

Staffordshire AAA County Cross Country Championships on Saturday 8th January 2022

Venue - Betley Court Farm, Main Road, Betley, Crewe, Cheshire, CW3 9BH (website - www.betleycourtfarmhouse.co.uk); the event will take place on private farmland with full permission of the landowner.

The Event will be held under the relevant UK Athletics "Rules for Competition".

Registration and Presentations will be in the Barn accessed from the Farmyard - follow sign from Car Parking Area. Refreshments are available at the Betley Court Farmhouse, just through from the Barn. No muddy footwear should be worn in the Tea Rooms.

There are no changing facilities but there will be 4 Portable Toilets on site.

The land is located in the rolling hills in the very North of Staffordshire and is probably as far north as any Staffordshire Championships have been held.

Directions :-Betley lies to the West of the M6, above J15 and just below J16 (Sat Nav users try CW3 9BH) It is more straightforward to come off at J16 as it only involves a couple of roads and roundabout and is through open countryside whereas coming from J15 involves navigating around the suburbs of Newcastle-Under-Lyme.

From J15 M6 Junction 15, take the A500 exit to Stoke-on-Trent/Newcastle-under-Lyme

- At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Newcastle Rd/A519. Continue to follow A519 – continue for 0.5 miles
- At the next roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Clayton Rd/A519 - continue for 0.8 miles
- At the next roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Dartmouth Ave - continue for 0.7 miles
- At the next roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Sneyd Ave - continue for 0.5 miles
- At the T Junction turn left onto Gallowstree Ln - continue for 0.4 miles•

At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Keele Rd/A525 - continue for 0.3 miles

- At the next roundabout take the 2nd Exit - continue for 5 miles (A525/A531)
- Destination will be on the left – Betley Court Farm Betley, Crewe CW3 9BH, UK.
- **From J16 M6** At junction 16 take the 1st exit - A500 exit to Nantwich/Crewe – continue for 2.1 miles
- At next Roundabout take the 1st exit onto A531 - continue for 1.0 miles
- At the next roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Newcastle Rd/A531 - continue for 0.4 miles
- At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on Newcastle Rd/A531
- Continue to follow A531 - 2.3 miles through Betley.
- Destination will be on the right.

Important Message - Absolutely no parking should take place in the village, "No Parking" cones will be out on the roadside.

Although parking is on a large field, the ground is on a slope and is well drained and no problems are envisaged, the directions of Parking Marshals should be followed. This area provides ample space for vehicles and is adjacent to the course with only a couple of minutes walk to the Start and Finish areas.

Clubs tents can be pitched close to the Start and Finish Area. The course is on open farmland which is highly scenic and undulating. All of the course is on grassland which in general is fairly even. Part of the course skirts Betley Mere which is a designated SSSI area and as such is very scenic. Although there are a couple of dirt tracks to cross it is recommended that spikes are worn (12mm minimum).

Programme of Events :

- 12.00 pm U 13 Girls/ U13 Boys - 1 lap of 3K approx. distance.
- 12.25 pm U15 Girls/ U15 Boys - 1 lap of 4k approx. distance
- 1.05pm U17M / U17W / U20W,SW & VW - 2 laps - total distance of 6k approx.
- 1.45pm U20M, SM & VM - 3 laps - total distance of 10k approx.