

**FINAL INFORMATION**  
**SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER**

# Matlock Top 10 Sportive

**Tackle the famous hill climbs within the Derwent Valley**



We hope you're looking forward to Sunday's event and please click the link below for the fully comprehensive pre-event guide: [https://darkwhitecycling.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/2017\\_MTT\\_roadbook\\_4\\_10.pdf](https://darkwhitecycling.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/2017_MTT_roadbook_4_10.pdf)

The final information and the road book should tell you all you need to know but should you have any further questions or queries please drop us a note on [info@darkandwhite.co.uk](mailto:info@darkandwhite.co.uk)

## Start Location

The Whitworth Centre, Station Road, Darley Dale, nr Matlock DE4 2EQ - click [here](#) for a map.

## Parking

Look out for our black & yellow event signs on the day on the main A6 – please note that there is fairly limited parking at the venue and once this is full we will cone off the entrance and you will need to park nearby - see map. There is ample parking within a 5/10 minute ride of the start venue.

## Registration

Opens at **7:30am** and closes at **9.15am**.

We always try and make the registration process as fast and as painless as possible however queues are inevitable, so as always we ask for your patience.



## Starts

The start is just outside registration.

Start time anytime between **8:00 - 9:30am**

**\*\*We strongly advise all riders of the long route to start before 9:00am to ensure they reach the cut off time at the feed- station\*\***

**Finish Closes at 1:30pm**

## Lights

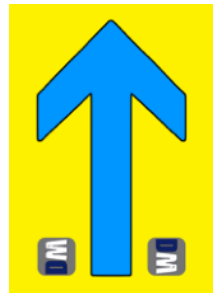
We **strongly** suggest you bring **front & back lights** if you have them particularly if it's cloudy/overcast. Basically the more visible you are to other road users the better.

## LOCK UP YOUR BIKES!!

**ALWAYS lock your bike** if you leave it anywhere particularly in and around the start venue.

## Route signage

The **route** is marked throughout with **blue arrows on a yellow background**. If you 'run out of signs' at any time (particularly at a junction) you've probably gone wrong so **turn round/go back** to where you **last saw a sign and try again!** Rather than just riding on 'blindly'....



## Cut off time en-route

The **cut off time** at the Bonsall feed-station is **11.00am** - please refer to the road book for all the information [https://darkwhitecycling.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/2017\\_MTT\\_roadbook\\_4\\_10.pdf](https://darkwhitecycling.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/2017_MTT_roadbook_4_10.pdf)

It is **COMPULSORY** to **stop** at the feed station (a) for safety & timing purposes and (b) if you don't stop then you won't officially complete the route!

## GPS Route Files

All forms of GPS routes can be download at GPSies - follow the links below:

**Top 10 (long):** <https://www.gpsies.com/map.do?fileId=meumabwvcwbljxwa>

**Top 4 (short):** <https://www.gpsies.com/map.do?fileId=bvufzzqqbregsqjz>

**NB** - please note that due to a road closure near Cromford the route is slightly different to last year (on both courses).

## Slippery Conditions

There's lots of leaves down at present and the roads could be damp so **CARE** is the word!!

## FREE Sports Massage

Sarah from [SG Sports Massage](#) will be at the event centre offering RockTaping and a free post ride massage (massages will take approx 10 minutes).

## Event Photography

[Chris Meads](#) will be on hand to capture your hard earned efforts.

**\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT\*\*\*\* THE Highway Code** – don't forget that sportives are **NOT** timed or racing events - it is imperative therefore that you ride safely and responsibly and observe the Highway Code at all times. This includes treating all other road users\* and the general public\* with respect and good manners, in particular making sure that you ride in single file on narrow roads and generally ensuring that you do not obstruct traffic unnecessarily.

**\* We have had reports from other events of riders being rude and abusive, this is simply not acceptable whatever the 'provocation'.**

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Regards

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