



Regional (Level C) Orienteering Event

Thursday, 1st January 2026

Matlock Urban

Final Details, Version 2 (no significant changes)

An event in the 2026 East Midlands Urban League

Terrain: Hilly residential area with a combination of Victorian or earlier housing as well as modern developments. Nearly all courses are on hard paths. Some of the traditional causey (causeway) paths and the many old jitties which run N-S and E-W through Matlock may be slippery with leaves. Care is needed, especially downhill. Whilst every effort has been made to avoid boggy ground, we can't legislate for all route choices. Choose your footwear accordingly.

Matlock is a busy town although traffic rarely exceeds 20mph. Several major roads are crossed by Courses 1–5 and one by Course 6. These courses have been designed so that roads can be crossed on the diagonal to avoid any unnecessary risks being taken. You must not run in the areas marked out of bounds. Course 7 will have a marshalled crossing on Bank Road, the only busy road it crosses. At the moment we are unable to offer a course for WYJ and MYJ due to there not being an off-road area available.

Car parking and Assembly: Derbyshire County Offices Car Park, Bank Road, Matlock, DE4 3GL
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Public Transport: Although Matlock has both a train and a bus station, both may be running to a reduced timetable as it is New Year's Day. Allow at least 15 minutes to walk uphill to assembly from either the train or bus station.

EMUL 2025 prizes will be presented, in the Assembly area, before the event at 10.15am.

Course/Class	Length (km)	Climb (m)	Controls	Map Scale
1 MO	9.2	200	24	1:5000
2 WO MV	8.1	160	18	1:5000
3 WV MSV	6.5	95	12	1:5000
4 WSV MUV	5.2	105	11	1:5000
5 WUV MHV	4.4	85	13	1:4000
6 WHV	2.6	50	14	1:4000
7 WJ MJ	3.4	85	13	1:4000
Family Explorer	3.4	85	13	1:4000

(If you're a beginner, and unsure of the classes, please see the info on the web page under "Beginners")

Please note: Course 7 will have a marshalled crossing to assist younger runners. This will not be timed out. Unfortunately we have not been able to provide a course for under 12s to run independently. If you have a child under 12, please enter the Family Explorer course. Under 12's must be accompanied by at least one adult or in a group with at least one adult.

Entries and fees: [Via Start Kite](#)

Adults BOF members £10 Non BOF £12
Juniors £5

**Closing date for entries is Wednesday, 31st December at 7pm. Enter before this time to guarantee your map. There will be entry on the day at a surcharge of £1 (dependent on map availability)
Please include your British Orienteering membership number on your registration form.**

There will be support for any newcomers wanting to give urban orienteering a try.

Timing: The event will use SportIdent electronic punching. Contactless (SIAC punching) is enabled but you must punch the start and finish controls for safety reasons. If you do not have a SportIdent card, you can hire one at Registration. These can be hired for a small fee.

Registration 10.30am until 12 noon.

Start Times: From 11 am to 12:30 pm.

Courses close at 2pm. Please report to Download even if you retire.

Start and Finish: Allow 10 minutes to walk to the Start. Finish is close to Download.

Toilets: Mobile toilets provided in car park or others available in Matlock town centre.

Parking: Please park in the Derbyshire County Hall car park, making a left turn as you drive up Bank Road.

Map: by Richard Parkin 2013, with contributions from John Cooke and Mike Godfree (now FVO). Most recent revision 2025. All maps are A3 and the contour interval is 2.5m.

Scale: Courses 1–4 = 1:5000; Courses 5–7 = 1:4000.

Dogs: Dogs are not allowed on courses. They are permitted in car park/assembly but must be on lead and any poo removed.

Safety:

A risk assessment will have been carried out by the organiser and all reasonable care has been taken by the Organiser and Planner to ensure the safety and well-being of competitors. However, participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety during the event.

Courses close at 2pm, after which controls will be collected. You must still report to Download even if you miss the cut-off time to avoid a search being instigated.

Minor accident facilities at Whitworth Hospital, 330 Bakewell Road, Darley Dale DE42JD.
Accident and Emergency at Chesterfield Royal Hospital, Chesterfield Road, Calow, S445BL

Photography:

You are welcome to take photographs or record video at this event, but please respect people's privacy and avoid photography close to first-aid and toilet facilities, or in areas where runners are changing. Photographs may be posted on the internet. If there are particular reasons why an individual should not be photographed, please discuss the issue with the organiser in advance of the event. Report any concerns about inappropriate photography to the event organiser.

Organiser: Kim Buxton email: kim.buxton@ymail.com

Planner: Jane Kayley-Burgess

Controller: Colin Drury (SYO)

Fancy a coffee or a beer after your run? The Bentley Brook Brewery in Lumsdale is open and recommended!

A big "Thank you" to Derbyshire County Council for allowing us to use their car park!