

Welcome to Witney Roadrunners' main event of the year – The Cotswold Classic 10 mile Road Race. For latest race news visit our website: www.witneyroadrunners.co.uk/cotswoldclassic or social media pages.

The Cotswold Classic is a firmly established event in the local running calendar. The club wishes to thank all the officials, marshals and helpers, The King's School and all our sponsors, who enable us to hold the race. Your race number which includes your timing chip will be available to pick up on the day. Hope you enjoy our *fundulating* course!

Dan Wymer, Race Director

TIMETABLE

8.00am Registration desk opens9.50am Head to start line10.00am Race starts12.00pm Presentations (estimate)2.30pm Venue closes

RACE HEADQUARTERS

Located in the **main hall** of The King's School, New Yatt Road, Witney, Oxfordshire OX29 6TA. Please observe all instruction signs, and if you have any questions contact the Information Desk.

RACE PROFILE

The race is over an undulating course starting near, and finishing in The King's School grounds. There will be two water stations on the course and one at the finish area. There will be plenty of marshals on the course. Please obey their instructions at all times. Mile markers are at every mile, and a time clock at the finish.

RACE REGISTRATION

Pick up numbers from Race HQ on the day. A race profile with risk assessments will be available for scrutiny.

PARKING

Witney is just off the A40, approx. 12 miles from Oxford and 27 miles from Cheltenham. The race HQ is on a quiet road just to the north of the town. There will be marshals to direct you to race day car parks so please look out for them as you approach. No parking is available in the school.

CHANGING

Male and female changing facilities will be provided in two school classrooms. Toilets are in the main school building. Please respect the school and local residents by not urinating in the school grounds or surrounding area.

BAGGAGE AREA

An area is provided within the school for your kit. Please use the facility to help keep the main school areas clear. Baggage is left at your own risk.

RACE CATEGORIES & PRIZES

There will be prizes for overall male and female winners, age category winners and the 1st male and female teams (3 to count in both). In the event of a team tie, the team with the highest placed finisher will win. We aim to start the presentations at noon; however, this may run late if eligible runners are still on course



THE START AND FINISH

The race starts on the New Yatt Road, **5 minutes away** from the school, and finishes in front of the school.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

All runners must compete their details on the reverse of the running number at race registration on race day. If you have any pre-existing medical conditions, it is particularly important that you do this. If you don't, we won't know. If you have any doubts as to your health, please don't run as this course has some challenging hills.

REFRESHMENTS

Free water and Little Ox Brew Co beer will be available at the finish. Hot food and cakes will be available to purchase, as well as hot & cold drinks so please bring money to support our vendors!

RUNNING NUMBERS

You will need to pick up your number on the day so please arrive in plenty of time. The number should be securely fixed to the front of your vest. Do not fold, cut down or deface your number as this may lead to disqualification. Do not give your number to another runner without formal agreement from the Race Director.

NUMBER SWITCHING/REFUNDS

You can transfer your entry to another runner via the Race Nation website or app up to the entry deadline of **24th August**. Get in touch if you have any queries. Running under another runner's name will result in disqualification.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

There will be qualified first aid cover and an ambulance. The Medical HQ will be located close to the finish area at Race HQ. The course marshals are available to report casualties to Medical HQ.

RESULTS

Results will be available at the finish and on the website: www.witneyroadrunners.co.uk/cotswoldclassic

PHOTOS

Barry Cornelius, who has taken photos at many previous Cotswold Classics & other local events has hung up his camera so we may not have a photographer this year. If a photographer is available, images will be posted to or linked to via our social media pages.

HEADPHONES ARE NOT PERMITTED

Please note that any runners using headphones during the race will be disqualified. The roads will NOT be closed to traffic so it is essential that all runners are able to hear instructions from marshals and course officials and that they can hear traffic and emergency vehicles approaching from both directions. As per UKA rules, bone conduction headphones are permitted.

COURSE SAFETY

The 10 mile race is run under UKA rules. Runners should adhere to instructions of marshals. As mentioned previously, runners using headphones will be disqualified. Spectators must not follow the race on bicycles, skates, scooters, motorbike or car. No dogs with runners please. There will be a lead car, and a bike or car following at the rear of the field. There is an official time limit for recording finishers of 2.5 hours, after which time the race officials and marshals will be withdrawn and any runners remaining on the course will do so at their own risk.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Witney does not have a train station. The S1 Bus runs every 40 minutes from Oxford on Saturdays. It can be boarded at the bus and train stations in Oxford. Alight at Newlands in Witney which is approximately 1 mile walk to the Race HQ.

FEEDBACK

Feedback helps us know what we're doing well and what we can do even better so please do let us know your thoughts via our social media channels and race review websites.

SOCIAL MEDIA

As well as keeping up to date with all the latest Cotswold Classic news, we'd love to hear about your training and how your race goes. Make sure you use the hashtag #CCMMXXIV

Facebook:	/cotswoldclassic
Twitter:	@CCFestivalRun
Instagram:	@CotswoldClassic

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should you have any further questions please contact our Race Director Dan via email: <u>wrrdanw@gmail.com</u>





