

Tisbury is a large Saxon village in the Cranborne Chase AONB in Wiltshire. It is surrounded by farmland, rural estates and woodland and is a very rural community, approached only along minor roads with low bridges. The village straddles the River Nadder and is home to Portland limestone quarries that supplied rock for Salisbury Cathedral.

The course has been planned to make use of all the local greenspace, so expect some off road running, if you wish to get all the controls. Also, with recent rains and the growth of vegetation, be prepared for mud, overhanging vegetation and maybe some nettles. There may also be some grazing cattle and horses in some fields, so give them a wide berth. There is a new path through a field with rams by the river. The path is not mapped, and the rams are inquisitive, so best to avoid the field. There are signs. It is a hilly village, so you may expect up to 150 metres of climb, so plan carefully.

Parking is located in the free parking, opposite the police station on the Avenue, or next to the football pitch or at the railway station. You can arrive by train if you wish, via Salisbury. Please DO NOT PARK on the High Street on the double yellow lines.

The start is by the war memorial in the 'square', the finish is next to the car park. Ensure you do not run past the finish on your way to collect any remaining controls, as your run will end.

Afterwards there are nice cafes/Delis on the High Street and an art gallery at Messums, the largest thatched barn in England. In the churchyard are the graves of Rudyard Kipling's parents who lived in Tisbury. Older than the 12th century church is a 4000 year old Yew tree, which you are likely to run past.

Hope you all have a good day in Tisbury

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