





## The 43rd Leighton 10 mile road race

## 10am, Sunday 21st September 2024 Ascott House, Wing, near Leighton Buzzard, LU7 0PR



Dear Athlete,

Thank you for entering this year's Leighton 10 organised by Leighton Buzzard AC. This year the event includes the Bedfordshire AAA county 10 mile championship for eligible runners.

No pre-race information will be sent out by post. Race numbers will be available for collection on the day. Your souvenir buff will also be available for collection before the race.

**Location:** We look forward to welcoming you to our venue within the grounds of Ascott House, a Grade II\* listed

building and National Trust property in Wing. The race HQ is in the cricket pavilion and the house itself will not be open to visitors since it closes for the winter months. There are location and HQ maps within this information sheet. **Please note that Ascott House operates a strict no dogs on site policy,** 

including grounds and car parks.

**Parking:** Car parking is available at the house for around 300 vehicles and marshals will be on hand to direct you

to the designated areas. Where possible please car share to minimise our carbon footprint and assist with parking space. After the race you may be asked to turn left onto Leighton Road (A418) towards

Wing, where there is a roundabout which can be used for returning back towards Leighton Buzzard.

**Venue:** Toilets will be available within the race HQ. Please bear in mind that we intend to use this venue for

the foreseeable future so please respect the pavilion and its surroundings.

Baggage: There will be a storage area for bags. Please collect a label and put your race number on it, well in

advance of the start. Please note however that the organisers are not liable for lost property and we

recommend keeping all valuables in a safe location.

Race Start: The start is along Well Lane, approximately 0.8 miles from the race HQ. This will be signposted from

the race HQ. It will take approx 15 minutes to walk to the start from race HQ. Please ensure you are in position at the starting area 5 minutes before the start time as the race will commence promptly at

10am. The first 100 metres are on grass within a farmer's field.

**Route**: The route has been officially measured and online maps of the course can be viewed here:

Strava: <a href="https://www.strava.com/routes/21284978">https://www.strava.com/routes/21284978</a>

MapMyRun: <a href="https://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/view/2511211306">https://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/view/2511211306</a>

The route is undulating with the most challenging hill inside the final mile, we hope you enjoy it as much as you enjoyed Shenley Hill on the previous course! There will be mile markers for every mile.









Safety:

The first 100 metres are on grass, please take extra care and watch your footing, especially if it is wet. With the exception of short stretches at the start and finish, the entire course is open to traffic. We will have warning signs on the course and marshals at every junction, however our marshals do not have the right to stop traffic and runners should be prepared to give way where necessary. Please stay safe, look out for yourselves and each other, do not sacrifice your safety for the sake of a few seconds.

On the course you should remain on the left-hand side of the road at all times until 8.5 miles, where you will be crossed over to the right-hand side within the Ledburn 30mph zone and half a mile will be run towards oncoming traffic. Please listen to marshals' instructions, any refusal to cooperate will result in disqualification from the race. In accordance with the UK Athletics rules for competition, the use of in-ear headphones and similar devices is not permitted. It is essential that you are able to listen out for marshals' instructions and approaching vehicles.

Drinks:

There will be water stations on the route at approximately 2.5 miles, 4.5 miles, 6.7 miles, 8.7 miles and

at the finish.

First Aid:

First aid will be on hand at Ascott House. All marshals will be able to contact them should you require

assistance.

Awards:

Prizes will be awarded to the top three men and women, plus the first M40, M50, M60, M70, F40, F50, F60, F70 (one individual prize per person). The team competition is based on the first club team of 8 (to include at least 2 women) based on the placing of the 8<sup>th</sup> runner. The presentations will take place

in the pavilion and we will endeavour to hold these around 12pm.

Results:

Results will be available in from Race Results on the day of the race and uploaded to Power of 10 and

RunBritain as soon as possible.

**Photos:** We will be offering free race photographs through our <u>Leighton 10</u> Facebook page after the race.

Contact: If you have any queries please contact us at: <a href="mailto:leighton10@leightonbuzzardac.co.uk">leighton10@leightonbuzzardac.co.uk</a>

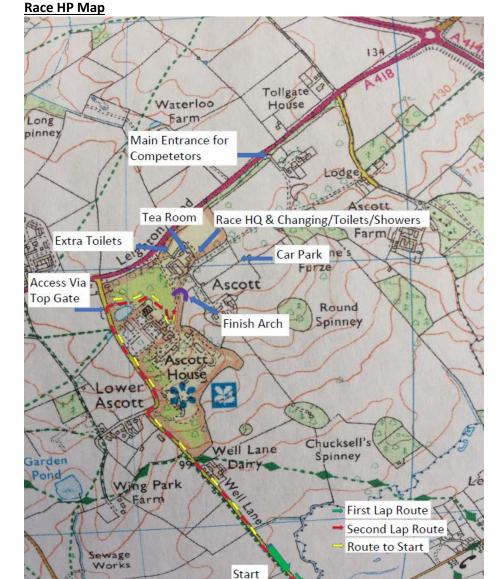
## We look forward to welcoming you on the day and hope you enjoy the race. Leighton Buzzard Athletic Club





Ascott House is located on Leighton Road (A418) to the south west of Leighton Buzzard, the postcode is **LU7 OPR**.





## **Course Map**

