



**BARNSELEY**  
ROAD CLUB

# Event Manual



## **BARNSELEY BOUNDARY HEROES RIDE**



In memory of **Private Matthew Adam Thornton**  
4th battalion, Yorkshire Regiment





## Barnsley Road Club welcomes you to the

### Barnsley Boundary Heroes Ride

**PLEASE READ THIS MANUAL FULLY, IT CONTAINS  
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOU – IT'S THE ONLY  
THING WE WILL SEND YOU PRIOR TO THE EVENT**

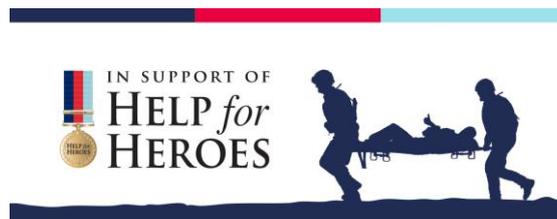
## Introduction

We are inspired to ride for Help For Heroes in the memory of Pte Matthew Adam Thornton of the 4th battalion of the Yorkshire regiment who was killed during active service in Afghanistan on the 9th November 2011.

Mick and Sue Thornton have run a fundraising scheme since Matthews loss, which now exceeds £57,000

## About - Help for Heroes

Help for Heroes is a British charity launched on 1 October 2007 to help provide better facilities for British servicemen and women who have been wounded or injured in the line of duty. It was founded by Bryn Parry OBE and his wife Emma Parry OBE after they visited soldiers at Selly Oak Hospital in Birmingham.



## Sponsorship

To share the fundraising with your friends to sponsor your event participation, please can we ask you to pay via our 'JustGiving' page

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/michael-thornton1>



## Organiser:

Mick Thornton, Barnsley Road Club [07947 303541](tel:07947303541)

## Headquarters:

Woolley Miners Welfare Cricket Club  
Woolley Colliery Road,  
Darton,  
Barnsley,  
South Yorkshire, S75 5JA



**Parking - Free** Car Parking is available outside of the headquarters.

Although event stewards will be present, the Organisers accept no liability for any damage, loss or injury related to access to the headquarters or car park.

We ask that you arrive early as there is a lot to do, in a very short space of time.

**Start timings:** Signing in starts 7.30am, and at 8.30am we will gather riders together for a safety and ride briefing, plus a reading of the ode 'For the Fallen' and minutes silence of respect.

Dependant on safety updates, this tends to last 10 mins. We appreciate some of you might like to start as early as possible, but we encourage all participants to join us as we won't share important details at other times. I.e. it's in your interest

**Entry** - You've pre-entered online, so thank you, this helps us plan for provisions. However we do allow on the day entry for £25, so please encourage your friends to join us. Every rider needs to have a number provided at the HQ

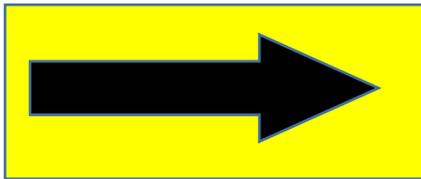
## The roads

We are running the event on fully open roads. No marshal at the event has the legal power to stop traffic, and you are to ride **AT ALL TIMES** in accordance with the Highway Code. There are no prizes for this ride, as it is **NOT A RACE.**

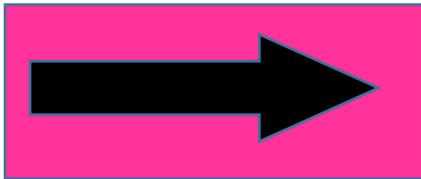
Look after everyone around you.

## Navigation

Our course is sign posted by two colour scheme for the routes we deliver. These will be positioned as appropriately as possible, but you must keep an eye out for them.



Classic route (the overarching basis of all routes)



Extreme and Ultra Routes (Noted individually)

We have published our routes on Strava, and these will be accessible via the British Cycling online entry page (where you entered).

There are a variety of separate GPS systems available on the market, and many of them need separate software to input routes to your device.

Therefore, this will be your responsibility to transfer the Strava route to your device, by the relevant means needed to undertake this.

But our underlying message is that it is your responsibility to have the ability to navigate yourself to safety at all times. If you get lost we will attempt our best to support you, but you are riding this event at your own risk.



## Feed stations

We provide 2 feed stations for the Classic and Extreme riders, with a 3<sup>rd</sup> one for the Ultra.

These are positioned at

***Feed station 1 - Elsecar Heritage Centre, Wath Rd, Elsecar, Barnsley S74 8HJ***

(Classic, Extreme and Ultra – all @ 26 miles)

[Google map link](#)

***Feed station 2 – The Dog and Partridge, A628, Sheffield S36 4HH***

(Classic @ 50 miles, Extreme @ 52 miles and Ultra @ 60 miles)

[Google map link](#)

***Feed station 3 – Bare Bones Road, Hade Edge, HD9 2DE***

(Ultra @ 75 miles) -

[Google map link](#)

At these feed stations, you can get water, bananas, gels, flapjacks, sweets, and other items – all subject to availability. However, if for circumstances outside of our control, it is incumbent on you to prepare for a full event without this support (however we have always succeeded in providing this service.).

## Tools, maintenance, servicing, repair, & recovery

To be completely clear - **It is your responsibility to have a road worthy, maintained, safe, rideable bike – not ours.**

This may read bluntly, but we will not provide a mechanics service at these events. You need to ensure you come prepared with tubes, tools, and spares you feel you need in order to complete the event.

We have a limited amount of staff for recovery, where your safety is likely to be at risk.

The on the day emergency number will be provided on the rear of your number





## Overview of the rides

The routes are based principally on the metropolitan boundary of Barnsley. However, the road network doesn't always align to this boundary, but to our best endeavours, we have attempted to marry the two.

We are aware that cyclists come in many shapes, sizes, and capabilities.

So with this, we have designed three routes to challenge every one of our entrants.

**Grade 3** – [The Classic](#), a 78 mile route

**Grade 4** – [The Extreme](#), a 82 mile route

**Grade 5** – [The Ultra](#), a 101 mile route

[Links to strava routes]

We have over the years been asked to develop a 50% route, but we, like any other event, can only stretch to so much.

The routes link in such a way to provide a good balance of test, value, experience and logistical support.

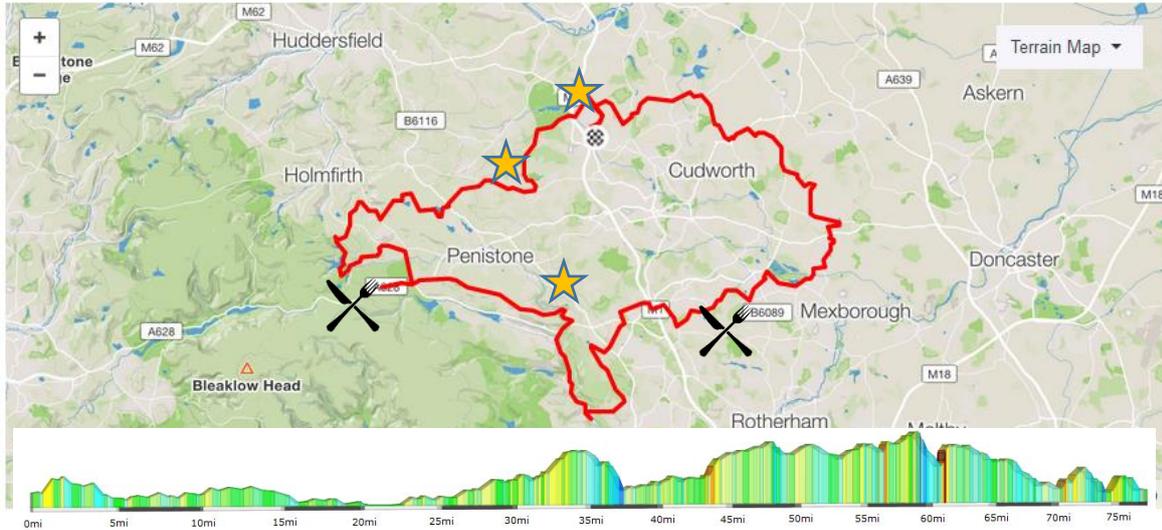
In this overview, we will attempt to outline the characteristics of each, and what you should expect from our teams support.

If you have any questions, by all means send us an email, we'll attempt to answer your queries promptly.

**All courses are upon the Strava platform - We encourage you to study the route to build a level of familiarity to the course you intend to ride.**



## “The Classic” – Grade 3 Sportive [\[Strava\]](#)



This is our standard route, but make no bones about it, it is still a test.

So the stats - 78 Miles, a sliver over 2,000 metres of climbing.

The route goes clockwise, from Woolley Grange, Woolley, Notton, Shafton, Brierley, Thurnscoe, through to Manvers where you will start to orientate to the west part and traverse the southern boundary of the borough. This will lead shortly to Elsecar and the first feed station.

You then head to Hoyland, Howbrook, and Grenoside; where you descend what locals call Jawbone, the ascent of which was used in the 2014 Tour De France finishing parts of Stage 2.

You transfer to Deepcar where you make the ascent of Green Moor (starred), over which transfers you to Flouch, then to the A628 where feed station two is located.

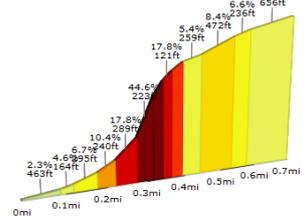
You then make towards Carlecotes and Dunford Bridge, climbing out of Winscar Reservoir. Once there, you climb Flight Hill you're heading towards the finish, go to Hepworth, Ingbirchworth, Upper Denby, climbing Cannon Hall (1 & 2 - starred) to High Hoyland (starred)

You're nearly there now, just Haigh Bank to conquer then its Pie and Peas as you return to Woolley Grange.

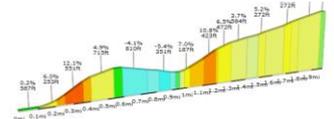
**Green Moor Profile (Classic Only)**  
Avg 7.7 % 750yds



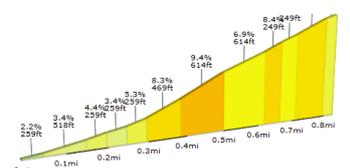
**Hepworth Profile**  
Avg 10.6 % 700yds



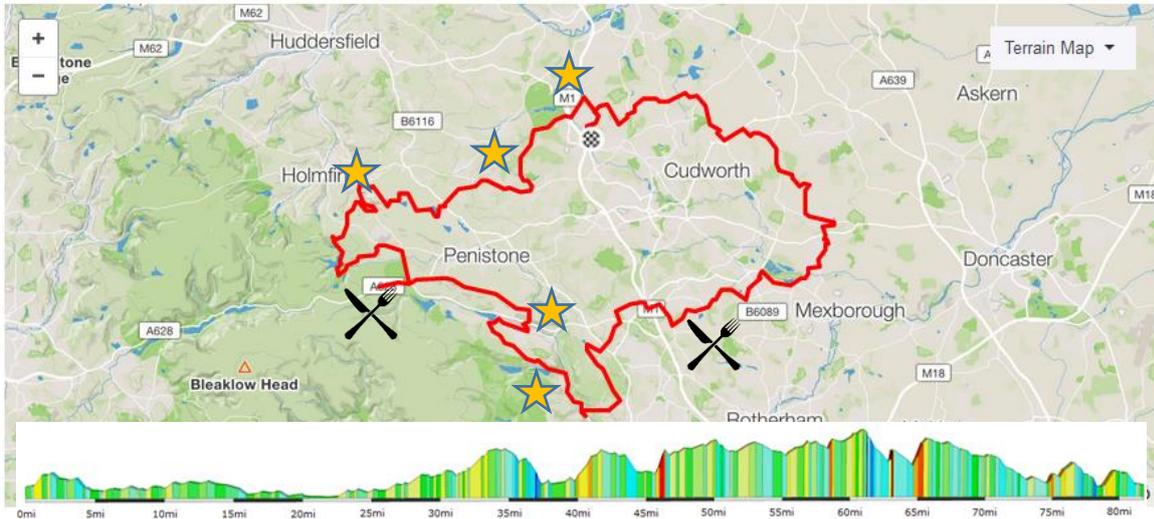
**Cannon Hall Profile**  
Avg 3.8% 2 miles



**Haigh Bank Profile**  
Avg 6.4% 830 yards



## “The Extreme” – Grade 4 Sportive [\[Strava\]](#)



This is our second route, which was the one we decided to inflict a bit of pain.

So the stats - 82 Miles, over 3000 metres of climbing, including 2 'National Hill Climb' accents – Pea Royd Lane, and Jackson Bridge (starred)

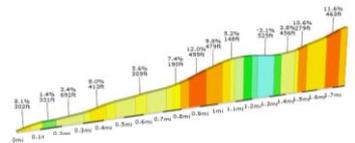
The route goes clockwise, from Woolley, and follows the principles of the Classic route, until it gets to Grenoside, then things turn uphill (and a bit interesting).

We take you up to Bolsterstone (stared). This will test your legs for the upcoming treats to come. Once there, you descend to Stocksbridge, then take on the mighty Pea Royd Lane. Be prepared. Be prepared.

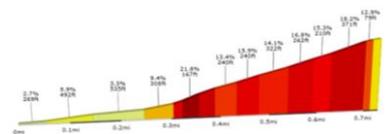
Once you get to the Dog and Partridge, you take on the classic route over Hepworth, then turn left down to Jackson Bridge, to climb up another of our national hill climbs.

You then re-join the classic route to return to Woolley Grange.

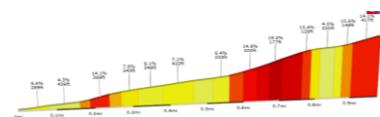
**Bolsterstones Profile**  
Avg 5.7% 1.8 miles



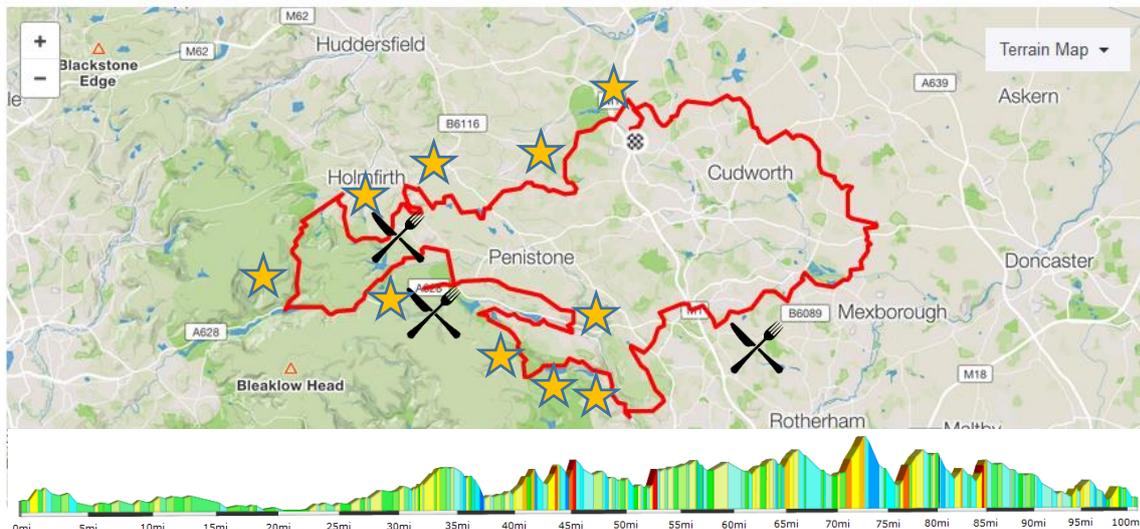
**Pea Royd Lane Profile**  
Avg 11.5% 750 Yrds



**Jackson Bridge Profile**  
Avg 9.6% 1 mile



## “The Ultra” – Grade 5 Sportive [\[Strava\]](#)



No words can describe this other than an utter brute. So the stats -101 Miles, over 3372 metres of climbing, including 3 'National Hill Climb' accents – Pea Royd Lane, the mighty Holme Moss, and Jackson Bridge (starred) - This does everything the Extreme does, then takes the volume to eleven.

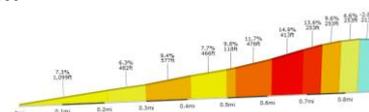
From Bolsterstones, the route takes in TDY 2017 climbs of Wigtwizzle, the fearsome Ewden Bank with the 25% deliverance corner, and heading up to Pea Royd Lane (25%) climb from Fox Valley in Stocksbridge.

Once at the feed station, we take you over to Carlecotes to take on the Dunford Bridge Climb. We use part of the Woodhead Pass to get you to the start of Holme Moss' southern ascent – please be very careful along this route – you have around 4miles/6km of descending, it can be quite busy.

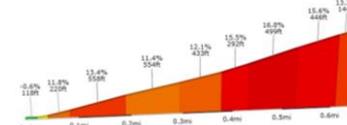
Holme Moss is the iconic climb of the day, and the highest point you will reach, but fear not, it isn't over there. Welcome the Vineyards. You may not have heard about this climb (30%), but from ex Pros who have ridden this event, it is wickedly positioned, evil in fact. Enjoy....

Once to the feed station, we take you back on to the extreme route and home, via Hepworth, Jackson Bridge, Cannon Hall (1&2), and Haigh Bank. Pie and Peas time. A pint to wash it down

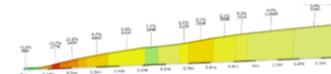
**Wigtwizzle Profile**  
Avg 8.5% 850 yards



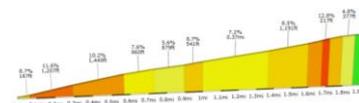
**Ewden Bank Profile**  
Avg 13.1% 650 yards



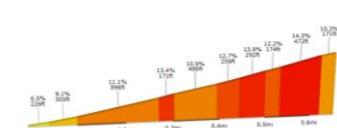
**Dunford Bridge Profile**  
Avg 5.9% 1.35 miles



**Holme Moss Profile**  
Avg 8.3% 1.92 miles



**Vineyards Profile**  
Avg 11.5% 650 yards





## Social media

Social media links are as follows

Barnsley Road Club - <https://www.barnsleyroadclub.co.uk/>

BRC Sportive Website - [Link to Sportive Website](#)

Barnsley Road Club Facebook Page [Link to BRC Facebook Page](#)

Barnsley Boundary Heroes Ride Facebook - [Link to BBHR Facebook page](#)

BRC Twitter - [Link to Twitter](#)

BRC Instagram - [Link to Instagram page](#)

Please use the hashtag **#BRCBBHR** through all media platforms so we can keep interacting with you during your preparation and reflection of completing your challenge.

## About our club

Barnsley Road Club are one of the oldest clubs in the UK established in 1924, we run social rides each week on a Sunday and we run weekly time trials throughout the summer on Park Springs Rd, Great Houghton. Check out our website for details <http://www.barnsleyroadclub.co.uk>

## And finally.....

Barnsley Road Club wish you a great and fun event. If at any stage you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask one of our marshalling or headquarters team. If they don't have the answers straight away we'll do our utmost to get an answer as soon as we can.

Have fun! - BRC.



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The organisers also wish to thank our friends at Barnsley Woolley Miners Cricket Club who donate their ground to act as our headquarters free to our event - <https://www.play-cricket.com/website/grounds/51001>

Also, it wouldn't happen without volunteers and supporters, so we thank dearly the time spent helping to deliver this event.

