



**SARUM ORIENTEERING CLUB
NEW YEAR'S DAY EVENT
LEVEL D**



**A NEW AREA TO ORIENTEERING
MARTIN DOWN**

**With grateful thanks to Natural England,
Hampshire County Council and Allenford Farms.**

Wednesday 1st January 2020

- Venue:** Martin Down – through the village of Martin just off the A354 Blandford – Salisbury Road.
- Parking:** In the car park and on a track – down Sillens Lane through Martin Village – GR SU 058192. Go to the village of Martin. The event will be signed from the beginning of Sillens Lane GR. SU 068195. Follow Sillens Lane to the end where there is a car park and off track parking. Please follow the marshalls. Parking is limited. Please share if possible.
- Terrain:** Downland with a well defined network of tracks and many small features and clumps of bushes.
- History:** Martin Down is 350 hectares of unspoiled chalk downland where flowers and insects flourish and rare birds sing. The insects are attracted to the ancient sweeping grasslands that have dozens of different species of wildflower. Birdsong comes from cuckoos, yellowhammers, skylarks and even turtle doves. Although the landscape is not dramatic – a gentle rising vista of open meadows, scrub and ancient hedges - it feels ancient. The great Bokerley Ditch runs along the western side while mysterious mounds and dells hint that this was once a populated area in forgotten ages. This vast dyke snake, defining the Dorset/Hampshire border was perhaps built as a boundary in the Iron Age but fortified in the 5th or 6th centuries AD against invading Saxons. There is also a huge sculptured mound within Martin Down at the northern end, but this is no burial or fort. It was part of a Second World War rifle range. (Hampshire County Council)
- Map:** **NEW MAP** - 1:10,000, 5m contours, pre-marked and waterproof. 200 available!
- Out of bounds areas:** There are two sheep pens in the area which have electric fences. They are marked out of bounds on the map and are not to be entered. There are other sheep in the southern portion of the map over the hill and this area can be entered.
- Entry Fees:** Seniors £8.00 Juniors £3.00
- Electronic Punching:** Emit. Cards to hire Seniors - £1.50, Juniors - 50p. Lost card £50.
- Course: 1 hour Score** (visit as many controls as possible in the hour). 32 controls are located across the competition area. Each control has a point value of 10, 20 or 30 points. There are two roving controls worth 30 points each. These controls are identified as Father Christmas and his elf. Total points available are 540. 10 penalty points will be awarded for each minute or part of a minute late back.
- Registration:** from 11.00am – 12.00noon.
- Starts:** Start times from 12 – 12.15p.m. Go when you are ready.

Courses close: 1.30p.m.

Facilities: Single Toilet – no other toilets are located nearby, First Aid, please bring your own water.

Dogs: On leads please and under control!

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Please note that Orienteering is an adventure sport and you take part at your own risk. If you are not a member of any orienteering club, you will only be covered by British Orienteering insurance for your first 3 events.