



**Midland Counties Cross Country Championship & Derby Runner  
Newbold Comyn, Leamington  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Travel Directions and Car Parking**

**Although we held these Championships at Newbold Comyn last January there has been a significant change in the travel directions and car parking so, please read these instructions carefully to ensure you arrive safely and promptly on the day.**

In the past we have encouraged parking on the south side of the river Leam and then to use the footbridge over the river, from Radford Road onto the Comyn. The bridge has been removed for safety reasons and will not be replaced before the Championships. Therefore, the only access to Newbold Comyn will be north of the river.

There will be only one car park available for competitors and spectators and this will be on a first come first served basis. The car park is on Campion Hills and the entrance is on Leicester Street. It can only be accessed by a left turn so cars coming from the town centre will have to go past the entrance and turn back at the roundabout a short distance away.

**Arrangements will be made for dropping off club tents and for disabled parking. Please contact the office before 22nd January to get the appropriate pass and please ensure you bring it with you otherwise you will be refused entry.**

As a result of the abuse volunteer marshals received in January, we will be using a professional traffic management firm, and they will be rigorously enforcing the parking arrangements.

It is likely that the car park will fill up at some stage and after that you will need to find street parking.

We recommend parking **considerately**, in Gresham Place, Whitethorn Road and Chestnut Square (Post Code CV32 7UW) Also, Campion Road and Villiers Road (Post code CV32 5YE) are good options as there is a footpath through to Chestnut Square.

From Villiers Road: Go up the steps on the corner of Campion and Villiers Road, this will bring you out in Chestnut Square, move across the square, up Whitethorn Road, turn right up Gresham Place and follow the footpath. This brings you out opposite Campion Hills. Follow the footpath across Campion Hills, through the woods. This brings you out into Newbold Comyn. As you walk downhill there is a pub on your right, continue on the path to the event site.

There are two roads you must avoid Buckley Road and Fernhill Drive, and it is vital not to hamper access to Newbold Comyn by parking inconsiderately along Newbold Terrace East.

We have been told by the local Council that if the inconsiderate parking that happened last January is repeated we will not be allowed to host this championship again so please use common sense and park considerately.

**Alternative Travel**

As parking is limited and although considerate car parking around the local roads should not be an issue, we ask all competitors to consider using public transport, to maximise the use of cars by sharing lifts or for clubs to consider using coaches. Clubs using coaches should contact the office to agree where the competitors are to be dropped off.

**Leamington Spa Rail Station** is a 30 minutes' walk from Newbold Comyn. Turn left out of the station onto High Street that goes through the traffic lights, turn left onto Bath Street at the next lights under railway bridge. Walk up the Parade past the Royal Pump rooms and turn right at the mini roundabout into Newbold Terrace walk to the end and through the lights into Newbold Terrace East go past the Leisure centre follow this until you reach the event site. (See attached map)