



Traffic Management Plan

The Lydd Half Marathon & 20 Mile

Banks Sports Club, Dennes Lane, Lydd TN29 7HG

Sunday 29th March 2026
From 09:00 AM

Version 2. May 2025

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1. Event Overview

1.1 Introduction

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1.2 Marshalling

Nice Work will provide a Race Director, Course Manager, Chief Marshal and key marshals. All of the race team will be experienced marshals and have worked on many events.

Course marshals will be provided by volunteers from the town, including the local Rotary Club and scouts and guide groups from various patrols within the town area. All will receive full briefing notes and have mobile contact telephone numbers for key officials and the medical provider. Marshals will be supported by the core race management team.

All marshals, race officials, race managers and third party providers, including medical providers will wear high visibility clothing.

1.3 Communications

All members of the race team are in contact with members of the race management team via mobile phones. All race marshals have printed details of contact numbers and protocols to be followed in the event of an emergency. Raynet will be in attendance to provide course wide communications.

1.4 Public Awareness

The course is all on surfaced rural roads. Lanes are mainly wide with clear visibility and low traffic volume. We do recognise that the public should have advance information of the event in order that they may plan their day around the race and so mitigate personal inconvenience as far as possible. This information will be conveyed by advance warning information along the race route, and at other strategic points. These signs will be lightweight polypropylene signs, fixed as appropriate.

Extensive advertising of the race will also alert local people and the support from the local villages will also ensure that most residents are aware of the event.

1.5 Race Route

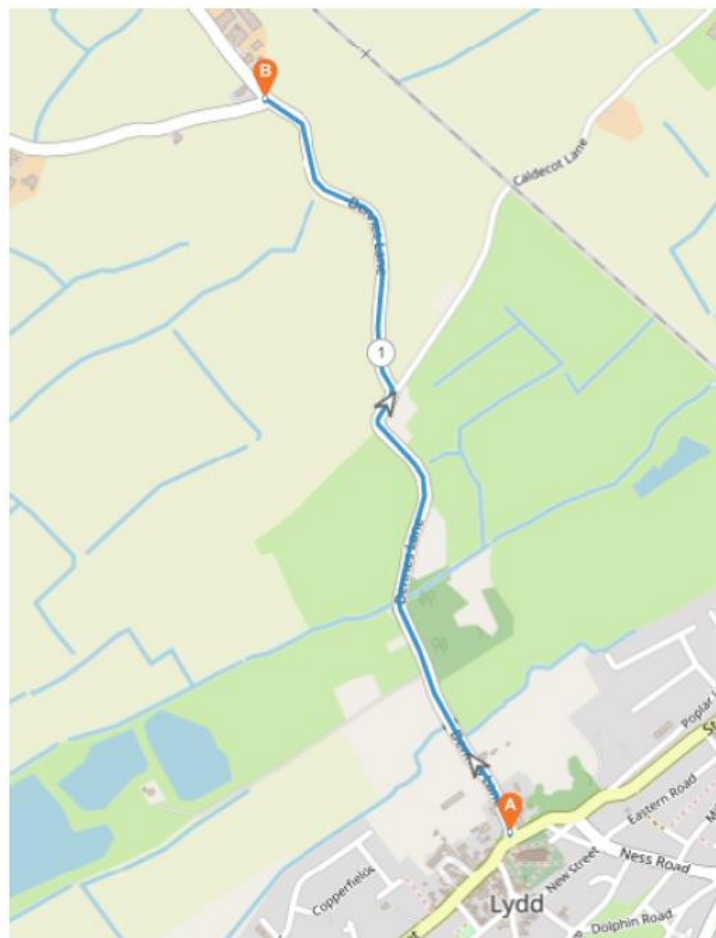
The race follows the following rural route:

- Starting on Dennes Lane
- Continue along Swamp Road towards Old Romney
- Turn left to continue along Swamp Road
- Left towards Midley Wall
- Right past Midley Cottages
- 20 milers turn right into Ashentree Lane
- Half marathon runners continue straight on bearing left into Clubb's Lane where they turn round
- 20 Mile Runners continue on to Brookland, along Barnhouse Lane and Boarman's Lane
- Turn left into Clubb's Lane
- Right onto Beacon Lane
- Left into Hook Wall where they turn round
- Returning along the same route to the Sports Club on Dennes Lane

2. Road Closures

2.1 Overview

The bulk of the race route follows quiet country lanes with light traffic. The route will have one temporary road closure in place to ensure that the race can start safely. The race starts at 09:00 so the 15 minute closure will be in place from 08:55 until 09:10.

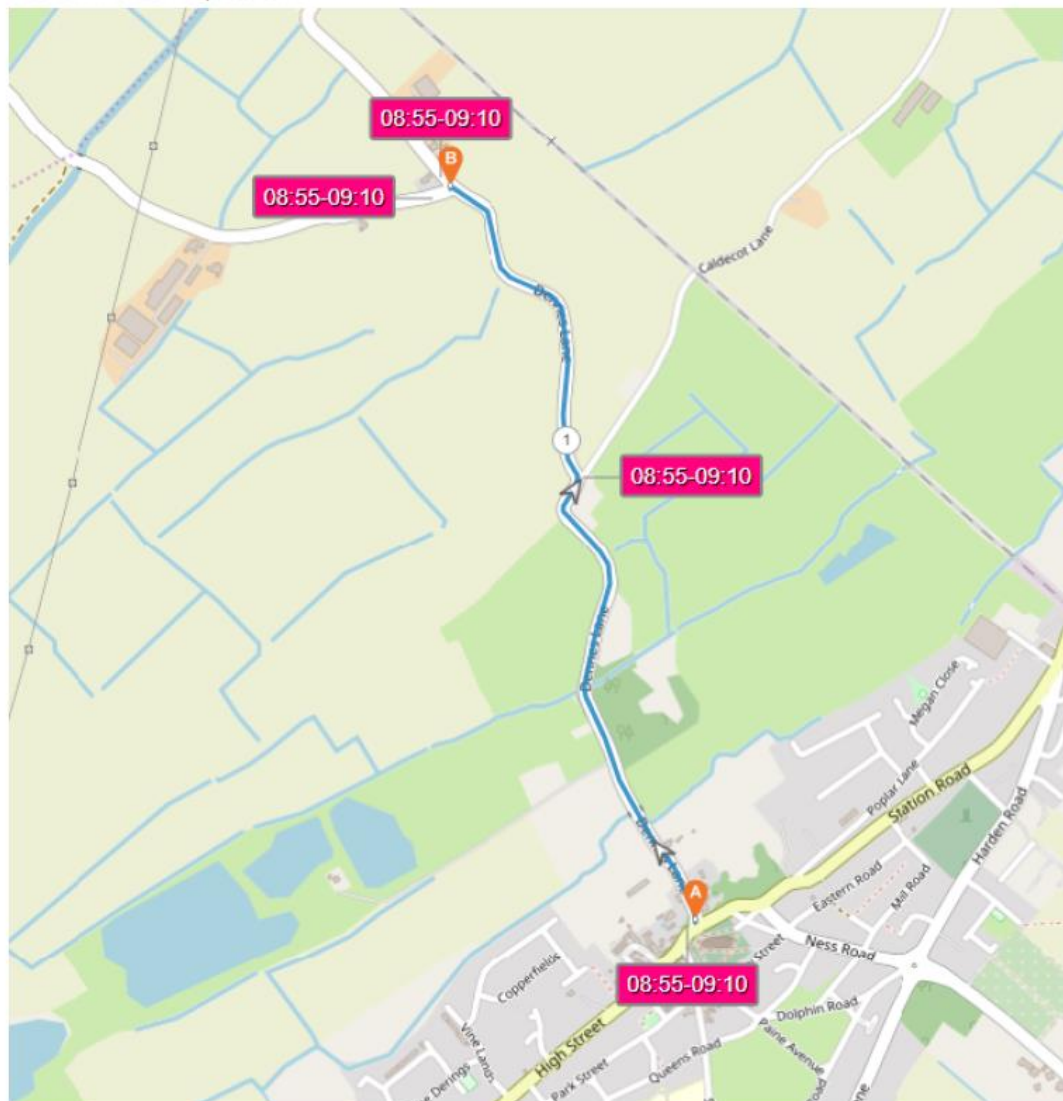


2.2 Diversions

No diversions are planned due to the length of the closure.

2.3 Advance Warning

Signage advising local residents of the event will be displayed two weeks prior to the event and placed at certain locations around the course. The location of these signs are shown in the map below.



2.4 Traffic Management Signs

Traffic management signs will be light (polypropylene) temporary road signs which slide over the top of standard road cones using a specific fitting. Signs and cones will be placed by the race management team at the time of the road closures.



2.5 Control of Pedestrians

The race follows a rural route and will attract few spectators other than local residents. We will not impose any pedestrian controls.

2.6 Control of Moving Traffic

Along Dennes Lane, traffic will be prohibited from entering the race route at the start of the race. Once all runners have started and are off of Dennes Lane, the road will be reopened and any traffic.

The lanes will allow for the comfortable passage of road vehicles allowing runners to participate in safety. Traffic on the race route will be advised by signage of the event and of the likelihood of runners in the road.

2.7 Control of Parking

Competitors and supporters will be directed, in pre-race publicity, to park on the perimeter edge of The Rype, not on The Rype itself and surrounding local roads in the Town. It is anticipated that there will be around 450 cars of which the majority can be accommodated on the perimeter of The Rype. Some cars will be parked in the surrounding roads at the decision of the individual. Participants will be aware of the parking on the Rype, this will be sent out in race communications in the lead up to the event.

The weather conditions will be monitored in the lead up to the event to ensure that the ground at the Rype is suitable for parking. Although previous events have seen torrential rain in the lead up to and during the event, the Rype has still been a sufficient ground to park on and has had no impact on cars ability to enter or exit the ground.

2.8 Emergency Vehicles

Emergency vehicles will have access to the entire race route at all times using due caution if needed directly. A private medical provider will be in attendance on the day with course wide coverage to allow for quick response times.

3. Additional Information

3.1 Local Transport

There are no bus routes that will be affected on the day and we will inform any local taxi companies about the event so that they can avoid the race route.

3.2 Removal of Signs

After the event, the race management team will sweep the route and remove all temporary signs, cones and barriers.



Parking Plan

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1.2 Parking at the Banks Sports Club

Marshals will be in place to direct runners to parking at the Sports Club. Runners have been notified that this parking is primarily for those runners taking part in the 20 mile race as they will be unable to leave prior to 1.30pm. This is because there could still be runners on the course where cars will be exiting. Parking here is on a first come first served basis.

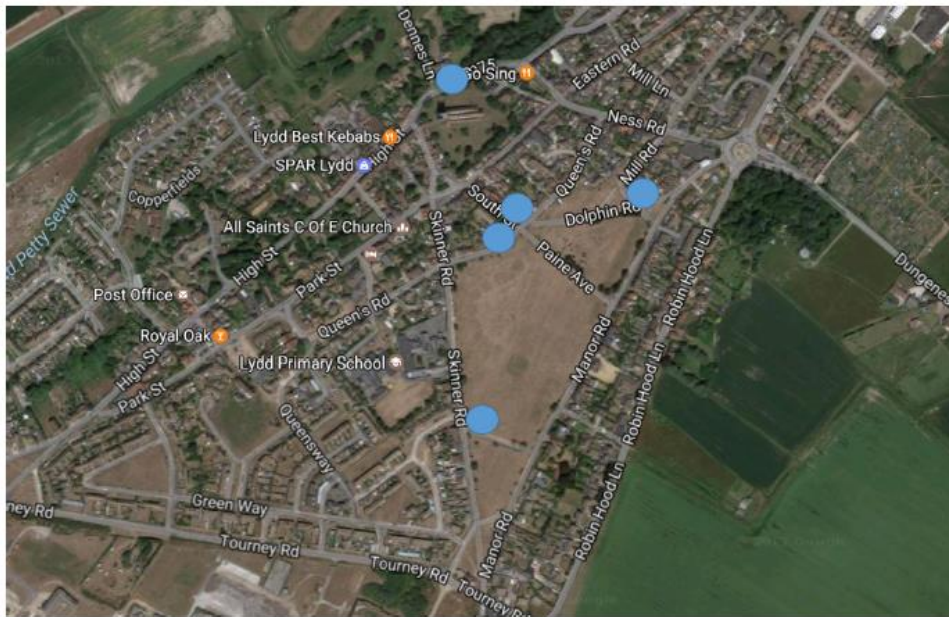
1.3 Parking on Dennes Lane

Cones will be placed along Dennes Lane to ensure passing places are available for cars coming from the North on Dennes Lane to gain access to the Town. This is also to ensure that emergency vehicles can gain access from the Town onto the route. Runners are also directed to enter the Town from the direction of Lydd airport or from Camber to minimise traffic coming down Dennes Lane.

1.4 Parking at The Rype

Marshals will be placed at the positions shown below, to direct cars to park only on the perimeter of The Rype. Runners have been sent written instructions explaining where they can park as shown below. In addition, stakes and tape will indicate the area which cannot be used together with No Parking signage.

Marshal location



Parking instructions



LYDD HALF MARATHON & 20 MILE CAR PARKING INSTRUCTIONS

Car Parking is available on a first come first served basis at the race headquarters on Dennes Lane. However, if you park here you will be unable to leave before 1.30pm as the exit forms part of the race route.

Limited parking is available on Dennes Lane but please park sensibly leaving passing places where cones mark 'no waiting' to avoid congestion on the lane.

Alternative parking is available on The Rype in the centre of Lydd and you will be directed here by marshals. Please ensure you only park on the perimeter of the land and **DO NOT PARK** in the centre of the Green. This is a football pitch and failure to adhere to marshal instructions and signage could lead to cancellation of the race in future years.

There is also parking available on local side streets but please be mindful of residents driveways.



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1. Event Information

1.1 Introduction

This document provides a summary of information for all aspects of the event, for the benefit of those involved in its organisation and delivery. The plan includes details of the event itinerary together with event personnel, site plans, route details, planning documents, risk assessments and cover provided by medical services and marshals.

The Lydd Half Marathon & 20 Mile is a race organised and delivered by Nice Work. Nice Work is a specialist race management company, affiliated to UK Athletics and with a portfolio of around 250 races throughout the UK.

The race will be held under UK Athletics rules and the race management standards conform to the standards of race organisation laid down by the Governing Body.

1.2 Planning

A number of factors have been taken into consideration before the promotion of the event. The date has been checked so as to not coincide with any other events on the same day. The venue has been assessed to ensure that the same access is available and that the route, which has been used year on year, is still viable. Nice Work has an experienced race team to deliver the event. Due to the time of year that the event takes place, specific attention has been made to potential weather conditions on the day. After all of these aspects have been considered, the event was proven to be acceptable and safe to promote.

The Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 applies primarily to firms employing more than five employees but also applies to activities such as the Lydd Half Marathon & 20 Mile which is organised by Nice Work. Whilst not a legal duty the need for a written risk assessment normally is a requirement of parent associations and insurance companies. This Management Plan includes identification and mitigation of the risks associated with this event.

In August 2006, The Home Office published its document "The Good Practice Safety Guide for small and sporting events taking place on the highway, roads and public places." The Guide includes specific advice for running events and this has been considered in the preparation of this Management Plan and Risk Assessment.

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1.4 Event Timings

Saturday 28th March:

13:00 Course signage to be set out including 'Runners in Road' signage

Sunday 29th March:

06:30	Race team arrives to set up race headquarters
07:00	Final safety inspection of race route and setting up of water stations
08:55	Implementation of temporary road closure for the start of the race
09:00	Race starts
10:10	First Half Marathon finishers expected
10:50	First 20 Mile finishers expected
12:30	Final Half Marathon finishers expected
14:00	Final 20 Mile finishers expected
15:00	Site cleared

2. Course and Venue

2.1 Start and Finish of the Race

The race headquarters will be at the Banks Sports and Social Club and the adjacent Scout Hut. Portable gazebos will be erected on the cricket ground for registration. This will be used for those people collecting their numbers, on the day registrations and a queuing system will be in place.

The start of the race is along Dennes Lane and the finish of the race is on the cricket ground.

The race HQ will consist of a race registration gazebo and a food and drink vendor. There will be a bag drop area in the Scout Hut and there will be potaloos available.

There will be a gantry and timing equipment around the finish line. EMATS, medical provider, will be based at the finish to allow for a quick response to anyone that requires medical assistance.

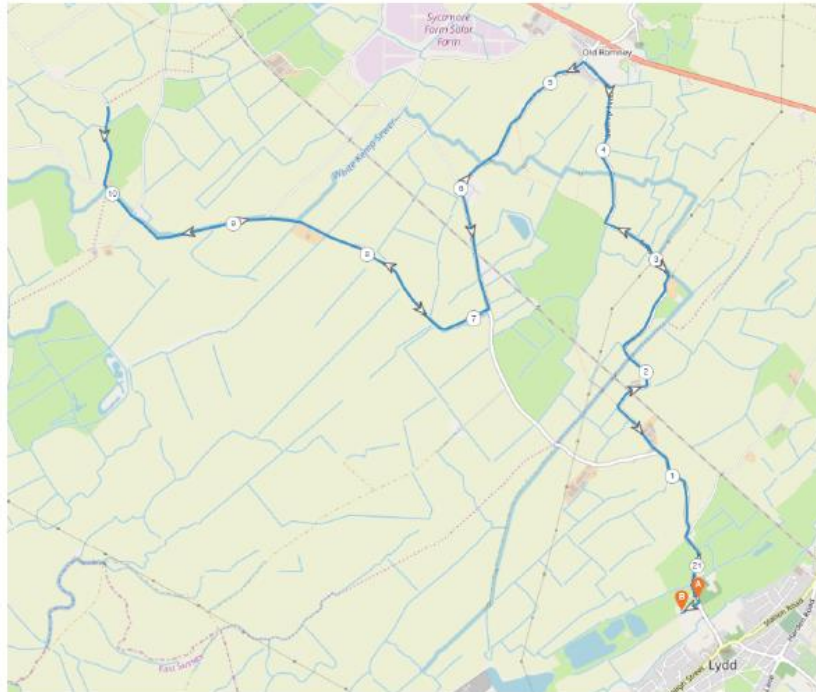
Music will be played and there will be an MC to make safety announcements and commentate as the participants make their way towards the finish. The Race Director will be monitoring noise at the event, no excessive noise is anticipated.



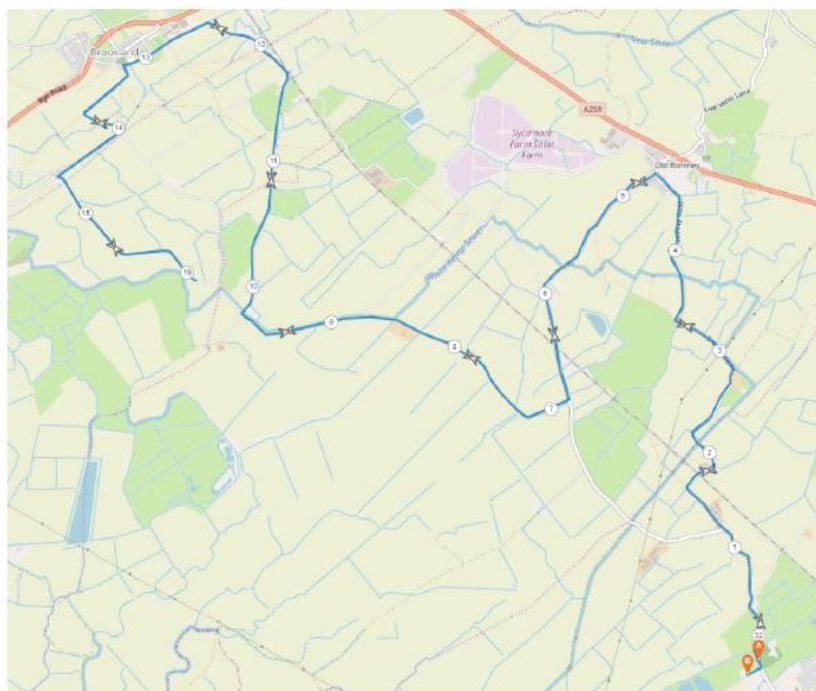
Green and yellow arrows indicate the direction of runners, the pink arrow indicates the finish line and the blue arrow indicates the start line..

2.2 Course Information

Half Marathon



20 Mile



Both the half marathon and 20 mile start on Dennes Lane and head north towards Old Romney. Both distances will inhabit the course together until just after 6 miles. At this point the 20 mile runners will turn right onto Ashentree Lane and will continue on to the turnaround point which is on Hook Wall after running past Brookland. The half marathon runners will continue past the turning with Ashentree Lane and turn right onto Chubb's Lane to their turnaround point. After both distances have turnaround the route is the same back to the finish line on the cricket ground.

2.3 Event Signage

Signage is important to give information to participants and the public and to maintain a safe environment for runners, marshals, spectators and members of the general public. The course will be marked using arrows to show the route of the course. Each mile a sign will be used to mark the distance covered. Signs will also be used to advise the public that an event is in progress. Additional signs will be used to offer information to participants at registration regarding the location of facilities. All course signs will be erected by the course team and overseen by the Course Manager. Most signs will be attached to stakes to place around the route whilst other signage will be attached to event fixtures. All of the signs are made from lightweight correx boards and are attached using cable ties. All signage will be removed shortly after the event, after the last runner has completed the route.

2.4 Aid Station

There will be 6 aid stations for the 20 mile and 3 for the half marathon. The water stations will be available approximately every 3 miles.

Water stations will be equipped with 5 Litre bottles of water that can be dispensed into plastic cups. A high standard of hygiene needs to be maintained in the distribution of water.

Volunteers or marshals will ensure that drinks are dispensed rapidly when required. Clean disposable cups, or 250ml bottles, or other individual containers, for each runner are essential, and they should not be filled to the brim. Allowing each runner two-thirds of a 6 oz. cup would give five cups to a pint, 40 to a gallon and 200 to five gallons. As some runners will take more than one cup, a considerable volume of drink and a large number of cups will be needed at each station.

All volunteers or marshals will wear gloves and high visibility clothing along with instructions and emergency contact numbers.

Other than water and sugary snacks on the finish line there will be drinks available for purchase in the Sports Club and in the Scouts Hut. Participants are advised to check the allergen information before eating any of the snacks available on the finish line.

2.5 Car Parking

Parking is available on The Rype and there is a separate plan dedicated to this.

2.6 Toilet Facilities

Portable toilets will be available within the event site and these have been ordered in line with the requirements laid out by UK Athletics. There are no toilet provisions on the course.

2.7 Waste

The majority of the plastic waste will be from the water station and the start/finish area. Nice Work will collect all event waste that is left on the route and at the water station and brought back to the race HQ. This will be done in a safe and a diligent manner so as to not leave the site in any other state than how we found it.

2.8 Road Closures

We will enact a 15 minute temporary road closure on Dennes Lane to allow the safe start of the race. Temporary signage will be used and removed as soon as the race has started.

3. Directory of Roles & Numbers

3.1 Race Management Team & Marshal Contacts

The Nice Work race management team is an experienced team of race officials and will cover the following key areas;

Name	Position	Responsibility	Contact
Nice Work	Race Director	Overall responsibility for the event and coordinating delivery on the day	
Nice Work	Course Manager	Responsible for the overall safety on the course	
Nice Work	Chief Marshal	Responsible for the safe and secure marshalling of the course	
Nice Work	Start & Finish Coordinators	Responsible for the effective processing of runners through the start and finish areas	
Nice Work	Race Registration	Ensure master database of all entrants is available	

A full list of responsibilities for each of these positions is available in appendix A.

3.2 Marshals

The main responsibility of the marshals is to act as markers on the course and to provide safety for runners in that particular area. They will also assist the race management team and the emergency services should the need arise. Marshals are also required to report any injuries or runners requiring medical attention.

Whilst on duty, marshals must;

- Ensure the safety of runners, pedestrians & other route users.
- Concentrate only on their duties. Not to use mobile phones unless required to report an emergency or medical assistance to the First Aid Point.
- Be familiar with the course to ensure runners follow the prescribed route.
- Encourage runners but also remain calm and courteous towards the runners and members of the public.
- Respond to any questions asked by the general public.
- Be prepared to assist in other areas of the event if the need arises.
- Wear distinctive high visibility clothing jackets provided by Nice Work.
- Not consume or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Not leave their place without permission unless told to do so by the Race Director or other authorised member of the race management team.

Marshals will be required to stand at their designated point for quite some time. Nice Work advises that they wear clothing appropriate for the time of year. If a marshal wants to leave their post at any time during the event, they must call in to have a replacement marshal sent to their point. Marshals are not to leave their point unattended under any circumstance. On the day of the event, all marshals will be walked or driven to their position on the route and briefed on their specific role.

4. Insurance

4.1 UK Athletics Affiliation & Race Licence

Nice Work is registered and affiliated to UK Athletics as an organisation.
Affiliation Number: 2662507

The event will hold a licence, for each distance, under UK Athletics Rules and is available to view in the race file. The event is insured under this licence of which will also be on display within the race HQ on the day.

5. Risk Assessment

Risk assessments form an essential part of our race planning process and we prepare them in line with UK Athletics guidelines to ensure they meet race licensing standards laid down by the sport’s governing body.

The risk assessments for the event have been developed to cover the various phases of the event including;

- Event
 - Course
 - Fire
 - Water / fluid Stations
- Start area
 - Finish area
 - Marshals
 - Timing

This section includes information about the medical provision at the event, along with a medical risk assessment and counter terrorism risk assessment.

Risk Assessments carried out by:	Tim Mann
Date of Assessment:	01/05/2025

The risk assessments are dynamic and subject to change in line with changes in weather and course conditions. A final course inspection will be carried out immediately prior to the race.

5.1 Risk Level Matrix

		SEVERITY		
		Slight (L)	Medium (M)	Major (H)
L I K E L I H O O D	Seldom (L)	L	L	M
	Occasionally (M)	L	M	H
	Frequently (H)	M	H	H

Risk Level Matrix: (L) Low; (M) Medium; (H) High

5.2 Event Risk Assessment

Line	Perceived Hazards	Persons at risk	Risk prior to control (H/M/L)	Control measures	Post risk control (H/M/L)	Actioned By	When
1.	Ground conditions on site	Runners Spectators Event staff	L	Ground conditions to be checked on arrival. Event staff are fully briefed prior to the event. Any hazards are to be highlighted and marshalled	L	Race Director	On the Day
2.	Vehicles entering the site for loading and unloading	Event staff Runners Pedestrians	H	Traffic movements to be coordinated by event staff. Staff given specific roles to manage traffic movements.	L	Race Director	On the Day
3.	Setting up of gazebos	Event staff	M	Experienced team setting up gazebos. Event staff fully briefed.	L	Race Director	On the Day
4.	Runners in collision with event staff on site	Runners Event staff	L	Breakdown of equipment at start & finish only takes place once the last runner has finished. Finish area is managed by an experienced race team.	L	Race Director Course Manager	On the Day
5.	Cabling associated with timing equipment is a trip hazard	Runners Event staff Pedestrians Spectators	M	Cables are placed under mats at the start & finish and tapped off from runners and other users. Finish area managed by experienced race team.	L	Race Director Timing Manager	Pre-race & on the day
6.	Weather causes flying debris or collapse of equipment	Runners Spectators Event Staff	M	Race Director to monitor weather conditions and advise accordingly. Gazebos will not be used if high winds	L	Race Director	Pre-race & on the day
7.	Clearing the site post event	Event staff	L	Experienced team working on the site. Event team fully briefed prior to the event.	L	Race Director Course Manager	Pre-race & on the day
8.	Clearance of litter and waste post event	Event staff	L	Experienced team working on the event. All waste associated with the run will be removed from the site.	L	Race Director Course Manager	On the Day