

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Welcome to the sixth Welland Valley Wander. We have a full entry this year. Thank you for supporting us. We hope that you have a good day.

The OFFICIAL bit

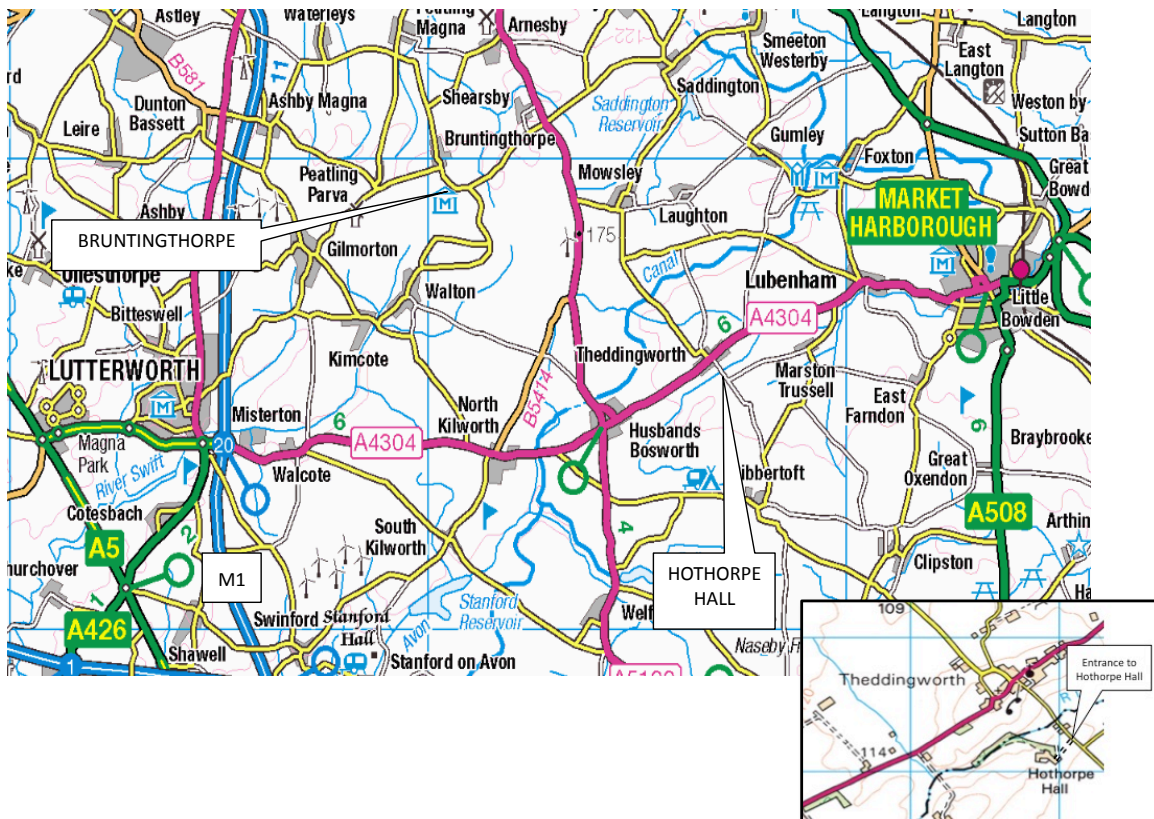
We run to the Motor Sports Association rules and regulations for Touring Assemblies (which the Welland Valley Wander is). The roadbook provides directions for a recommended route but this is not compulsory. There will be passage controls on the event but there is no mandatory requirement to visit these points although the route we have set is what we believe to be the best for your overall experience on the day. There is no specific vehicle timing on the event. However, participants should be aware of the times that marshals will be at specific locations.

There will be no driver's briefing on the day. This document takes the form of the briefing. Any queries should be addressed to Andrew Duerden, either by email at vauxhall.motorsport@btinternet.com or 07836 318 400.

Finally, the organizers are not responsible for your actions on the public highway or private ground.

START ARRANGEMENTS

The start will be located at the Hothorpe Hall at Theddingworth near Market Harborough. (see map). After parking you should walk into the Hall where signing-on will take place and your breakfast roll plus tea and coffee will be served. Breakfast will be available from 08:30 am onwards.



START TIMES & NUMBERS

The accompanying list now shows your start time from Hothorpe. Initially, cars will start at one minute intervals to avoid baulking for the older cars but after the first 20 or so, the cars will leave at 30 second intervals. Please affix the start number sticker given to you at signing-on to the top nearside of your windscreen. Please note that the starting times list may be different to the entry list that was published on the website.

CARNET DE ROUTE (OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ROUTECARD)

This rather splendid name is just a posh title for your route card. This has the appearance of the old Monte Carlo Rally route cards. This will have spaces for signatures and stamps to be recorded along the way to show that you have visited points on the route. Full details of where the marshals will be located and the times that they will be there will be shown on the card. The card also contains a box where you should write your choice for 'The car you would most like to take home'. *Please note that this should NOT be your own car!*

TIMING

This is not a rally and there are no competitive sections. You will not be penalized if you don't start or restart on the allocated time, but it will mean that we may have gone home by the time that you reach the finish!

The times that the controls will be open is shown on the routecard. There is also an advisory time to show how long the sections should take at around 30mph average speed, which should be easily attainable without having to rush along. Due to the nature of the route this year, there is a long section after the lunch break. There is no break in the afternoon section but a location is indicated where a 'comfort' break could be made if necessary..

LUNCHTIME ARRANGEMENTS

The lunch break will be at Grimsthorpe Castle. The cars will be parked in front of the building and the adjacent lawns. You are welcome to have a picnic in the grounds. There is also a café on site, but please be aware that this could be busy as there will be other visitors at the location

A period of around 1 hour has been allowed for the lunch break.

FINISH ARRANGEMENTS

We will serve tea and cakes on Bruntingthorpe. If you wish to do a lap of the track, this should be done before parking up. *One lap only, please!* You should follow the directional arrows once in the facility. On no account should you venture elsewhere in the site.

AWARDS

There will be three awards given on the event and you can help to judge one by completing the section on the Carnet de Route and handing it in at the finish. This is '*The car I would most like to take home*' award which is self explanatory.

There are also two other awards for the furthest travelled and the most original car.

ITINERY

Start from Hothorpe at 9:30 hrs departure for the first car and one minute intervals for each subsequent car for the first twenty and then 30 seconds for the rest of the participants.

Drive 36 miles across Leicestershire and into Rutland

Coffee stop The Exeter Arms at Barrowden

No specific time here – you can either stop and have a drink/toilets or continue on directly, but no more than 15-20 minutes max.

Drive 27 miles from Rutland into South Lincolnshire.

Lunch stop Around one hour at Grimsthorpe Castle

Drive 53 miles through Rutland into Leicestershire to Bruntingthorpe

(Note: there is no afternoon stop)

Finish Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground with an optional lap around the track.

NARRATIVE

Keith Baud's excellent route narrative is attached as a pdf file. This will also be supplied in the roadbook for the event together with all the tulip instructions and maps, so don't worry, you will not need to navigate from this narrative. I thought that everyone would prefer to have the opportunity to digest all the fascinating detail that Keith has unearthed before we get to the big day. If we had given it to you on Sunday, it would probably be the afternoon before you finished reading and set off on the run! This year, Keith assures me that there are no tall stories.....

DIRECTIONS

We have elected to use tulip diagrams as on the last five Welland Valley Wanders. Example 'tulip' diagrams can be seen within the Directions section of the website.

MAPS

The roadbook contains maps based on the Ordnance Survey 1:50,000 Landranger series at a slightly reduced size of around 1:80,000. If you want to transfer the route onto your own map, you need to bring with you map numbers 130, 140 and 141. ***You don't really need to have these maps*** but if you use the ones in the roadbook, and you're anything like me, a map magnifier may be a boon, if not a must!

FUEL

There are fuel stations nearby in Lutterworth, and on the A4304 at Walcote and North Kilworth. There are also a number in Market Harborough

COORDINATES

If you wish to use a sat-nav device to find the main locations, the details are as follows:

Hothorpe Hall, Theddingworth
Nearest Post code: LE17 6QX
Coordinates: 52.461230, -1.014461
Map reference SP670852

Exeter Arms, Barrowden
Nearest Post code: LE15 8EQ
Coordinates: 52.590518, -0.604538
Map reference SK946001

Grimsthorpe Castle
Nearest Post code: PE10 0LY
Coordinates: 52.746768, -0.487698
Map reference TF021176

Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground
Nearest Post code: LE17 5QS
Coordinates: 52.497433, -1.106990
Map reference SP606892

NOTE: the coordinates & map reference refer to the entrance that we are using, not the main entrance

DOGS

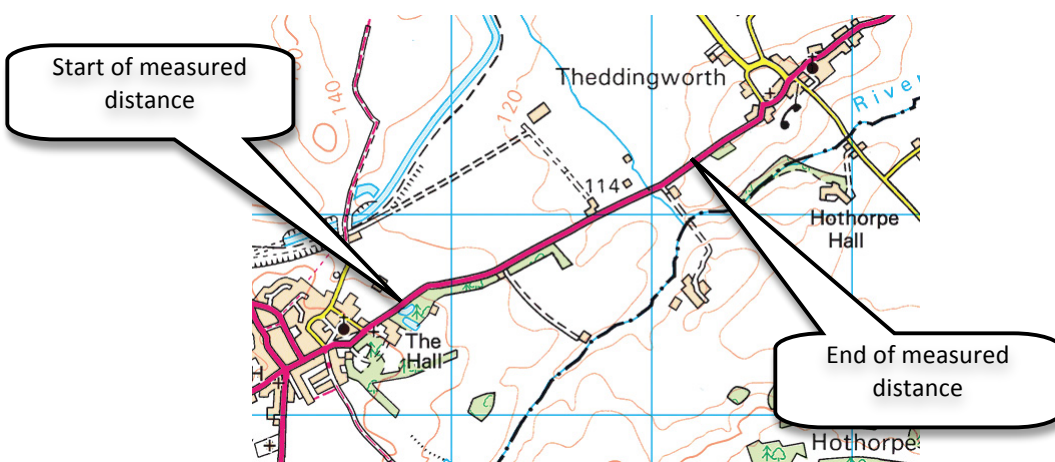
Our four legged friends are allowed at the start and finish venues, and the lunchtime locations but must be under control. At Bruntingthorpe, they must be on a lead

MEASURED DISTANCE

For those of you with a rally-type tripmeter installed in your car, there is a measured distance for calibration purposes. It will be marked with a yellow line on the road at the start and the finish. This is exactly one mile. Here's a tip for easy calibration of Brantz, Terratrip and Monit machines. Zero the trip at the start and drive the route, ensuring not to cut corners and keep a regular distance from the kerb's edge. At the finish, make a note of the mileage shown on your tripmeter. Then use this calculation:

$$\frac{\text{Mileage shown on your tripmeter}}{\text{Official distance (1.00)}} \times \text{the calibration figure on your machine} = \text{New calibration figure}$$

This will give you the new figure to set your calibration.



Please be aware of other traffic if you stop on this busy highway.