making their way to the Knoll and back. - Vehicles are likely as they drive through the village of Brent Knoll. A marshal is present at the Station Road/Brent Street junction to warn and hold runners where vehicles are oncoming and pose a risk to runners. 'Caution runners' signs are displayed to alert drivers, cyclists, public and horse riders.	Somerset Highways are contacted prior to the race for confirmation that there are no planned works on race day. Further checks can be made here: https://one.network/?tm=GB131365913 Marshals to be made aware that: They do not have any lawful powers to flag, slow or stop, or otherwise direct traffic on the highway.	Medium	Medium	Race Director to check road closure site. Marshals to check roads on race day.	Race Day	

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		Runners will be briefed to proceed with caution whilst traversing the highway and to always remain vigilant regarding both traffic and adverse terrain.					
Animals	- Fields on the Knoll are known to have cows/sheep, and they may be present, coming into potential conflict with runners. - Landowners contacted prior to the event with the aim of placing sheep/cows in secure fields during the race. Marshals will alert runners and the Run Director to any potential risks to runners or animals before and during the race. - Dog walkers may be present on the course – marshals to alert dog walkers to the presence of approaching runners (Dogs are	Runners will be briefed to proceed with caution when traversing the highway and to always remain vigilant regarding both traffic and adverse terrain.	Medium	Low	Race Director to contact landowners prior to race. Marshals to check course on race day.	Race Day	

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	not allowed on the BASC Grounds). Runners are also briefed to respect anyone not involved in the race but may be present on the course as the runners do not have priority over other users.						
Headquarters – Use of the BASC Grounds by members of the public, spectators and participants. Hazards include vehicles and individuals on the same site. Increased use of the main BASC building	- Headquarters is at the BASC sportsground, Stoddens Road, Burnham on Sea. - Race Director will be based at the BASC ground throughout the event. - Food/Water provisions are available on site, both in the BASC ground for supporters. Runners are provided with refreshments upon completion of the race. - Pedestrians/Runners/Supporters are visible throughout the event, walking from their vehicles or	See BASC sports ground layout plan below. Car parking is available at the BASC main car park. An overflow car park is made available on the grassed area of the BASC approach road. Marshals manage car parking area of the BASC Ground. A 5mph speed limit is in place for vehicles when driving on the BASC grounds.	Medium	Medium	Marshals are present on the BASC grounds to direct traffic and manage parking.	Race Day – event organisers contact marshals prior to the race to confirm roles and responsibilities.	

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	around the BASC grounds to spectate and participate. There is no clear segregation between vehicles and pedestrians on the main drive and hard standing car park area. Pedestrians and vehicles are required to remain observant and vigilant to avoid collisions and contact with individuals. • 5mph speed limit is in place on all road sections of the BASC grounds. • Main building contains fire action notices, a main internal stairway and external stairwell to account for any fire evacuations.	Pedestrians and drivers are responsible for their own safe movements when walking or driving on the BASC grounds. Pedestrians can walk on the grass verge running parallel to the drive and parking area, but if the grass is wet or muddy, they are likely to choose to walk on the tarmac.					
Safeguarding/ Welfare	• Runners aged 16-18 may participate under EA race rules, subject to parent/guardian approval. The club welfare officer will be in attendance along with	Any concerns for the welfare of young people or adults can be contacted via the following channels: Somerset safeguarding (children under			Everyone present has a responsibility to report a concern. Race Director and		

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	club representatives who hold DBS/safeguarding trained. - Spectators can line the course with the possible hazard of colliding with runners, either on the course or at the start/finish area. - Children/young people are in attendance, primarily at the BASC Sports Ground. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to always supervise their children during the race. - Any lost children should be reported to marshals/Race Director to commence a search for the young person. Coordination of a lost child will take place	18/vulnerable adults – 0300 123 2224) Safeguarding Police – 999 Samaritans: 116 123 UK Athletics report a concern: safeguarding@uka.org.uk Burnham Harriers Welfare: BOSHwelfare@outlook.com			marshals will provide initial contact and response to a raised concern.		

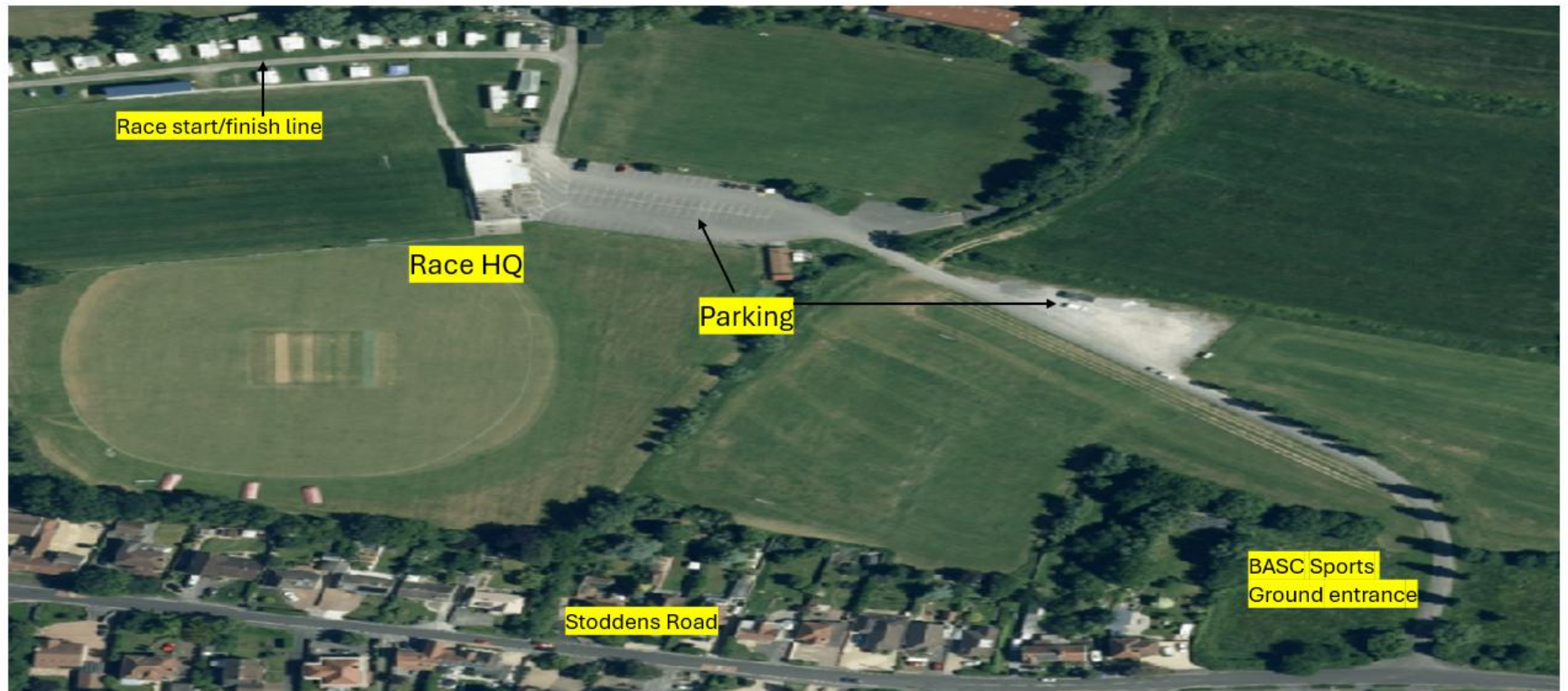


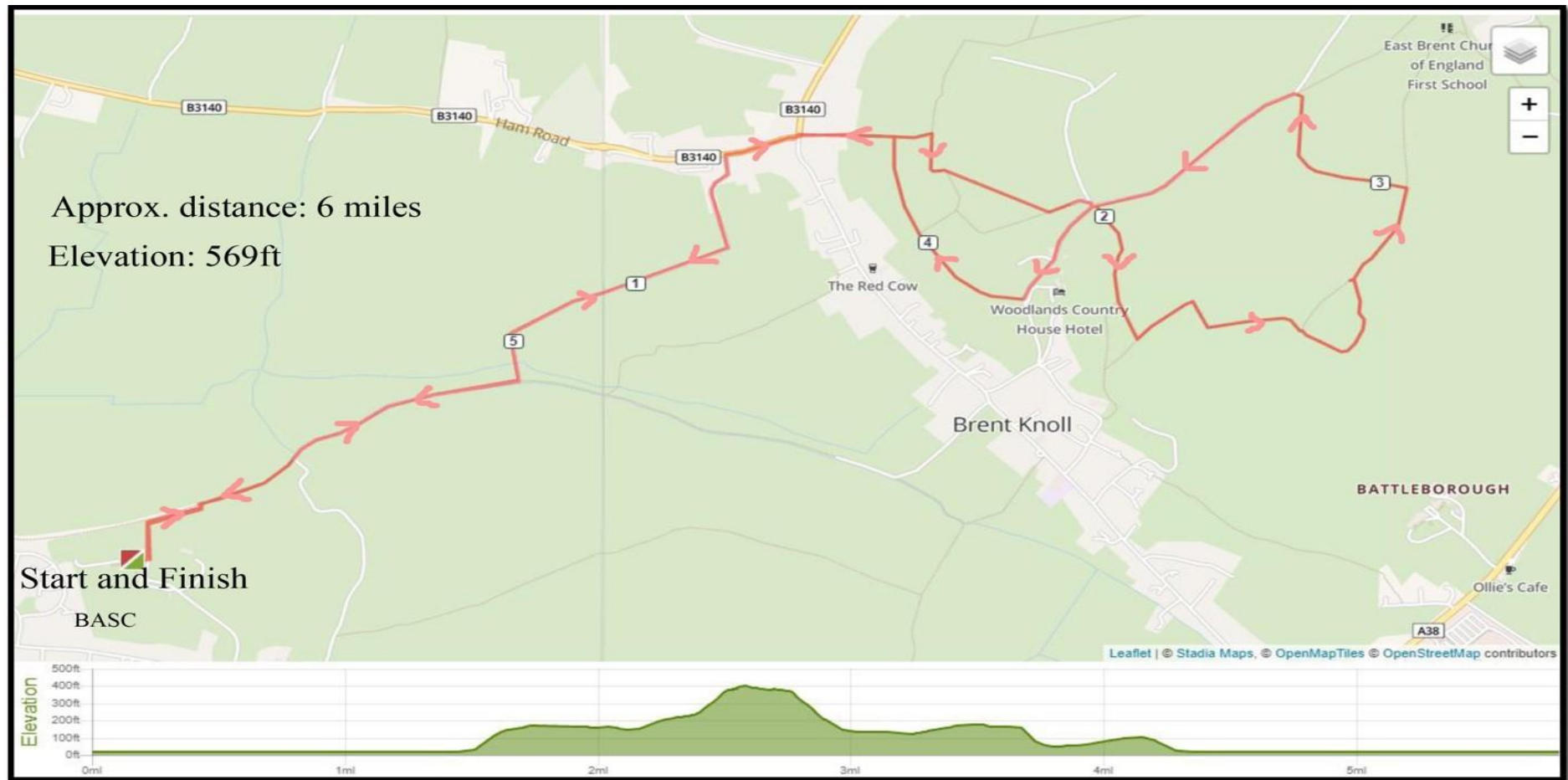
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	from the BASC main building.						
Communications – contact with local stakeholders and event supporters.	- Race Director/Event Organisers contact local landowners prior to the race including the BASC (headquarters); West Croft Farm, Manor Farm (course access); Apex Medical and Rescue (First Aid) to confirm arrangements for the race. - Contact made to Burnham Company of Archers who use an adjacent field (not in use for the race): MESSAGE US - Stakeholder concerns can be made by email to BurnhamHarriers@gmail.com	Race Director/Event organisers maintain contact with landowners and can assess or amend the route if issues arise – e.g. course restrictions, access denied or prevented. Third party complaints are addressed by Race Director/event organisers by email or direct contact, where applicable.			Race Director/Event Organisers	Prior to race	

Risk Assessment sign-off:

Name of Assessor	Steve Dorrall	Date	03/09/2026	Race Director:	Matt Powell
Signature:	S Dorrall			Signature:	

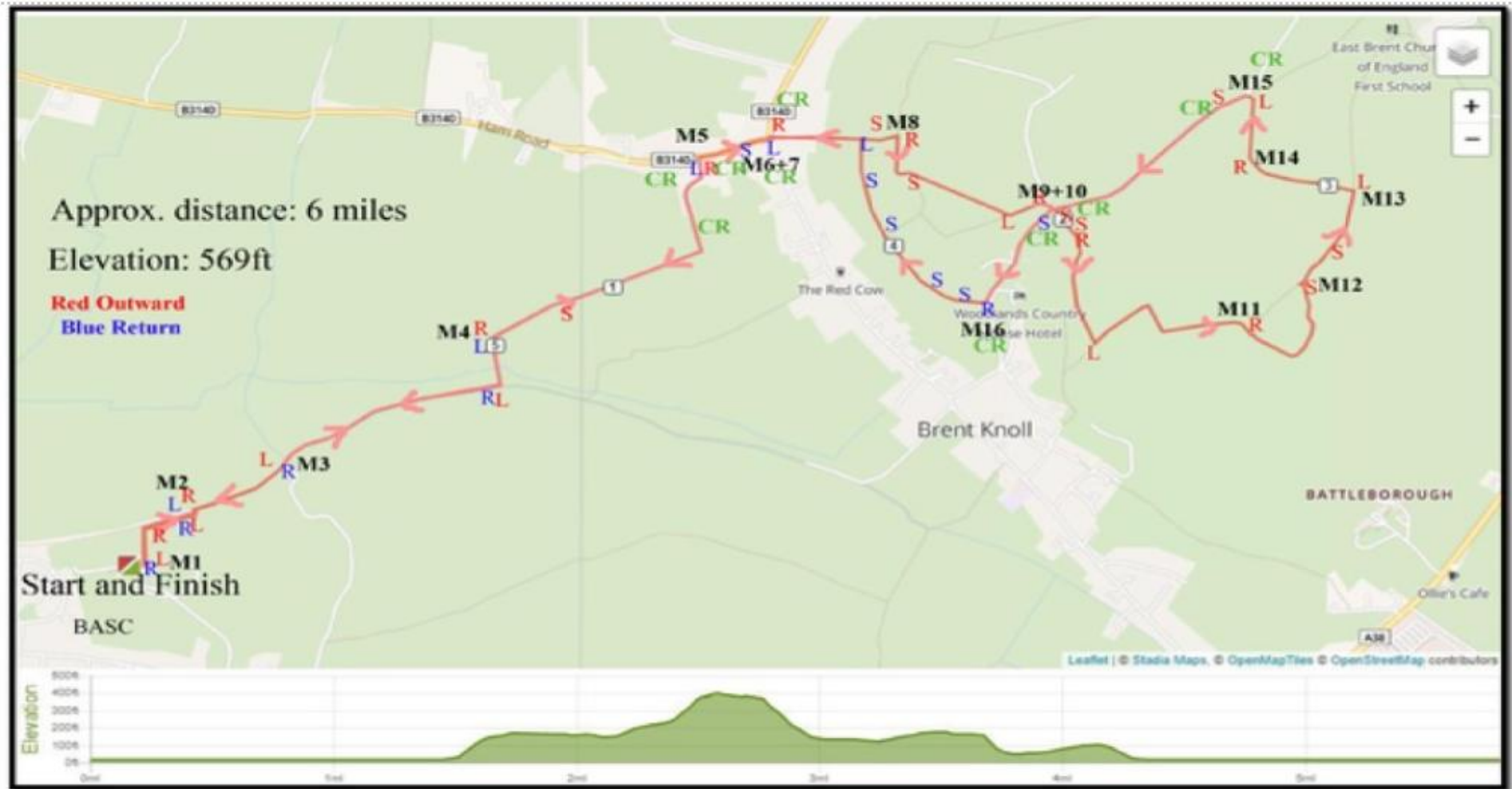
BASC Sports Ground layout





Brent Knoll Race Route





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Brent Knoll Race signage and marshal posts.