

# Blair International Red Hand Trophy 2023

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Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023



Ballymena Rugby Club  
Eaton Park, Broughshane

A1/A2 Race

A3/Junior Race

A4/Ladies/Masters Race

Entries via Eventmaster

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## Race History

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June sees Ballymena Road Club, host the 2023 Red Hand Trophy Road Race. The Red Hand Trophy is one of the longest running road races in Ireland and was first run in 1968. Throughout the years the race has been won by many famous names including hat-tricks for the Promoting Club`s late Billy Kerr (1975, 1977 & 1980) and Ryan Connor (2001, 2007 & 2009).

In 2022 the race was won by Gareth O`Neill (Team Caldwell Cycles)

Below: The late great Billy Kerr and Ryan Connor



The trophy itself dates back to 1896 when it was presented to the Red Hand Cycling Club which existed in Ballymena at the time. Known then as the Lancashire`s Lemon Soda Cup it was first presented to FJ McCann in July 1896 at a race around the cinder track at the Recreation Grounds (now Ballymena Showgrounds). The trophy was presented to Ballymena Road Club in 1968 by solicitor, the late Jack McCann and was named the Red Hand Trophy.

**Ballymena Road Club would like to thank this year's sponsor.**

# **Blair** **International**

Established and operating since the mid 1970's, Blair International now operate a modern fleet of high specification vehicles and trailers throughout Ireland, the United Kingdom and Europe. Customer service is maintained to the highest possible standard by careful management controls designed to meet the customer's and all regulatory standards.

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Our vision is to be competitive in the road haulage industry. Being competitive means providing outstanding service, flexibility, and good value so that every customer feels their needs have been met. Through careful teamwork we strive to provide excellent service, innovative management and long-lasting relationships with our customers throughout the UK, Ireland and Europe.

We strive to continually improve and review our services. In order to survive and continually grow as a company, we try to utilise any technological advancements in ways which could improve the efficiency and flexibility of our services and customer satisfaction.

Whatever the road freight requirements, Blair International are equipped and have the resources and experience needed to provide the right solution.

## **Event Information**

### **Race Overview and Responsibilities**

The Blair International Red Hand Trophy is organised by Ballymena Road Club and promoted under the Cycling Ireland technical rules and regulations. All individuals who enter the race or are involved in the race are responsible for their own safety. They must understand that the roads are not closed. Accredited marshals will be placed in areas deemed higher risk and they will have the power to stop traffic however, riders should remain on the correct side of the road at all times.

### **Support Vehicles**

Neutral service will not be provided by the organisers. Support vehicles are permitted on the circuit however, they must not follow behind the race unless given permission to do so by a Commissaire.

### **Race Radios**

Race information will be broadcast on 453.5625 MHz. All race officials can collect a race radio from race headquarters prior to the event.

### **Prize Presentation and Refreshments**

The prize presentation will take place at the Event HQ after the race. Everyone is welcome to attend and there will be tea/coffee and refreshments available

## Race Officials

Race Director	Joann Lowry	07738 091969
Chief Judge	Ian Barfoot	07818 542474
Chief Timekeeper	Ian Barfoot	07818 542474
Photo Finish	Ian Barfoot	07818 542474
Commissaire 1	Jack Watson	07857 184605
Commissaire 2	Philip Dickenson	07791 983056
Commissaire 3	Jim Kelly	07508 375811
Sign On	John McKillop	07850 400909
Radios	Eddie Hampton	07788 233133
Moto Marshal	Sean Wright	07788 726642
First Aid (All races)	Joan McCullough	07846094646

## Official Vehicle Drivers

### A1/A2 Men's Race

Lead Car 1	Ryan Currie
Lead Car 2	Maurice McAllister
Comm Driver	Paul McQuillan

### A3 Men's Race

Lead Car 1	Martin Ruddy
Lead Car 2	Eddie Hampton
Comm Driver	Andrew Moss

### A4/Ladies/Masters Race

Lead Car 1	Alan Blair
Lead Car 2	Sammy Foster
Chief Comm Driver	Bernie Monaghan

## Information for riders & Race Officials

### Running Order

Sign On (all riders must sign on at race HQ and present licence!!)	09:00 – 09:30am
Marshals Briefing	09:15am
All riders gather for race briefing @ race HQ	09:45am
Neutralied roll out to start:	
A1/A2	09:50am
A3/JR	09:53am
A4/Masters/Ladies	09:56am
Race start	A1/A2 Race: 10:00am A3 Race: 10:03am A4/Ladies/Masters Race: 10:06am
Race Distances	A1/A2 Race: 70 miles (7 laps) A3 Race: 50 miles (5 laps) A4/Ladies/Masters Race: 40 miles (4 laps)
Prize Presentations and refreshments	Est 13:30

### **Important!!**

All riders must sign in at Race HQ between 9am and 9:30am. If signing up on the day you must present your 2023 Cycling Ireland Licence. Any rider who does not confirm their attendance by signing in will be excluded from the results.



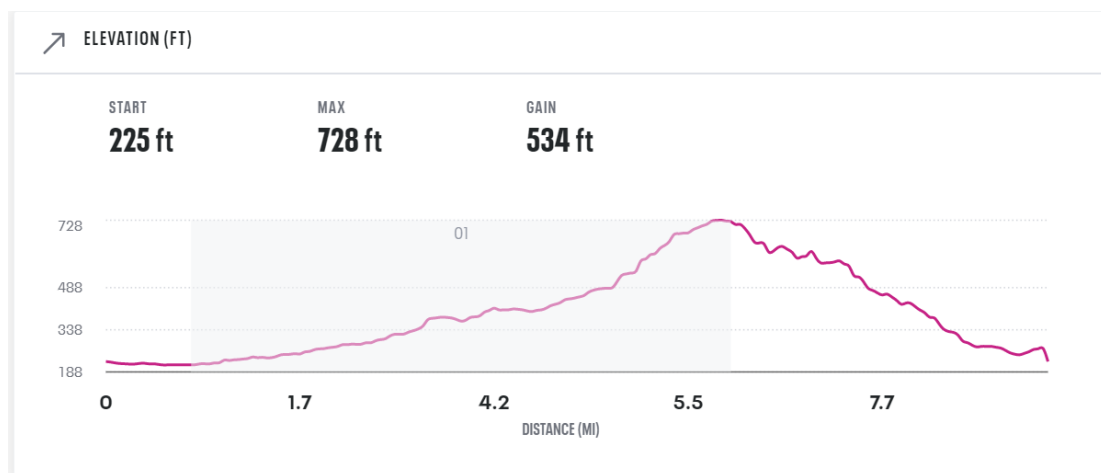
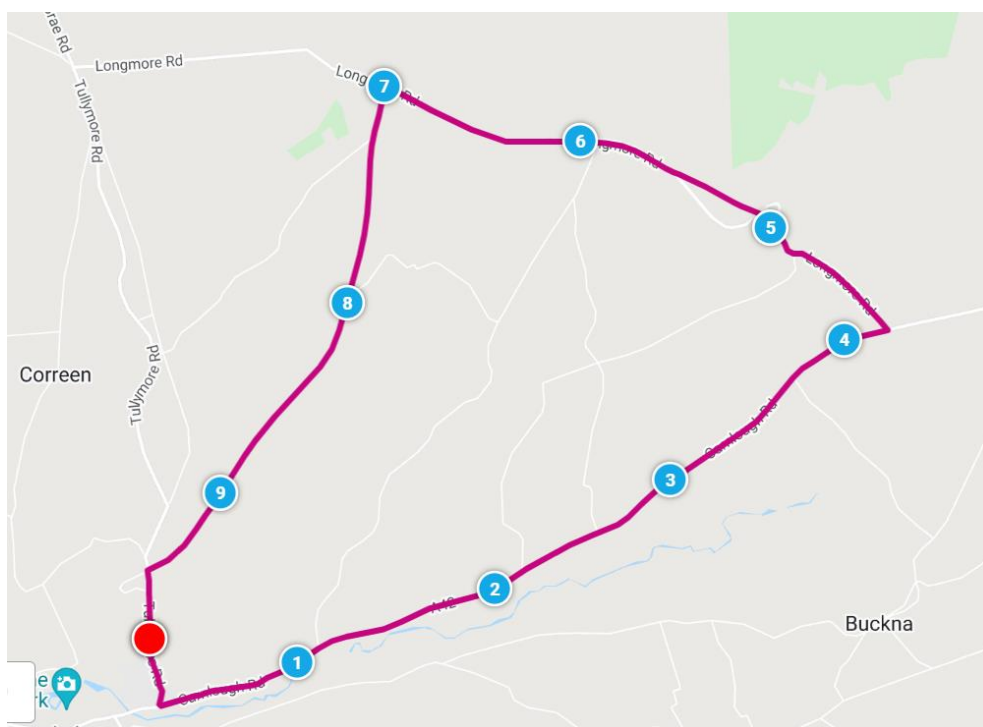
## Race HQ:

Eaton Park will be open from 8:45am.

Eaton Park  
209 Raceview Road  
Ballymena  
BT42 4HU

## Course Details

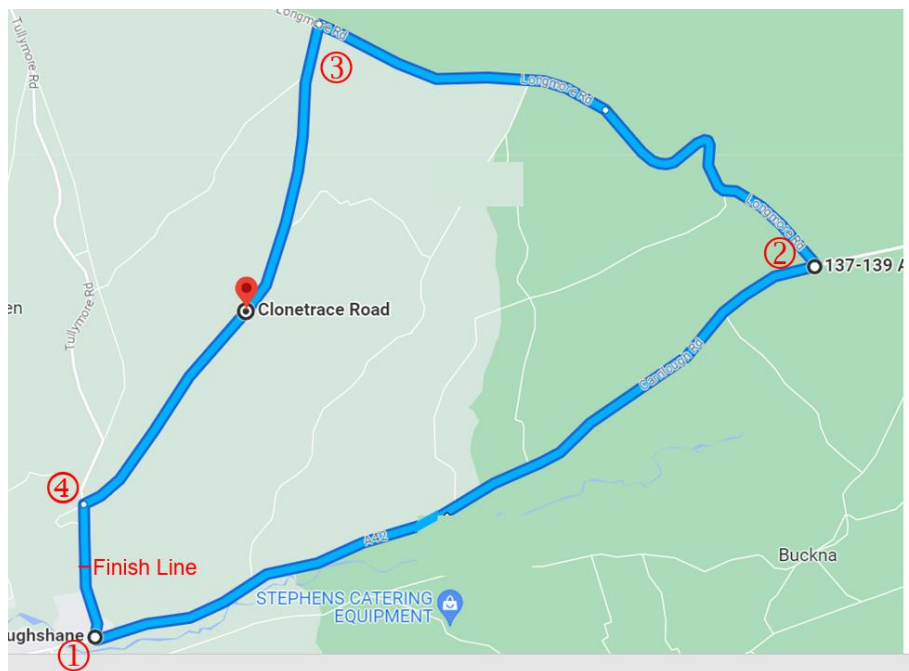
**Lap Distance: 10 miles**



### Static Marshall List

<b>MILES</b>	<b>KM</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>RISK</b>	<b>INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>STEPS TO REDUCE RISK</b>	<b>Marshals</b>
		Eaton Park	L	Roll out	Controlled Section	N/A
0.0	0.0	Carnlough Road	L	Race Starts	N/A	N/A
3.9	6.3	Left turn onto Longmore Road	L	Left turn	2 x marshal	Gerry McCullagh Deirdre McAuley
6.75	10.85	Left turn onto Clonetrace Road	L	Left turn	2 x marshals	Hazel Hughes John Shaw
9.3	15	Left turn onto Tullymore Road	L	Left turn	1 x accredited marshal 1 x marshal	Rodney Agnew John McKillop
10	16	Left turn onto Carnlough Road	L	Left turn	2 x accredited marshal 1 x marshal	Bill Lawrence Rob Lawrence Russell Allardice
Final Lap only	Final Lap only	Start/Finish Tullymore Road	L	N/A	1 x accredited Marshal	Richard Wilson Maria Shannon

## Marshal Points



### **Head Marshal Contacts:**

#### **Marshal Point - Finish Line:**

Eddie Hampton – Radio

#### **Marshal Point 1 – Tullymore Rd/Carlough Rd junction:**

Bill Lawrence - Radio

#### **Marshal Point 2 – Carnlough Rd/Longmore Rd junction:**

Gerry McCullagh - Radio

#### **Marshal Point 3 – Longmore Rd/Clonetrace Rd junction:**

John Shaw – Radio

#### **Marshal Point 4 – Clonetrace Rd/Tullymore Rd junction:**

Rodney Agnew - Radio

## Junction Numbers

(for identification purposes)

**Junction 1:** Tullymore Rd/Carlough Rd junction

**Junction 2:** Carlough Rd/Longmore Rd junction

**Junction 3:** Longmore Rd/Clonetrace Rd junction

**Junction 4:** Clonetrace Rd/Tullymore Rd junction

Each junction will have a race radio and a BRC radio.

Cycling Ulster radio broadcast on 453.5625 Mhz

BRC Marshall radio broadcast on 446.03125 MHz (Channel 3 on BRC Radio)

### Prize List for A1/A2 Race

1 <sup>st</sup>	£150
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£100
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£75
4 <sup>th</sup>	£50
5 <sup>th</sup>	£40
1 <sup>st</sup> Unplaced A2	£30
1 <sup>st</sup> Unplaced BRC	£30

### Prize List for A3 Race

1 <sup>st</sup>	£100
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£80
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£60
4 <sup>th</sup>	£40
5 <sup>th</sup>	£30
1 <sup>st</sup> Unplaced BRC	£25
1 <sup>st</sup> Unplaced Junior	£25

### Prize List for A4/Ladies/Masters Race

1 <sup>st</sup>	£80
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£60
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£50
4 <sup>th</sup>	£40
5 <sup>th</sup>	£30
1 <sup>st</sup> Lady	£80
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lady	£60
3 <sup>rd</sup> Lady	£50
1st Masters	£50
1 <sup>st</sup> Unplaced BRC	£25

## Local Hospital

Antrim Area Hospital  
Bush Road  
Antrim  
BT41 2RL

*Ballymena Road Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all competitors, marshals and volunteers.*

