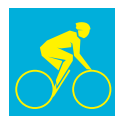




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Olympic Cycling in Surrey

Road Race Newsletter

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Welcome to the first Olympic Cycling Road Race Newsletter. Over the coming months, in the lead up to the London 2012 Olympic Games, we will keep you informed with the latest information about race times, road closures and ways that you can get involved.

As many of you already know, Surrey is set to host the men's and women's Olympic Cycling Road Races. This is a great opportunity for local people to experience a real highlight of the London 2012 Games. Surrey is also hosting the Olympic Time Trial Cycle Race in August 2012, which is going to travel through Elmbridge. If you live on or near the route you will receive a separate newsletter.

In addition, on **Sunday 14 August** this year Surrey will be hosting the London-Surrey Cycle Classic which will act as a test event for the main road race in 2012. This will ensure that we are well prepared to host a world class event.

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- Race dates and times
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Why have we sent you this newsletter?

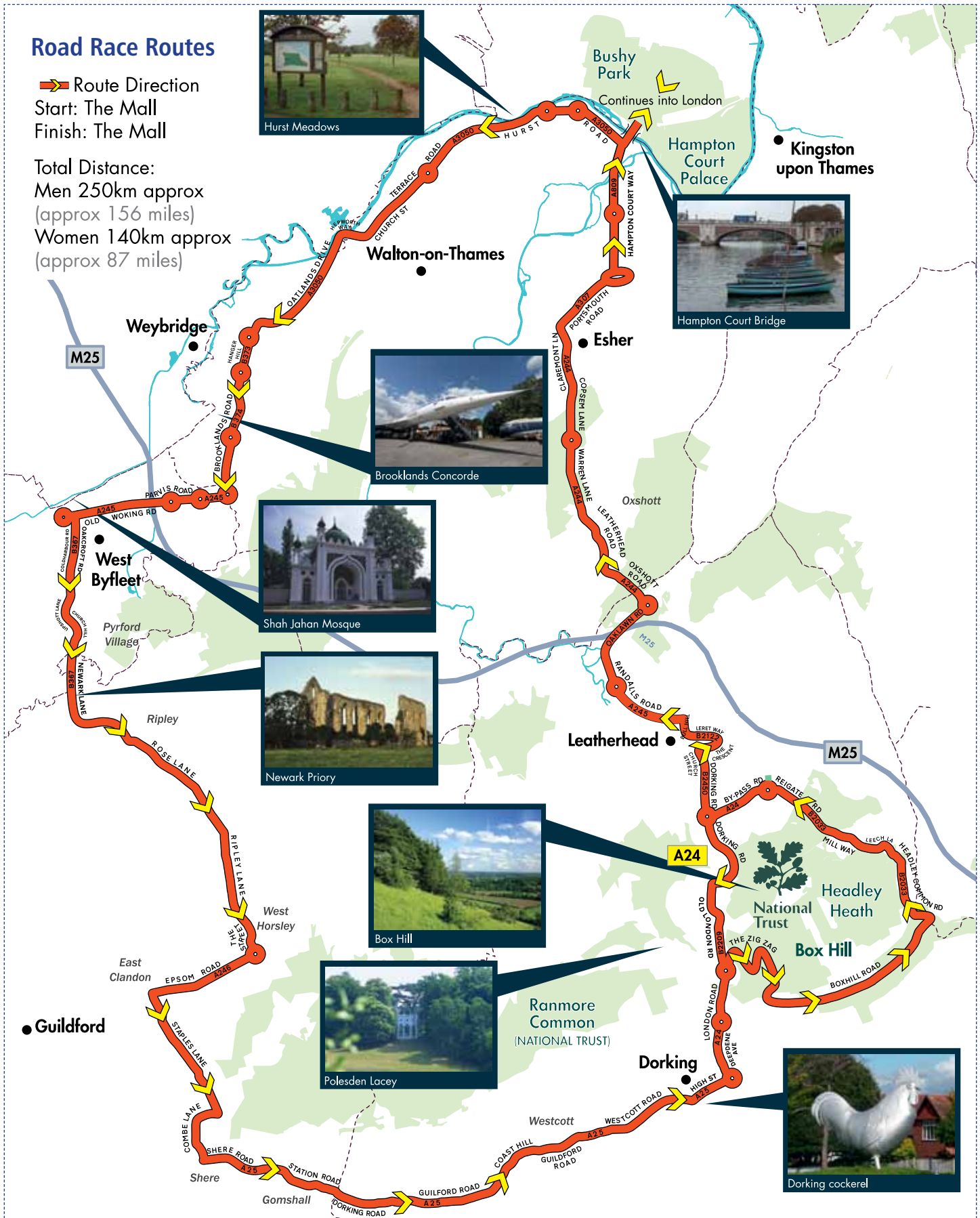
As your property is within 100 metres of the race route we want to make sure that you are well informed in order to help you plan your day around the cycle races.

Look out for our next newsletter, scheduled for late June 2011, which will feature more information on the proposed road closure times and volunteering opportunities for the London-Surrey Cycle Classic in August 2011.

Road Race Routes

➔ Route Direction
 Start: The Mall
 Finish: The Mall

Total Distance:
 Men 250km approx
 (approx 156 miles)
 Women 140km approx
 (approx 87 miles)



Race Times	Enters Surrey	Reaches Box Hill	Leaves Box Hill	Leaves Surrey
Test Event 2011	9.30am	10.40am	11.20am	11.50am
Men's 2012	10.30am	11.40am	2.30pm	3.30pm
Women's 2012	12.30pm	1.40pm	2.20pm	2.50pm

Race times are approximate and are subject to change. Road closure times will be released in June 2011.

2012 Cycling Road Race route

There have been many discussions about the exact cycle route, both for the test event and the Olympic cycle races. As a result, LOCOG decided to take advantage of the great terrain in Surrey. The test event and both Olympic cycle races will start in London and join Surrey mid-way across Hampton Court Bridge. Athletes will then do a tour of the route (please see map opposite) with the men's race taking in nine laps of Box Hill on the Saturday and the women's two laps on the Sunday. Once the entire Surrey stretch of the races has been completed, cyclists will then rejoin the final leg in London at Hampton Court Bridge finishing at The Mall.

Watch history happen on your doorstep

The attention of the world's media, a worldwide television audience and Olympic spectators will be watching Surrey for two days in July 2012. And we don't want Surrey residents to miss out. It's your county after all! So over the coming months we will be busy putting together plenty of information to help you make the most of these events. This will include an interactive map on the [gosurrey.info](http://www.gosurrey.info) website with details of the best vantage points for you to enjoy the races, and advice on how you can get to them. And don't forget you get to cheer on our Olympic hopefuls for free.



Key dates for the diary

Sunday 14 August 2011

London-Surrey Cycle Classic (test event)

Saturday 28 July 2012

Men's Olympic Cycling Road Race

Sunday 29 July 2012

Women's Olympic Cycling Road Race

Make your mark

Hosting an Olympic event in Surrey will provide a lasting legacy for generations to come. With this in mind, our pledge is to use the cycle events as a way of encouraging children and young people within the county to embrace the sport. From now until the Games there will be an array of activities and opportunities for children and young people to get involved in, from volunteering and leadership roles through to taking part in sport.

We have created a website purely for the 2012 Games. All sorts of information can be found on there, including information on the Olympic legacy and how to be part of it! Visit www.gosurrey.info.

Potential disruption

While the Olympic events are exciting and will bring a welcome boost to Surrey's economy, there will be a certain amount of disruption which is unavoidable.

Some roads along the race route will be closed for a significant period during the events. And whilst the roads that will be directly affected are known, greater clarity around the length of time they will remain closed will be available in June 2011.

Volunteering opportunities

Want to get involved? With around 2,000 volunteering opportunities available, there will be something for everyone. Find out how you can be part of London 2012, visit www.gosurrey.info.

Get your questions answered

Have a question or query that we haven't answered for you in this newsletter?

Fill in the comment card enclosed or contact us using the details below.

Contact details

Check out www.gosurrey.info for more information.

Call 0300 200 1018

Email olympic.cycling@surreycc.gov.uk

Post your query to:

2012 Team, Room 157, Surrey County Council

Penrhyn Road, Kingston upon Thames

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Frequently asked questions

Over the next few months each of our newsletters will aim to provide you with up-to-date information, whether that is about the race itself, potential disruptions, or ways to get involved. In the meantime here are some frequently asked questions that you may find useful.

Q. How long will roads used for the route be closed?

A. The length of the closure will depend on the location of the road. Surrey County Council's Highways and Transport team are currently working alongside Transport for London to produce a traffic management plan, which will set out the length of the closures. Surrey County Council want to minimise the disruption to local residents and therefore will be working hard to ensure the roads are only closed for as long as is absolutely necessary. This information is going to be available in June 2011.

Q. What access will there be for people living and working near roads that are closed?

A. We are looking into how local residents will be able to cross the route after the initial closures have been put in place. This includes designated crossing points, which will be closed just before the race passes through, and pedestrian crossing points, at areas that have barriers along the route. Please note that parking restrictions will be in place on the route, and vehicles will not be allowed on the roads at specified times on race days. There will also be road closures and barriers in place at certain points to protect spectators. Every road closure, including the dates and times that they are expected to close, will be listed online at www.gosurrey.info in June 2011.

Q. What arrangements have been made for emergency service vehicles to access the roads that are closed?

A. Planning for the cycling events involves the Police, Fire and Rescue and Ambulance Services. Emergency vehicles will be placed in the most appropriate locations across the county to allow any situation to be dealt with quickly and safely. Emergencies will be treated in the usual way, and the safety of residents and visitors will be dealt with as a priority.

Q. Will road repairs be undertaken to resolve any issues that might affect the cyclists?

A. Surrey County Council is already investing in the resurfacing of the county's roads and this is undertaken on a priority basis. The council will maintain the Olympic cycling routes to a similar standard expected of our roads. Therefore, with additional surveillance, any necessary maintenance work will be carried out as normal.

Q. What arrangements have been made to ensure security of homes and businesses, when so many people are coming to the area?

A. Surrey Police will lead on the planning of all aspects of security of local homes and businesses. They will call upon not only their own officers, but also voluntary officers, such as special constables, and will receive assistance from neighbouring police forces.

For more FAQ's please visit www.gosurrey.info or use the contact details overleaf.



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