

KXCL Stanhill Farm Oct 15th 2016

To all team managers - just a few quick points about the venue being used on Oct 15th. Most of these points are repeats from last season. However can I start with a very important point concerning **parking**. Badly parked cars on the road outside the school at Brockhill, were a key reason in the loss of the venue for future large events. I have made some alterations to the parking at Stanhill to try and accommodate more cars. Please encourage as much car sharing as possible, and certainly no parking on grass banks in front of people`s houses. The farm had some complaints about this last year, so we must park sensibly.

This is not a school or a park, which have become our staple venues, but a working farm and business. Toby and Max who run the farm, have been fantastically positive and helpful in allowing us to use the farm, even to the extent of cutting grass along some of the tracks being used. But it is a business, and they stress that we must all respect the fact that it is a working farm, and keep to the tracks only.

The Maize Maze is out of bounds, and crops must not be picked.

The large stack of straw bales must not be climbed on.

Also the Farm Shop car park must not be used by runners, we will have marshals for parking.

The tracks being used will run through fields of crops, which are amongst the products on sale in the award winning Farm Shop. Check out their website. They will be catering for hot and colds drinks, and some snacks in the area near the HQ. There is also a stall in the main yard which sells Gourmet Sausages.

There is a sizeable car parking area on grass, and half a mile away is Summerhouse Drive estate, which has plenty of scope for street parking. There will be a £1 charge for the car parking. Club tents will have a designated area close to the start/finish. There are no changing facilities, and we will be using partaloos.

The course is the same as last year, with the start having been moved slightly. The course is relatively flat, but the tracks can become testing if wet, and will provide plenty of alternative racing lines.

I am sure this will continue to provide us with a good venue, and hopefully will remain one of our regular fixtures.

Paul Hills Dartford Harriers



STANHILL FARM X-COUNTRY (DA2 7HD)

KXCL STANHILL FARM

| Event | Time | Course | Distance - metres |
|--------------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| U13 Girls | 12.00 | ABDF ABDG | 2700 metres |
| U13 Boys | 12.20 | ABDF ABCDG | 3300 |
| U15 Girls | 12.40 | ABDF ABCDG | 3300 |
| U15 Boys | 1.00 | ABEF ABEG | 4100 |
| U17/20W | 1.20 | ABD BCEG | 3600 |
| U17/20M | 1.40 | ABCEF ABCEG | 5300 |
| Sen/Vet Women/V70M | 2.00 | ABCEF ABCEG | 5300 |
| Senior Men | 2.30 | ABEF ABCEF ABCEF ABCEG | 9800 |

Course is suitable for spikes throughout. It is a more traditional course than normal, not parkland or sports fields as we commonly use. The whole of the course is on wide farm tracks used by farm vehicles. After heavy rain the tracks can get very wet.