Caldy Valley Urban Orienteering
Sunday 29th November 2026

Event Location

The event HQ is at Huntington Village Hall, Butterbache Rd, Huntington, Chester CH3 6DB :
https://maps.app.goo.gl/R7UmggKYVeCCE1iF9
The entrance is a narrow passage between house numbers 96 and 98 on the South West side of Butterbache Road. There is no space to park cars at the village hall so please do not attempt to drive down this passage.

Toilets are available in the village hall. You can leave personal belongings in the hall at your own risk.

The start is under 400m walk from the hall and is about 5 minutes walk. The finish is very close to the start.
The start is on Caldy Valley Road opposite Primrose Close:
https://maps.app.goo.gl/RLCrTU79Xs7RgsyRA
The route to the start will be marked with pieces of red and white tape. The route is left on Butterbache Road and then immediately right down a narrow footpath. Use the pedestrian crossing to cross Chester Road and then follow the cycle path directly opposite. Finally turn left on Caldy Valley Road.

The event area is bounded by A5115 / Christleton Road, Sandy Lane / Chester Road / B5130 and the A55. The area also includes the newer estate on the former Saighton camp (Highlander Road and surrounding roads).

Event Times

Event HQ is open from 12pm (noon) on Sunday 29th November.
The start is open from 12:30am to 2pm.
You must finish by 3:30pm. After this time we will start removing equipment from the area.

You must report to registration at the village hall after finishing and download race data from your SI card.

Travel and Parking

There is no space to park cars at the village hall itself. If you are coming by car then please park on local roads with consideration for local residents. There is space on Chester Road as well as other more minor local roads.

Chester is easily accessible by rail and bus No 5 from Chester to Wrexham stops about 150m from the village hall (at Huntington Post Office). Timetable: https://www.stagecoachbus.com/timetable-pdf?ServiceId=XKDO005.O

If you are cycling then you can leave your bike near the village hall.

How to Enter

Entries must be made in advance online using SI Entries website. Cheaper entries are available until midnight at the end of Wednesday 25th November with the final entry deadline being 6pm on Saturday 28th November. Fees:

Junior:	£2.50	
Senior:	£5.00	(£7.00 from 26th November)

Newcomers are also welcome to contact the organiser beforehand (email: events@deeside-orienteering-club.org.uk) with any questions and to reserve maps if not entering by SiEntries. You are then effectively ‘pre-entered’ and there will be assistance ready for you at registration. Payment to be made on the day by card or exact cash.

Orienteering Courses

There are three courses available and anyone over age 16 can run any course. Juniors under 16 can only run when accompanied by an adult. There are no courses suitable for juniors under age 16 because the courses involve unsupervised crossing of roads with light traffic. The approximate *actual running distances* on the three courses are:

Short:	5 km
Medium:	7.5 km
Long:	10 km

Typically you will take longer to run these distances when orienteering than in a running race, maybe 25% to 100% longer depending on your skill level.

Results will be posted on the Deeside Orienteering Club website as soon as possible after the event.

Orienteering Map

The map you will use is 1:4000 scale with 2.5m contours drawn to the ISSprOM 2019-2 orienteering mapping standard. It is A3 size and the two longest courses will use a double sided map where you have to flip it over part way through your course.

Timing System and Race Procedure

The courses are timed using the SportIdent (SI) system using SI timing cards. You can use your own SI card or you can hire one at the event by selecting this option when you enter. We make a charge of £30 if hired SI cards are lost but this rarely happens.

At the start you must first clear your SI card by inserting it into the SI control box labelled “Clear”. A start official will make sure you subsequently insert your SI card into the “Check” control box. Competitors on each course will start at one minute intervals. When it is your turn to start you first insert your SI card into the SI control box labelled “Start” then pick up your map from the map box appropriate for your course. You must register your SI card at each control point on your course and also at the finish control. Each control box will beep when you register. It only needs to beep once.

After you have finished you must return to registration at the village hall to download timing data from your SI card *even if you do not complete the course*. This is so we know that everyone has returned safely.

Special note about the newer SI Air Cards (SIAC): SI controls apart from the start and the finish are in beacon mode so will work with contactless SIACs (typically 50cm range). However you do need to insert your SIAC into the start and finish controls. We do have a small number of SIACs for hire and you can request one at event HQ for a small extra fee.

Event Safety

First aid is available at registration (Huntington Village Hall).
The nearest hospital which has an emergency department is:
Countess of Chester Hospital, Liverpool Rd, Chester CH2 1UL

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