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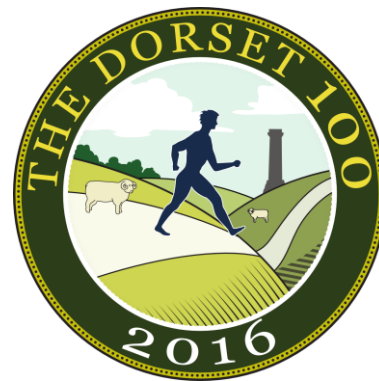
Welcome to our second Newsletter

We hope this Newsletter will help keep you up to date on developments. As a small LDWA group, we could not possibly put on this event without the help, advice and support of so many people from all across the country as well as here in Dorset.

So thank you.

Richard Brown

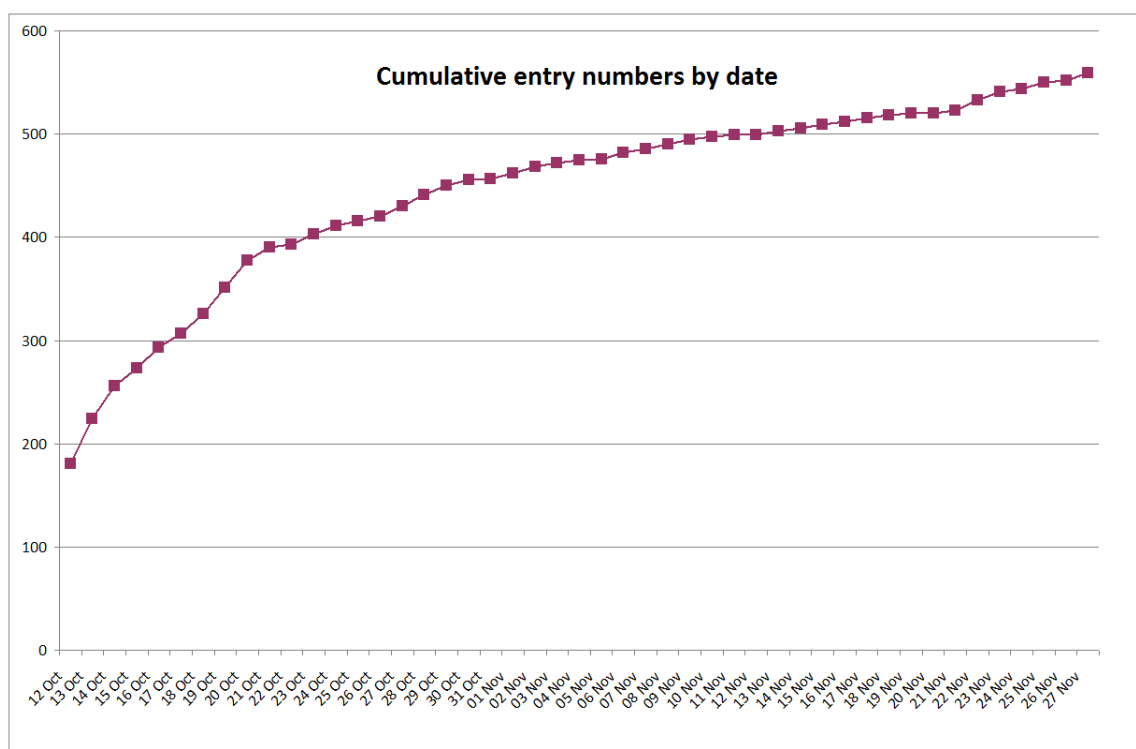
Dorset 100 Coordinator and the Dorset 100 Team



Entries and The Ballot

Well against all the odds and our own expectations, we avoided a ballot! At close of play on Friday 27th November, we had received 559 entries. 16 of these still require the entrant to complete a qualifying event in Spring 2016, so we have 543 valid entries, just under the limit of 550. There's time to do either the Woldsman or the Taith Torfaen before entries close, but there will have to be spaces left on the Dorset 100 event for the entries to be accepted. Details of these are on our website at <https://www.ldwa.org.uk/2016Hundred/W/3365/qualifying-events.html>

The rate of climb of applications shows why initially we thought numbers would exceed the 550 limit. But, as with previous 100s, the entries tailed off before a last minute increase from those who suddenly realised they might miss the deadline.



There were fortunately few attempts to gain entry through providing false information (on LDWA membership or qualifying event) and any who asked about an event not on our list of qualifying ones were, we hope, dealt with fairly and quickly.

So what happens now? As our Rules state: *“All valid entries at 27th November will be accepted (subject to conditions of entry) and the remaining places filled on a first come first served basis irrespective of LDWA membership. The final closing date for entries will be Monday 18th April 2016.”*

Roger Cole to start the Dorset 100

We are delighted that Roger Cole, the doyen of LDWA 100 milers, has kindly agreed to start everyone on their way. Roger completed every LDWA 100 up to the Red Rose and he will not miss this one either – even if he can be more relaxed in Dorset. Our local (female) Town Crier will help us quieten the multitude so we can get everyone speedily on their way ie there will be no long speeches!



The event starts outside the front of the Wey Valley School (*out of bounds before the event*) on a broad path which has no stiles for several miles! After a couple of miles there are great views from the South Dorset Ridgeway back to Portland and the Olympic sailing site.

We have used this venue before on 100k routes and are confident that it will provide all the facilities required. Upwey station is about half a

mile from the school and is on the main line between Weymouth and Waterloo, and on the line between Weymouth and Bristol, making it easy to get there from all parts of the country via London or Cross-Country. The start is well served by local buses from Weymouth and Dorchester. So although there is parking at the school and at an overspill site down the road, we would encourage participants, supporters and helpers where appropriate to share transport or come by public transport.

Planning a Route Recce?

For those planning a recce, there is guidance on how you might do this in stages on our website at <https://www.ldwa.org.uk/2016Hundred/W/3362/route-recce.html>. Because the route (by design!) passes through remote and unspoilt Dorset countryside, parts of the route are not well served by public transport (or by mobile phone coverage either).

Our website offers [points of interest](#) on the route and [information](#) on places to visit, Thomas Hardy, archaeology, and Dorset natural history. We want to make the weekend and any recce journey as informative and enjoyable as possible for our walkers, our supporters and families.

We thank all those from so many LDWA groups for your help and advice and for so generously volunteering to help on the event. Our Check Points will be well serviced with suitable quality and quantities of grub and there will be special tastes of Dorset at some of these. Have a look at the video in the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gzGmBOPBass>

We can now confirm that our last drinks stop will be in the lovely small church at Corton, pictured below. Unfortunately, it's a no-no for supporters as it's on a narrow road and there is absolutely no parking anywhere nearby.



Walkers will arrive here after enjoying some great views from above Portesham towards Portland (above), rivalling the earlier view from Eggardon Hill towards Pilsdon Pen (below).

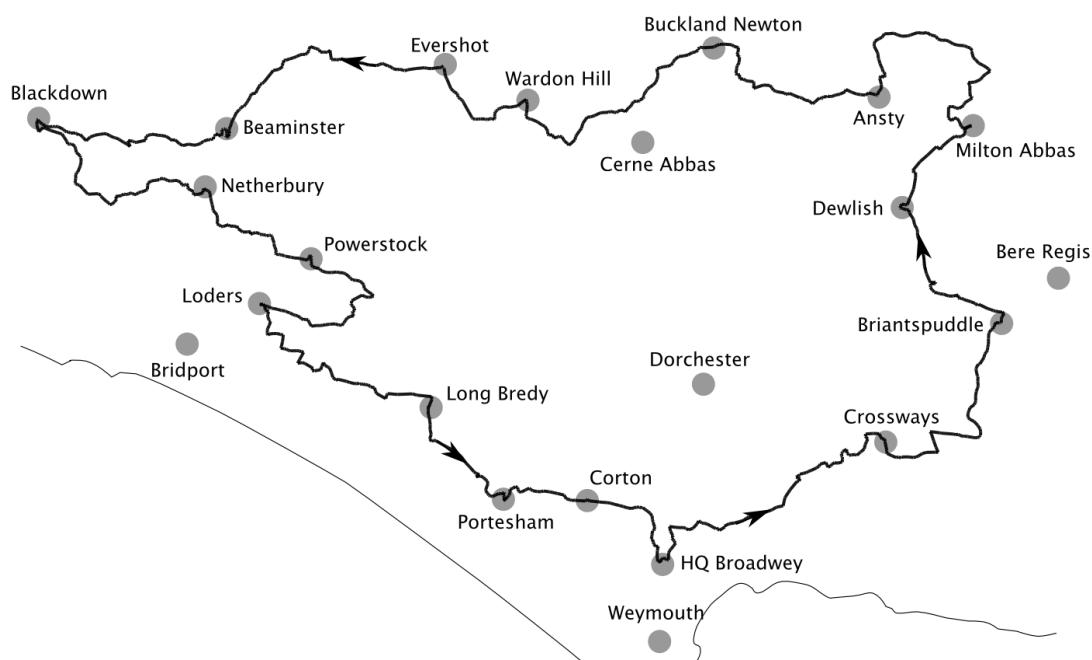


Guide for all Participants

A booklet will be sent to all participants about a month before the event with a follow-up a few days before the start. This will give information to all those entering or supporting on such issues as how to get to the Wey Valley School, what to expect when you get there and where the various facilities will be, reminders on the kit to bring (there will be a kit check en route) and where supporters will and will not be welcome. The table on the next page shows the location of all the checkpoints and information for supporters.

General information

For full information about the event, check out our website: <https://www.ldwa.org.uk/2016hundred>. You can also go to the [forum](#) to see what other people are saying or to enquire about specific aspects of the event. The following is an overview of the route. The table lists some key data including on opening and closing times and where supporters are welcome.



CP	Check Point	Grid	Post Code	Leg	Total	Opening	Time	Closing	Time	Information for supporters
	Start HQ	SY 669 827	DT3 5AN	0		Sat	10:00	Sat	14:00	Supporters welcome
1	Crossways	SY 767 880	DT2 8JA	9.8	9.8	Sat	12:20	Sat	17:00	Very busy checkpoint. Supporters welcome, but not in hall
2	Briantspuddle	SY 818 931	DT2 7HT	6.9	16.8	Sat	14:00	Sat	19:00	Very busy checkpoint. Supporters welcome, but not in hall. Limited parking in village
3	Dewlish	SY 775 982	DT2 7LU	5.4	22.2	Sat	15:20	Sat	21:00	Very busy checkpoint. Supporters welcome but not in hall. Parking near Village Green.
	<i>Milton Abbas</i>	<i>ST 806 018</i>	<i>DT11 0BP</i>		<i>25.1</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>16:00</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>22:00</i>	Supporters welcome, but not in hall. Park well away from hall
4	Ansty	ST 764 031	DT2 7PN	10.3	32.5	Sat	18:00	Sun	01:15	Supporters welcome. Limited parking at hall, or on roads nearby
5	Buckland Newton	ST 693052	DT2 7BZ	6.2	38.8	Sat	19:50	Sun	04:10	Supporters welcome but no parking at hall. Park carefully in busy road and do not block entrances or affect visibility
6	Wardon Hill	ST 611 030	DT2 9PW	7.5	46.3	Sat	22:00	Sun	07:30	Basic outdoor checkpoint in barn. No supporters
7	Evershot	ST 575 045	DT2 0LF	3.1	49.4	Sat	22:45	Sun	09:00	Supporters welcome, but no parking at the hall. Some parking with care on the road.
8a	Beaminster(Baggage)	ST 479 015	DT8 3AL	8.1	57.5	Sun	00:40	Sun	12:00	Supporters welcome, but not in pavilion which will be busy. Parking on grass to side of field (follow directions).
8b	Beaminster(Breakfast)	ST 479 018	DT8 3EP	0.2	57.7	Sun	00:45	Sun	12:45	Supporters welcome. Parking in school car park - follow signs
9	Blackdown	ST 397 023	DT6 5QQ	6.6	64.3	Sun	03:30	Sun	16:10	Supporters welcome. Parking at hall
10	Netherbury	SY 470 993	DT6 5LS	7.5	71.8	Sun	05:15	Sun	19:50	Supporters welcome, but absolutely no parking in hall car park. Use nearby roads.
11	Powerstock	SY 515 961	DT6 3TB	4.6	76.4	Sun	06:20	Sun	22:00	No supporters. Very limited parking in village, and approach roads are steep and narrow
12	Loders	SY 493 942	DT6 3SA	6.4	82.8	Sun	08:00	Mon	01:00	Supporters welcome. Park in hall car park
13	Long Bredy	SY 567 896	DT2 9HP	7.8	90.6	Sun	09:50	Mon	04:40	Supporters welcome in hall, but no parking near hall. Limited parking in village
14	Portesham	SY 599 855	DT3 4NS	4.5	95.1	Sun	11:00	Mon	07:00	Supporters welcome in hall. Some parking at hall. Careful nearby street parking
	<i>Corton</i>	<i>SY 636 854</i>	<i>DT3 4EP</i>		<i>98.1</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>11:40</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>8:40</i>	<i>No supporters. No parking and no facilities.</i>
	Finish HQ	SY 669 827	DT3 5AN	6.5	101.6	Sun	12:30	Mon	10:00	Supporters welcome

And finally.....

By popular request we have been asked for more snippets from the recently discovered tale called *The Famous Five Hundred Go Wild In Dorset*.



[Local]: "Ar, they says there be too few bogs in Dorset compared with them recent 100s elsewhere. So I'm getting old Bill to take his muck spreader out on that slope down to Portesham. Ha! They'll wish they was back in that Lancashire mire or them Welsh bogs!



[Another local] Their transport man Ian says he wants the best transport. So I'm lending them my latest trailer. You can cram a lot in there alright.

Just not certain what I'll now do with them sheep"



Arr... and they says they want to use the latest communications systems. But we don't use them new fangled public telephone boxes...the nettles be chest high in the one near us and my missus would get stung if she went in there.

The serious message is....rural Dorset has very limited broadband coverage and virtually none of our village halls have broadband or wifi connections. Many also do not have mobile phone reception – especially in the valleys in the west of the county. So don't expect real time data! We have developed the Saxon recording system specifically to capture data from the bar codes onto spreadsheets that will be uploaded via the LDWA EMS as soon as we can. But in many cases that will mean when the check point has closed and some reception can be found. This is real Dorset!

The key message is....we are on track for a great Dorset 100 and that is thanks to all the Dorset 100 team and those who have kindly volunteered to help us both from across Dorset and also from across the great LDWA family. **THANK YOU!**