



NOTES FOR CHARIOTS OF FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021

	<b>Risk Level</b>
<p>Representatives of the Chariots of Fire committee and EAAA walked the course for the purposes of the Risk Assessment Policy on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021.</p> <p>We noted that the first section of the course (across Queens' Green in a southerly direction) would be marked by a taped running lane through which the runners would pass, connecting to the point at which they will leave Queens' Green to join Silver Street. We also noted we would need to place extra marshals at the start of the course to keep spectators off the course.</p>	
<p><b>Observations:</b> The trees will need pruning by the Council to reduce the overhang. This work is scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> September.</p>	<b>Low Risk</b>
<p>For safety purposes, at the start of the Race, there are marker points for the fastest runners, who will begin at the front, to avoid the risk of contact with the slower runners.</p>	<b>Low Risk</b>
<p>There are trees on Queens' Green but are now established and clearly visible. To further assist runner, red and white tape will be wrapped about the trucks.</p>	<b>Low Risk</b>
<p>We noted that there are rubbish bins and dog waste bins on the edge of the grass. It will be necessary to mark this off by tape but are sufficiently close to the bollards fence so as not to impact on course. A marshal will be placed at the corner of Queens' Green.</p>	<b>Low Risk</b>
<p>On leaving Queens' Green runners have to pass through a series of. These will be marked and wrapped in tape. There are reasonable sized gaps for the runners. At present there is long grass to encourage nature on approach to the barriers. This may be cut in time for the race in September.</p>	<b>Medium Risk</b>
<p><b>Silver Street</b></p>	
<p>There is a temporary road closure order in place from 9.00am until 11.30am on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021. The tour bus schedule may be affected with the first two' tours at 10.10 and 10.50am.</p>	<b>Low Risk</b>
<p>The alternative route for vehicles is via Newnham Road – The Fen Causeway – Trumpington Street and vice versa. Nothing in this Order shall apply so as to prevent the passage of any vehicle being used by any member of the Police, Fire</p>	

and Rescue Service or Ambulance Service during the execution of their duties or to any person acting with the permission or upon the direction of a Police Officer in uniform or of a Traffic Warden.

0.333 km

There is scaffolding erected towards the end Silver Street and the pavement is closed. We recommend that runners run in single file past this boarded up scaffolding and position additional marshals at this point. The route for 2021 will continue to the end of Silver Street and traffic will be coming from the right along Trumpington Street and from the left having exited Bene't Street. Marshals will be positioned at this point.

**Medium Risk**

0.611 km

### **1.1 Kings Parade**

The section of the road between the Silver Street junction and the end of King's Parade is quiet on Sunday mornings in late September. Vehicular traffic is normally limited to people being delivered to Great St Mary's Church. We noted that bollards and lamp posts along this stretch on the edge of the pavement need to be taped up.

**Low Risk**

An ice-cream cart is usually parked by the side of the pavement. This may not be in effect due to Kings College works but WvN will ask the highways Street Traders department to ask if the vendor will position the cart along the pavement so that it is not taking up too much space. Four marshals will be positioned at the junction with Benet Street with a further three marshals positioned by Great St Mary's church to prevent runners turning right and this point, so they continue along Kings Parade.

**Medium Risk**

#### **Observations:**

Along the length of Kings Parade there are staggered fixed bins. There is also the terrorist traffic barrier. This narrows the pavement width, still provides sufficient space but could pose a potential conflict point, especially with cyclists. Red and white tape will highlight their presence. Additional marshals will also be positioned here.

**Medium Risk**

At the end of King's Parade runners will take a sharp left turn down Senate House Passage. There is a bollard in the middle of the entrance into Senate House Passage which will be taped up for visibility purposes only.

**Low Risk**

#### **Trinity Lane**

The runners will run to the end of the Passage being advised to run down the centre to avoid the cobbles on the right hand side and turn right into Trinity lane, as directed by a marshal holding a large arrow. Runners will be advised to run on the pavement. An adult marshal will be placed here along with a second marshal to manage pedestrian traffic.

**Low Risk**

0.977km

#### **Observations:**

A marshal will be placed at the junction of Trinity Lane and Garret Hostel Lane to ensure runners take a sharp left into Garret Hostel Lane. There will be two way traffic of runners along Trinity Lane, but to avoid any collisions or confusion runners will be advised to run along separate paths, depending on direction of travel and additional marshals, will be positioned to direct runners.

**Low Risk**

[1117km](#)

**Garret Hostel Lane**

There will be two-way traffic of runners along Garret Hostel Lane. To avoid any collisions or confusion marshals will be positioned along the entire length of the lane, which will be separated in two halves using cones and red and white tape. Before reaching the bridge, runners will turn right into Trinity College – Brew House Gate where the pathway is a little uneven but pot holes have been circulated in yellow paint by the council. We will place three marshals at this point to direct runners into the college and to prevent them from running over the bridge. We noted there was a small piece of metal in the ground as you enter through the gates. This will be covered with a cone.

**Medium Risk**

**Observations:**

There will be two lanes of runners along Garret Hostel Lane, towards Trinity College down the right-hand side and back towards Kings College along the left hand lane. Additional marshals shall be positioned along this stretch of the route with cones and red and white tape to ensure the two lanes are separated. Runners will be advised to run in single file. There is a temporary road closure order in place from 9.00am until 12 noon on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**Medium Risk**

The alternative route for pedestrians and cyclists is via Queens Road towards Silver Street or the bottom of Castle Hill. Alternatively, along Trinity lane.

At both entrances of this lane, AA signage will indicate the temporary road closure.

Inside Trinity College, runners will then follow the path towards the river where a marshal will be placed to direct them. On the section between the roadway and the exit gates on to The Backs there are three speed bumps and some uneven road surface leading up to the gateway.

[1234 km](#)

**Trinity College**

Trinity College drive ('The Avenue'). AA is satisfied that, although this private drive is open to vehicular visitors to Trinity College, the numbers and speed are very low.

**Low Risk**

There is some further uneven surface just at the point of the gateway out of the College and on the far side of it which we will mark with tape. We will place two marshals here to ensure runners do not enter the first pathway on the left after

**Low Risk**

exiting the rear gates of Trinity College and an adult will ensure cars do not park on the grass car park by the path.

1524 km

As runners head down Queen's Road towards Garrett Hostel Lane they will be directed by bollards and marshals holding large arrows directing runners along Garrett Hostel Lane towards the bridge.

**Low Risk**

**Observations:**

There are large tree roots close to the start of Garrett Hostel Lane, cones will be positioned on them to stop runners leaving the path. Marshals to instruct pedestrians / cyclists of the temporary road closure. Trees are overhanging and will need to be cut before September.

**Low Risk**

1645km

**Kings College**

A marshal will be placed at the top end of Garrett Hostel Lane to direct runners right along the pavement on Trinity Lane towards King's College. The runners will enter King's College through the right hand gate. This gate will be unlocked at **7.00am** to enable the route markers to mark the course and will be open between 8.30am and 8.45am when a marshal will be in position to stop tourists entering the College grounds before their allocated time.

**Low Risk**

**Observations:**

There is a patch of cobble stones and pot holes along Trinity Lane. Cones will be positioned over the larger pot holes and marshals will instruct runners to be cautious at this section of the course.

**Medium risk**

1971km

A marshal will be placed by the chapel to direct runners down alongside Kings College lawn and towards the river and instruct runners to keep off the lawn. A further marshal will be placed at the bottom corner to direct runners left along the river.

**Low Risk**

**Observations:**

Along the right hand side of the path, there is established fauna/ vegetation. However, the path is sufficiently wide so as not to pose a hazard for runners. The path may be slippery in wet weather.

**Queen's Road**

Runners go through the King's gates and turn left. A marshal will be placed here to ensure runners proceed towards Queen's Road before turning left onto Queens' Green (this point to be marshalled for directional purposes).

**Medium Risk**

2486km

This section of path leading down parallel to Queens' road is uneven and could be slippery if the weather is wet.

There is a set of traffic lights half way along this section and a crossing point for pedestrians over Queens' Road. This point will need to be marshalled for directional purposes and to avoid the risk of contact with any pedestrians who may be crossing over Queens' Road as runners pass.

There is a Voi bike park opposite the crossing point. This has been investigated and its been arranged for this park to be made offline between 8-12 on morning of the race.

Along the pavement section of Queens' Green people can park their bikes which we have identified as a possible hazard. We will make signs and put them onto the fence along this section asking people to park their bikes further along the road (after the entrance the runners will use to enter the green).

Outside Queens' Green. We will have 10 marshals to prevent bike parking along this fence, together with many signs and red and white tape.

There is a gateway into Queens' Green, which will be marshalled, to indicate where runners go back on to Queens' Green and turn left along a marked route towards the finish and to ensure the runners do not interfere with pedestrians crossing Queens' road at the crossing.

2751 km

## **2 Medical backup/communication**

Four Marshals will have walkie talkie radios on their own dedicated channel. However, they can access the same frequency as the race compère and communication could be achieved instantly with him.

All the Marshals will be briefed in advance to have with them their own mobile phones. All of them, in their briefings, will be given the number of the person who will be on duty at the information point as the main contact point for all accidents/incidents which may need to be reported.

The First Aid supplier will be present and will have a couple of bikes if they need to go quickly to the scene of an accident on the race route.

Full details of the medical/incident provision are to be communicated by the Race Director to the Marshals.

A list of things for runners to be aware of whilst running the race route, outlined in this assessment, will be given to each team manager on the day of the race. There will also be a race briefing 25 minutes before the race by the race director of the day – Charles Hewitson.

**Low Risk**

### **NOTES:**

No runners under the age of 16 are permitted to take part in Chariots of Fire.

Each team leader is provided a disclaimer form for their team, during online registration (the form is also available to download via the chariots of fire website). Every team member is asked to sign this before the race. The Chariots of Fire administration team monitor the returns and, if necessary, flag those teams who haven't returned a form to the registration team on the morning of the race. Those team leaders are asked to get the form completed by all runners before being provided their race packs and running baton. There is a dedicated disclaimer form in the registration marquee.