



# New Forest National Park

## Charter for Cycle Event Organisers

- what it achieves



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# General approach

A focus on underlying principles and important outcomes (e.g. safe events, responsible behaviour and minimised impact).

For example, no maximum limit on rider numbers is stated since this would be dependent on a wide range of event-specific factors.





# Safety Advisory Group

Confirmation of the central role played by the Safety Advisory Group. Improved SAG processes, including the creation of an online calendar and an online feedback form on the SAG web page.

NFALC and the NPA will now be advised about and able to contribute information to the SAG when larger cycle events are planned. Through NFALC, parish councils will be notified. Liaison with the Verderers about drifts will become a normal part of event planning





# Rider identification

The value of front and rear rider numbers is highlighted.

The Charter does not insist on rear numbers for all events. However, different event organisers are likely to adopt different stances on this matter – we can monitor the results.





## Timing and awards

Publication of rider times should not be done in ways that enable riders to easily compare their results.

Risks associated with issuing awards based on performance are highlighted. Such awards are not completely ruled out, but significant importance is placed on ensuring the riders do not race or go against the Highway Code





# A living document

Much greater understanding between different interest groups.

The charter provides an opportunity for local people and organisations to give cycle event organisers time to demonstrate that they can put on safe events, attended by responsible cyclists – with minimal impacts on the Forest.

We can review what more needs to be done after a year.





Any questions?

