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# TEN TORS 2025

EVENT GUIDE



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## Foreword

# Event Director Colonel Matt Palmer

I am delighted to return for the 63rd Ten Tors following its remarkably successful delivery on a particularly hot weekend in 2024, which also celebrated 75 years of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949. As always, planning for this year began almost immediately the tents came down last May, and I am pleased to say we are in great shape due to the relentless work of the inspirational enabling community. I am still struck by the scale and complexity of this iconic event and remain hugely grateful to all involved.

As has become normal, demand for places has far outstripped the capacity we can responsibly deliver. Therefore, with our focus remaining on the delivery of a safe and environmentally responsible event, there will inevitably be some disappointed teams to whom we were unable to offer a place. I am sorry if your establishment was one of these but am confident our team selection process remains as fair and equitable as we can possibly make it.

More positively, I am delighted to welcome back a good friend of Ten Tors - the survival expert, presenter and author Ray Mears. Ray opened the event last year and has agreed to be our ambassador going forward. This is excellent news and demonstrates the enduring appeal of this historic youth challenge. Additionally, I welcome Peter Harper as our new Director's Advisor. Peter has been involved in Ten Tors for over 30 years and will carry on the brilliant work of the esteemed Tony Clark. A local landowner, Peter has already been outstanding in his support to the delivery team, managers and participants; generating new ideas whilst maintaining Ten Tors' rich traditions.



Finally, and most importantly, I must sincerely thank the landowners, Dartmoor National Park Authority, the Duchy of Cornwall, our sister Services, partner agencies and numerous volunteers and charities. We are also indebted to the many establishment staff who have inspired, trained and selected the several thousand participants. Without this brilliant support, the jewel in the crown of national youth challenges would simply not be possible. So, good luck to all involved - I wish you a fantastic weekend.

# Guest of Honour Chief of the General Staff

## General Sir C R V Walker KCB DSO ADC Gen

**G**eneral Sir Roly Walker is the Chief of the General Staff, the professional head of the British Army. He was commissioned into the Irish Guards in 1993 before undertaking service with the UK's Special Forces from 1997. In 2009 he assumed command of the Grenadier Guards.

Throughout his career, General Walker has held command positions at various levels, including company, squadron, battle group, brigade, and Special Forces group levels. He has led operations in locations such as Northern Ireland, Afghanistan, Iraq, and has been involved in joint operations across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and South America.

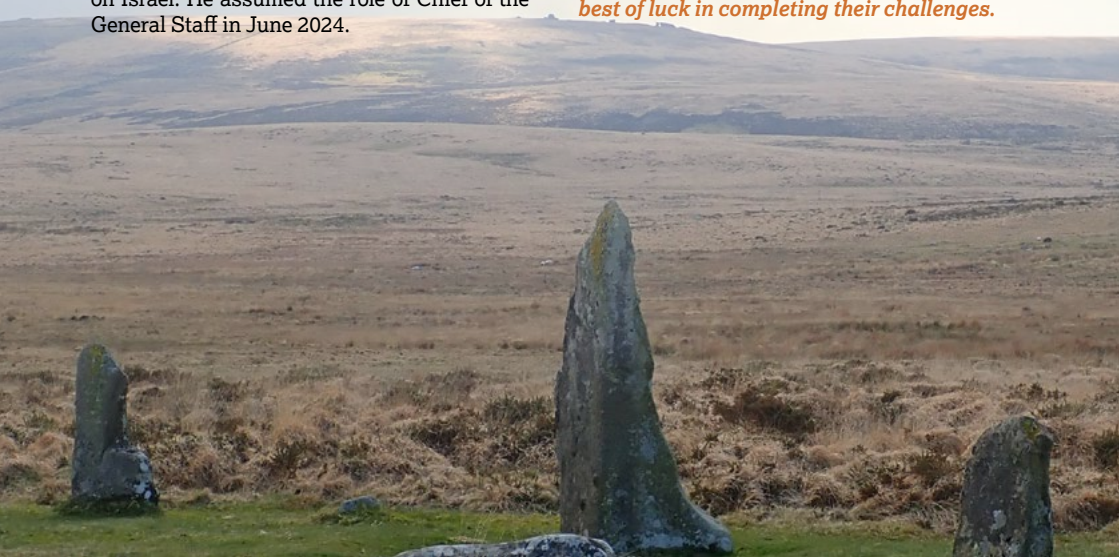
Prior to his current role, General Walker served as the Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Military Strategy & Operations) at the Ministry of Defence from April 2021. During this time, he played a key role in advising and directing operations in response to significant events, including the Government's Covid response, the Duke of Edinburgh's passing, the Kabul withdrawal, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, the coronation of King Charles III, various evacuation operations, and the Hamas attacks on Israel. He assumed the role of Chief of the General Staff in June 2024.



General Walker has received several honours for his service, including being appointed a Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath in 2023 and a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order in 2010.

Aside from his military duties, General Walker is married with three daughters and lives in Herefordshire. He is President of the Honourable Artillery Company, Army Rugby and Army Winter Sport.

*I am delighted to be invited to start Ten Tors 2025 and I wish all participants the very best of luck in completing their challenges.*



# SO1 Ten Tors

## Lieutenant Colonel Tim Gilbert

**T**his is the sixth Ten Tors that I have assisted in delivering, my second leading the small Ten Tors planning team, and hopefully my first as the parent of a participant (fingers crossed at time of writing!). Six years in, I continue to find new aspects and stories about TT that amaze me.

Staging Ten Tors is no small feat, and it simply wouldn't be possible without the dedication of countless individuals who give their time and expertise to make this incredible event happen. While I can't name everyone personally, I want to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of the following organisations and volunteers who play a vital role in ensuring the success and safety of Ten Tors.

- **Dartmoor Rescue Group** teams are always on hand, responding to callouts throughout the training season and the event to assist teams in need. Their expertise is invaluable in keeping participants safe.
- **Devon & Cornwall Police, South West Ambulance Service, the Met Office, and the Highways Agency** provide specialist support, ensuring everything runs as smoothly and safely as possible.
- **Scrutineers** volunteer their time to carefully check that teams are properly equipped and ready for the challenge ahead.
- **Environmental Compliance Monitors** dedicate their weekends to protecting Dartmoor's unique landscape, making sure teams respect and preserve the environment while they train.
- **Mike Ruffles** has planned the routes for a long time and is stepping down this year. Route planning is incredibly complex, as all the routes must be equal in terms of distance and climb, whilst ensuring footfall on the moor is spread widely. Mike's experience has been vital, and thankfully he will remain in touch to assist his successor.
- **Devon & Cornwall 4x4 Response** volunteers provide crucial off-road transport, allowing access to remote parts of the Moor that would otherwise be difficult to reach.



- **Tor Party Personnel**, comprising serving and retired members of the Royal Navy, Army, and Royal Air Force play a crucial role in staffing checkpoints and safety controls, ensuring the welfare of participants.
- Our specialist contractors, **St John Ambulance** and **JCSys**, provide essential medical cover and real-time tracking, both of which are vital to keeping teams safe.
- The goodwill of **Dartmoor's landowners** and the **Dartmoor National Park Authority** is fundamental, allowing access to this incredible landscape for both training and the event itself.
- Finally, a special thank you to all the **team managers, teachers, and support staff** who dedicate so much time—often through the toughest winter conditions—to train and prepare young people for Ten Tors. Their hard work and commitment are truly the foundation of the event.
- Lastly since October, **Major Ben Clutterbuck** has superbly covered the key role of SO2 Ten Tors in addition to his normal responsibilities, and whilst retraining as an electrician in preparation for leaving the Regular Army in June. The detailed military planning would have been incredibly difficult without him.

*To every single person who has contributed in any way to this year's Ten Tors—thank you. Your dedication and support make this event not just possible, but a life changing experience for all the participants.*

# Commander's Advisor

Peter Harper

**M**y introduction to Ten tors was a wet, cold day in January 1984, my first training walk. Following that day, I went on to complete 35, 45, and 55 routes, after 8 years in the army I returned to the family business and wanted an excuse to get out on the moors again, so I volunteered to help with my old school as a walking leader. From there I was soon a team manager for my own walking group, helping as many students as possible get the opportunity to do Ten tors, and share my love of the moors, though some where glad when I shut up about the glory of the moors.

*I have loved every minute of it, get out and volunteer you will never look back, and thank you for the awesome teamwork.*

The rewards have been countless, seeing so many young people, grow in personality and confidence over the months is an amazing feeling. When parents come to you during and after the event and tell you how their child, has become confident young adult ready for the world, that feeling of having helped someone, in very small way gives you an amazing buzz.

The volunteering is not just about the young peoples lives you have enriched, but about the other incredible volunteer leaders you work with to make it happen, the camaraderie and friendship's you make will last a lifetime, especially when it has been a tough day in all weathers, it is the teamwork that will get you through.



# Moor Boots

## Grant giving scheme to enable equal access to Dartmoor for young people.

**T**he DPA recognise the issue of unequal access to Dartmoor National Park. Many individuals face financial barriers to the great outdoors.

Our ‘**Moor Boots**’ grant giving scheme is aimed at young people living in and around Dartmoor’s remote and rural communities. It directly addresses financial barriers to accessing suitable footwear and camping equipment, enabling more young people to confidently and safely access the moor.

**Our approach.** To address these barriers, the DPA relaunched the ‘Moor Boots’ grant giving scheme in 2024. Moor Boots provides funding for footwear and specialist outdoor equipment for young people taking part in organised activities like the Duke of Edinburgh’s award and Ten Tors. These young people may otherwise have been unable to take part due to financial constraints.

**Impact.** In 2024 we funded kit for over 70 individual young people taking part in Ten Tors, the equivalent to 12 whole teams; improving engagement for participants and supporting several vulnerable young people to experience Dartmoor for the first time.

To measure the success of the scheme, we surveyed team managers of grant recipients across the region.

*“A large proportion of our participants are from disadvantaged backgrounds. Our students thrive on challenges such as the Jubilee Challenge; any donation of kit would enable them to be better prepared and presented during the challenge.”*



## Our target outcomes

- **Moor Boots** aims to support young people to safely and comfortably explore and enjoy Dartmoor’s natural beauty.
- **To support** vulnerable young people to become more confident in exploring nature.
- **Moor Boots** aims to help more young people to participate fully and safely in outdoor activities such as Ten Tors, boosting their confidence and encouraging a lasting engagement with nature.
- **The scheme** aimed to facilitate a direct experience with Dartmoor’s natural environment, not only to enhance outdoor skills and confidence, but also to deepen appreciation and respect for nature. Through these meaningful interactions with Dartmoor, the scheme aimed to instil a sense of stewardship and environmental responsibility in the next generation.

**In 2025** we have supported even more young people to experience the challenge of Ten Tors, to grow their confidence, learn new skills and embed a love of the outdoors and Dartmoor National Park.

**The Dartmoor Preservation Association** is the oldest and largest membership body on Dartmoor. We have been fighting to keep Dartmoor wild and free for all for 142 years. We manage our own land for nature regeneration and the protection of archaeology, we campaign on issues such as national park funding and we advocate for public access rights. Most recently this has been the right to back-pack camp, a campaign the DPA has been right at the heart of.

*“The scheme was a tremendous help to our pupils and allowed them to build their confidence and self-esteem being out on the moor and part of Ten Tors.”*





# Route Planning

Mike Ruffles

**H**aving completed the 50-mile Ten Tors routes in 1961 and 1962, it took another 27 years before our children were old enough to participate in the Challenge. The Scout Team Manager, aware of my Dartmoor involvement through letterboxing and work with young offenders in outdoor activities, invited me to join the Scout Ten Tors training.

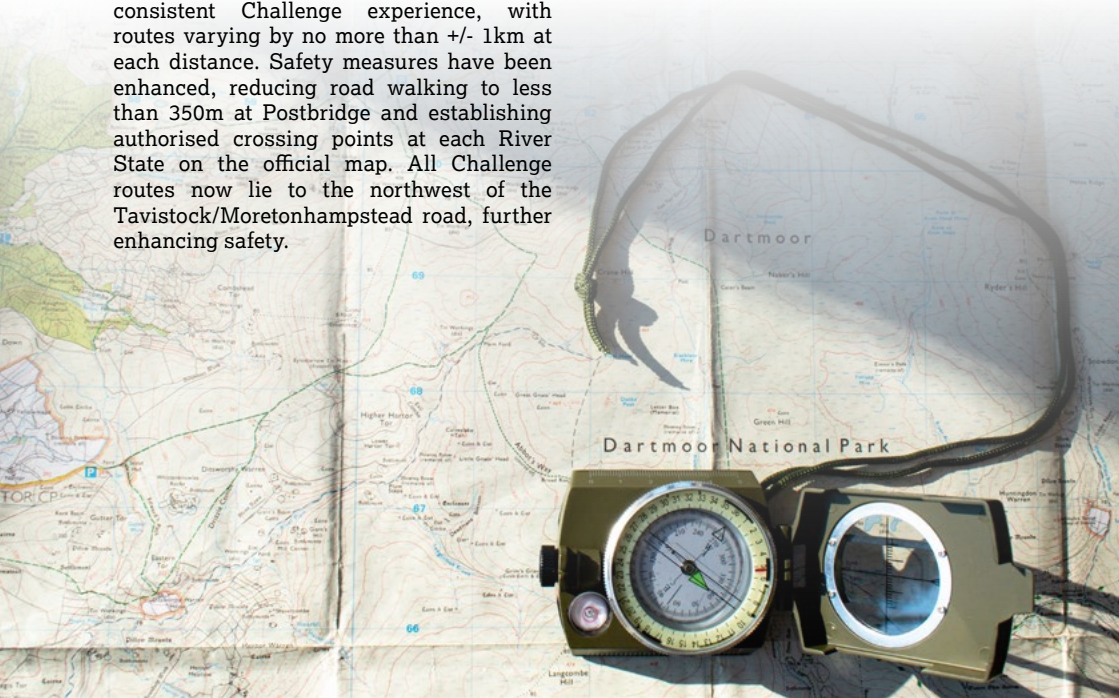
Years later, after a casual conversation with the Ten Tors Secretary, I was invited to review the existing routes and Rules. This led to my involvement in the Ten Tors Policy Committee, representing the Scout Association for five years and contributing to route-related work. Now, after over sixty years since my first Ten Tors Challenge, I am stepping down following twenty years of involvement in route planning, passing the baton to the next generation.

Route planning has evolved to ensure a consistent Challenge experience, with routes varying by no more than +/- 1km at each distance. Safety measures have been enhanced, reducing road walking to less than 350m at Postbridge and establishing authorised crossing points at each River State on the official map. All Challenge routes now lie to the northwest of the Tavistock/Moretonhampstead road, further enhancing safety.

Environmental considerations are prioritised, with teams avoiding nesting areas of rare birds [RBNA] and routes revised to minimize environmental impact and foster positive relationships with farmers. Team compliance is closely monitored throughout training and the Challenge.

The aim is to make the Challenge a rewarding experience for participants and their supporters. To allow supporters time to reach the finish line, teams are not permitted to pass through the 8th Tor before 0600 on Sunday, ensuring most teams finish after 0900.

As Dartmoor evolves, the Ten Tors Policy Committee will continue to review routes and controls on a five-year cycle, supported by my successor to maintain the quality provision of Ten Tors Routes.



# Ten Tors Participant Route Planner

**Peter Crawley**

**G**rowing up in Ashburton, I was introduced to Dartmoor at a young age by my parents, though initially with some reluctance. The concept of Ten Tors intrigued me long before I was eligible to participate. Eventually, I found myself leading family outings for letterboxing on the moor. As a Scout with the 1st Bovey Tracey troop, I eagerly joined the district training programme in autumn 2006, which proved to be a rigorous experience. My first Ten Tors event in 2007 saw all teams evacuated on Sunday morning, but in subsequent years, I successfully completed the 45-mile route twice and the 55-mile route, relishing the challenges of navigation and my growing familiarity with the moor.

While at university in Exeter in 2012, I supported Mayfield School's team in the jubilee challenge through my continued involvement with the Scout troop. This led to a role as an adult leader in the district's training programme, where I helped prepare the next generation of Ten Tors participants.

After a stint in London, my longing for Devon brought me back, and I resumed my roles in the Scout district Ten Tors leader team and as a regular Scout leader. By 2018, I

had obtained my Mountain Training Hill and Moorland Leader qualification, taking charge of the district's 45 and 55-mile teams and contributing to the training programme committee.

Now, I have been entrusted with planning the routes for Ten Tors starting in 2026. Ensuring participant safety and meeting various requirements are paramount, but my goal is to craft engaging and challenging yet manageable routes for each team.

My passion for Dartmoor sees me frequently stationed at remote checkpoints, eagerly awaiting our teams' arrivals each weekend. The thrill of training teams to be self-sufficient for the Ten Tors weekend in the stunning yet demanding Dartmoor landscape is a challenge I relish.

*Ten Tors is a remarkable event, offering participants skills and friendships that can last a lifetime and prepare them for adventures worldwide. Its unique impact on young people is unparalleled in my experience.*



# Environmental Compliance Monitor

**Andy Hodges**

## Environmental Compliance Monitoring Team

2068 seems a long way off in the future but it will mark 100 years of Ten Tors. One of the Environmental Compliance Monitoring Team's primary roles is to ensure Ten Tors 100 can take place by managing our impact on the moor and those who live and work there. Without their backing and continued support the event would be impossible to stage.

The Commoners, Landowners, Dartmoor National Park and the Army agree a set of rules for training, called the Green Card. The contents of the Green Card advise and direct all those involved in the training period of Ten Tors (from the Team Managers' Briefing in October until the event in May) to minimise the impact of training groups on the fragile environment and those working and living there. For the event various coloured cards replace the Green Card, different sets of rules apply to different groups involved in the event.

The ECM team currently comprises of 31 people who have extensive experience of Ten Tors training and are on the moor throughout the training period, October to May. During the event, we monitor teams' tracker traces and record infringements to Out Of Bounds (OOB)

areas, OOB River sections, OOB camping areas, OOB road sections and any groups leaving the event area. We're all volunteers and many of the team are also Team Managers or trainers for establishments.

We love meeting groups out on the moor and are always impressed by the positive attitudes of the young people out there. When we meet a group, we usually check id panels are visible, Rare Bird Nesting Areas are marked, how the group are feeling and then ask a couple of questions relating to the Green Card. Our favourite is probably, "What should you do if you pass through an open gate?" The Green Card answer is "Shut it!" (which differs from the Country Code but is what the Commoners have asked us to adopt).

*Are you interested in becoming an ECM? We are always on the look out for new team members who are qualified mountain or moorland leaders, hold an enhanced DBS and first aid qualification, can commit at least ten days cover per season and are experienced in training groups for the Ten Tors Challenges.*



# Team Managers' Rep

**Bob Costin**

46 establishments are taking part in the JC and JC+ and 189 establishments are taking part in the TT challenge this year. For each participant who lines up at the start of their Ten Tors challenge, there is excitement and anticipation for the journey ahead. Their enthusiasm is matched by a strong confidence that their training over the past nine months has provided them with the essential skills, perseverance, and resolve required for success.

For the vast team of volunteer managers, trainers and support crew it is a chance to reflect on the culmination of another year's training. The preparations for which are likely to have commenced immediately following the completion of the previous year's challenge. It is essential to plan training dates in advance, particularly for those who need to coordinate with a school calendar.

Training for Ten Tors isn't just about being on the moor, each year will bring new rules and guidance that need to be read and understood, parents and potential participants will be invited to attend a presentation to understand what to expect from the training and the kit that is required. Topics covered before venturing onto Dartmoor include navigation theory, route cards, training rules, kit checks, bird nesting, river crossings, military maps, packing a rucksack, nutrition, hydration, hygiene, and toileting in the wild.

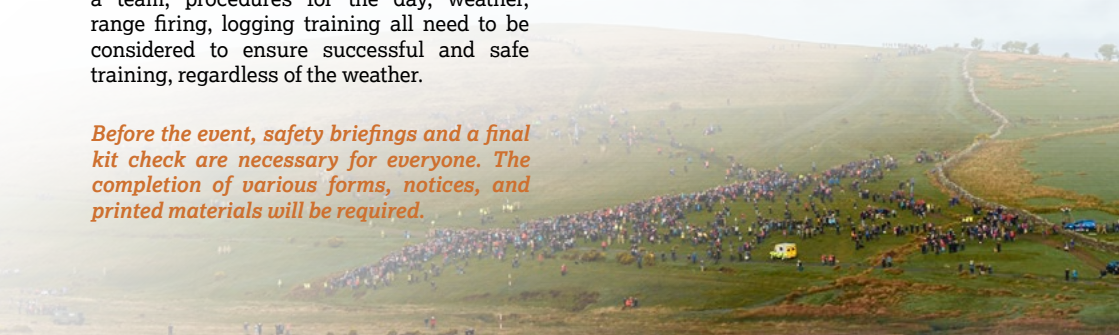
Weekends and single days out on the moor require considerable planning, routes need to be produced and sent out to teams, each route card needs to be checked for accuracy, management plans, allocating trainers to a team, procedures for the day, weather, range firing, logging training all need to be considered to ensure successful and safe training, regardless of the weather.

Organising the logistics for every participant's arrival at the event is a considerable task that necessitates extensive planning and time. The base camp in Okehampton can be established from Thursday, with the advance team expected to arrive and form a queue prior to sunrise. Each team is registered on Friday and most teams will be at Okehampton from 9am onwards, their will be a final verification of routes, a tour of the camp, final kit check (just in case) issuing of all team kit, trackers and a final evening brief to recap and celebrate the last 9 months or so.

It is impossible to count the out of hours work that is involved to get all the teams to the start, suffice to say it is considerable and in our spare time. As volunteers we give our time freely and expect no recognition or reward, seeing them out on Saturday and more importantly all back at the finish on Sunday is reward enough.



*Before the event, safety briefings and a final kit check are necessary for everyone. The completion of various forms, notices, and printed materials will be required.*



# Dartmoor Rescue Group

## Meg Hansen, Volunteer Team Member

**B**orn and raised in rural Devon, Dartmoor and the wider Devonshire countryside have always played a huge part in my life. One of the best decisions I ever made for my outdoors-loving self was to sign up to my local Air Cadet Squadron, 2443 Okehampton, at the age of 13.

My experience within the Air Cadets saw plenty of outdoor and adventurous activities, such as white water kayaking in the Lake District, climbing and scrambling in Snowdonia, Munro-bagging in the Cairngorms, and completing my Bronze, Silver, and Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. I was lucky enough to be presented with my Gold DofE Award during the 60th Anniversary celebrations by Col. Sir Chris Hadfield at Buckingham Palace in May 2016.

Activities closer to home during this time included the formidable Ten Tors Challenge.

Despite taking part in the Ten Tors Challenge for five consecutive years, due to personal and team member injuries, I finally crossed the finish line of the 55 mile event on a very emotional May 8th 2016, and was presented with my hard-earned finishers' medal.

My time during the Ten Tors Challenge, as well as the wider Air Cadet Organisation, helped kickstart a massive love and appreciation of the outdoors, and Dartmoor in particular. I joined the North Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team (NDSART) as a probationary trainee in February 2022. During my first Ten Tors event a couple of months later, it was fantastic to see the determination and grit of the teenagers who were taking part, and to be able to chat with some of them and help provide a bit of a boost for those who were struggling. It was also a lovely reminder of some of the fantastic memories I had created whilst taking part myself over the years.

I was presented with my red jacket in September 2023 to become a full team member of NDSART, after around 18 months of learning and developing skills from the rest of the team.



In my time since, I have undertaken training and assessments to become a Remote Rescue Medical Technician, a MOD2 Swiftwater and Flood Responder, and Mountain Rescue 4x4 off road driver, with lots more lined up.

Volunteering with NDSART has been a brilliant journey so far, and one I'm thrilled to continue with. Ultimately the Ten Tors Challenge wouldn't exist without the volunteers, right the way from the first training weekend to the finish line and everything in between. It's truly an honour to be able to give back to such a great event, especially now as my fourth year as a volunteer team member with NDSART.

*I would wholeheartedly recommend the Ten Tors Challenges to any young person looking for something to test their limits and create brilliant memories.*

To learn more about your local Mountain Rescue Team based in Okehampton, please visit [www.ndsart.org.uk](http://www.ndsart.org.uk).

***Best of luck to all who are participating in 2025!***

# Chaplaincy Support at Ten Tors 2025

## Padre Gary Birch

**I**t's my privilege, along with some of our ACF chaplains to be at Ten Tors this year offering support to both enablers and competitors. For the last few years there have always been chaplains present at Ten Tors, but this time we're offering you a space to come and relax, decompress, offload or just share a cuppa.

It was back in 1796 that the Army Chaplains' Department was formed with the sole purpose of offering pastoral care, spiritual support and moral guidance to everyone in uniform and their families, and that purpose hasn't changed to this day. After chaplains served and gave their lives on the front lines of WW1 the department was granted the Royal Warrant, and now the Royal Army Chaplains' Department is deployed wherever there are troops around the world. We go where they go, live where they live and even eat the same rations, all because we believe in the importance of the pastoral, spiritual and moral wellbeing of those we serve with, irrespective of faith, world philosophy or status.

I've visited Ten Tors a couple of times before and have seen how rewarding it is, but also how physically and emotionally draining it can be for all involved. That's why I wanted to provide a space where both enablers and competitors could come and find a friendly face, a hot brew (maybe even a biscuit too), a listening ear and a space to just chill out in the midst of the mayhem. So look out for the Chaplaincy & Welfare Hub in the middle of camp, and feel free to drop in and say hello.

*I hope to see you there or out and about around camp, and every blessing to all of you taking part.*



# Commando Helicopter Force (CHF)

**T**he Commando Helicopter Force (CHF) has been a key supporter of the Ten Tors event for nearly four decades, playing an essential role in ensuring its safe and effective delivery. Based at Royal Naval Air Station Yeovilton in Somerset, CHF is a unit of the Royal Navy's Fleet Air Arm and an element of the Joint Aviation Command. Its primary mission is to provide rotary-wing support to United Kingdom Commando Forces and other UK forces operating in maritime, Arctic, and desert environments.

Affectionately known as 'The Junglies' due to their operations in the jungles of Borneo during the 1960s, CHF consists of three Naval Air Squadrons 845, 846, and 847 which operate the Merlin Mk4/4A and Wildcat AH1 helicopters. CHF's close proximity to Dartmoor, combined with the multi-role versatility of the Merlin Mk4/4A and the highly skilled Junglie aircrew (pilots and aircrewmembers), who are trained to operate in all weather conditions, day or night, makes them the ideal partner for supporting the Ten Tors event. Their expertise in tactical low-level flying is crucial for navigating Dartmoor's rugged terrain and unpredictable weather, which is known to shift through all four seasons in a single day.

The Commando Merlin helicopter, regarded as the world's most advanced amphibious battlefield helicopter, can transport up to 24 fully equipped troops, offering tactical mobility and aviation support from land or sea. The aircraft is typically crewed by two pilots and one aircrewmember.

CHF began supporting the Ten Tors event in 1988, initially providing two Sea King Mk4 helicopters from 707 Naval Air Squadron. At that time, one aircraft was based at Wilsworthy, and the other at Okehampton Camp. In 2016, the Commando Merlin Mk3/3A was introduced to Ten Tors, marking a significant transition as the aircraft proved its utility and capability, building on the legacy of the dependable Sea King.



Throughout the years, CHF helicopters have undertaken a variety of roles during Ten Tors, including casualty evacuations (CAVEVAC/MEDIVAC), underslung load operations (carrying items such as 105mm light guns and external stores), moving checkpoint teams across the terrain, transporting VIPs and media, conducting reconnaissance missions, supporting the opening ceremony with fly-pasts, and assisting with resupply efforts. They have also been instrumental in searching for and locating lost teams, among many other tasks.

In addition to providing aircraft and aircrews, CHF supplies all the support elements required to ensure smooth operations during the event. At Okehampton Camp's helicopter landing site (HLS), Royal Navy aircraft engineers perform routine and scheduled maintenance, operating in shifts to provide 24-hour coverage. This allows for quick diagnostics and repairs in case of technical issues, ensuring continuous aircraft operations.

The HLS is managed by CHF's own Commando Mobile Air Operations Team (CDO MAOT), an elite Royal Navy unit responsible for coordinating aviation support on the ground. Additionally, CHF's Aviation Combat Service Support Squadron (ACSS) provides essential fuel services to keep the helicopters operational. Without these vital support teams, CHF's ability to provide effective airlift capability during the event would be greatly diminished.

The article's author, Lieutenant Commander Simon 'Scouse' Leach RNR, joined the Royal Navy in September 1990 to train as a helicopter pilot. His first experience supporting Ten Tors was in 1993 as a trainee Junglie pilot. Since leaving regular service in 1999 and joining the Royal Navy Reserve (RNR) Air Branch, he has continued to support Ten Tors, apart from a brief hiatus during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020-21.

When asked why he continues to return, Lieutenant Commander Leach said, "Being part of Ten Tors is a truly unique experience, whether as an enthusiastic participant or an experienced enabler. I thoroughly enjoy being an integral part of the team, contributing to CHF and the Royal Navy's efforts to provide the highest level of support to the largest Army engagement event in the South West. It's the people I've met over the years that make it all worthwhile."





# Lieutenant Rhodri Leyshon

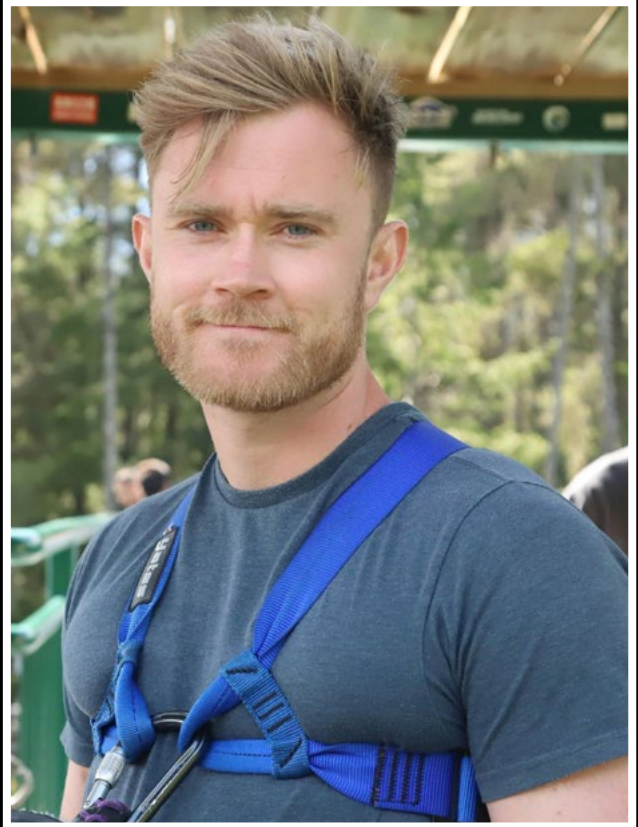
Royal Navy

## Tribute

Rhod was the Detachment Commander for 846 Naval Air Squadron supporting [Ten Tors 2024](#). He successfully led and managed his team through his professionalism, Junglie spirit, and keen sense of humour. Rhod was tragically killed in an aircraft crash on the 4th September 2024.

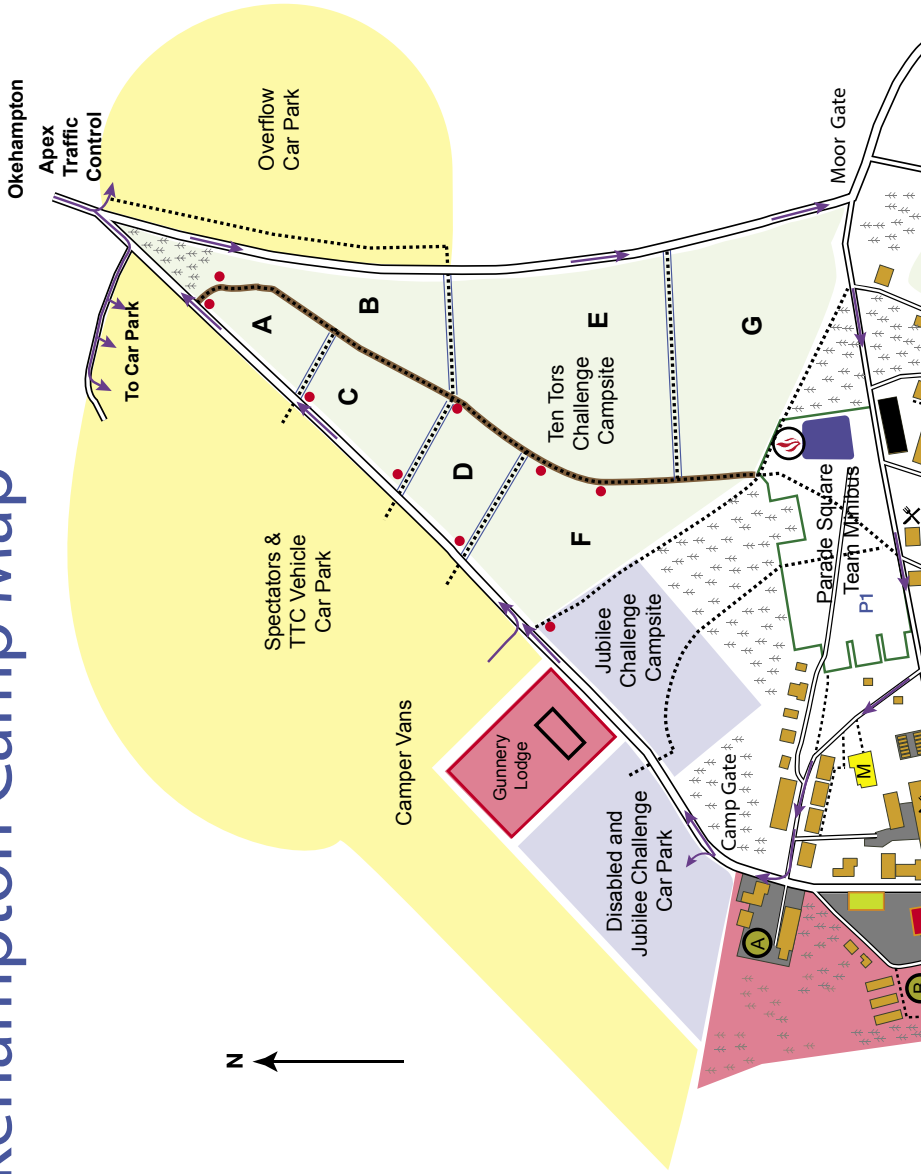
Colonel Mark Johnson, Commanding Officer of Commando Helicopter Force at Yeovilton, said in a statement.

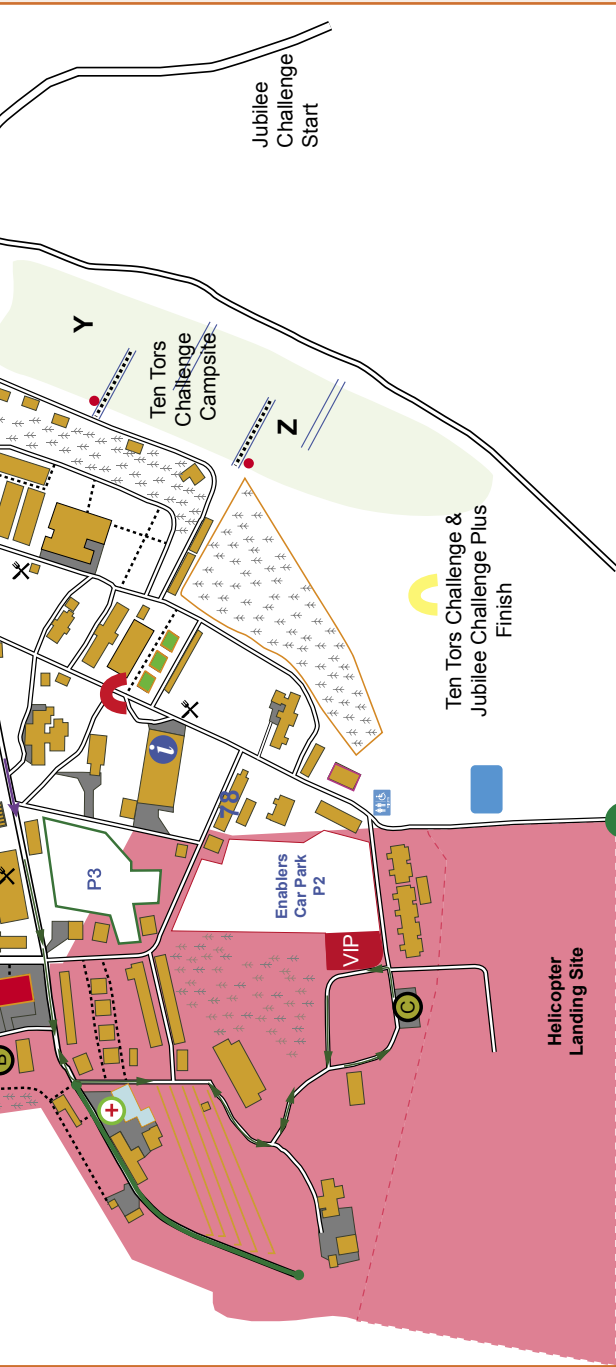
*“It’s immensely sad that we lost one of our family. Lieutenant Leyshon was a consummate professional and a shining light with a bright future. He epitomised our team spirit and his loss leaves a huge hole in all our hearts.”*



**He will be in the thoughts  
of all those from the  
Commando Helicopter Force  
attending Ten Tors 2025.**

# Okehampton Camp Map





Ten Tors Challenge Start Anthony Stile

- JC and Disabled Parking
- TTC/JC+ Withdrawal Coordination Centre
- JC Control & TTC/JC/JC+ Withdrawal
- Coordination Centre
- Chaplaincy & Welfare Hub
- Traffic Direction

- JC Finish
- TTC Start
- TTC & JC+ Finish
- TriBar & Catering
- Controlled Parking
- Out of Bounds to Public

- Fire Muster Point
- Fire Appliances
- Fire Breaks
- TTC Brief, Registration & Public Info
- First Aid
- Toilets
- Footpaths

- Reception
- QM
- VIP Parking
- Enablers Car Park
- TTC & Spectators Parking
- Engagement Village (Fri & Sat)
- Engagement Village (Sun)
- Media



# Photo-fit

SPORTS EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY

**P**hoto-Fit has had the honour to cover Ten Tors since 2015, writes Tom Lindsey, the owner of the southwest event photography business. In this celebration and commemoration of all things volunteering we highlight two of our Photo-Fit photographers who enjoy volunteering and are proud to do so.

**Sam**, one of the most experienced photographers, has a passion for hockey in the Bristol area.

'I've been hockey umpiring since university when I got qualified. I have umpired ever since. I usually umpire about once a month. All the club umpires are volunteers - if we had no umpires volunteering then there would be no hockey! It's a vital aspect of the club and usually gets rewarded with the odd pint after the game.'

I would encourage all hockey players to get qualified to umpire. Not only will a full understanding of the rules enhance your own game - it also lightens the load for everyone. Umpiring can also lead to new opportunities; I know some umpires who have umpired abroad.

As someone who volunteers and also as someone who has Ten Tors experience, I completed the 45 miler about twenty years ago and have photographed it for the last ten, I know that without the volunteers' hard work the event would not be possible!

**Leo**, one of the newest additions to the team, is proud to volunteer at his local scout group, 1st Taunton Wilton with both Scouts and Beavers.

'I have been volunteering four plus hours a week since October 2023. I volunteer with Scouts as I believe it teaches you invaluable life skills in the important formative years of life. I got involved as I found myself with spare time and wanted to give back to the community and the group I was once part of. I find it very rewarding, and it gives a great sense of pride.'

Our group has teams that compete at Ten Tors so I would like to thank the organisers and volunteers of the event, especially those that keep the event safe for participants. Good luck to all teams competing, it will be tough but keep going, you'll make it!

Team managers, parents and participants: subscribe for event photo notifications at [www.photo-fit.com](http://www.photo-fit.com) or simply scan this QR code. Event photos will be taken at the start, on the tors in day 1, at the finish and presentations on day 2. Search with a selfie to find your photos.

**Good luck all.**



# Engagement Village



Come and engage with service personnel from the Royal Navy (including the Royal Marines), Army, and Royal Air Force and get your hands on some of the inter-active and immersive and equipment on display

## WHAT

The Army, Royal Navy, and the Royal Air Force will be on display during Ten Tors this year, showcasing their capability and some of the many opportunities offered by a career in the Armed Forces, both full time as a Regular or part time as a Reservist. In addition there will be other organisations and Cadet Force Adult Volunteers and Cadets will be on hand to provide an overview of some of their key activities.

## Equipment on display will include:

- Port Operating Equipment
- Army Air Corps Virtual Reality Experience
- Rifles Band
- Army Chefs
- Interactive Games
- Parachute Display Stand
- Careers information
- And much more

## MOBILE PHONES

You are very welcome to bring your mobile phone and share your experiences of the Engagement Village on Social Media

There will also be representatives from the following organisations:

- SSSt John Ambulance
- QA Cyber Security
- Royal British Legion
- Devon and Cornwall 4x4

## WHEN

<b>Friday 9th May</b>	0900 – 1800 hrs
<b>Saturday 10th May</b>	1000 – 1500 hrs
<b>Sunday 11th May</b>	0900 – 1700 hrs

## WHERE

The stands are located on the Okehampton Camp Car Park for the Friday and the Saturday. On Sunday they will be located at the Ten Tors finish location. See the Camp map on pages 16 for information on where you can find us.

Scan the QR code for more Army information



# General Information

- INTRODUCTION.** Welcome to Ten Tors 2025 and Okehampton Camp. The Ten Tors organisers endeavour to make Okehampton Camp as safe as possible. Please help us to achieve this by treating the camp and training area with care and have due consideration for others as well as yourselves.
- ROAD SAFETY.** Drivers are to follow the one way circuit and comply with the speed limit of 15 mph. Please obey instructions given by parking marshals.
- PARKING.** Please ensure you park your vehicle in the correct car park.
- FIRE.** In the event of a fire, please take the following action:
1. **Muster Area. On the main square.**
  2. **Action on outbreak of fire:**
    - a. **Raise the alarm by shouting FIRE, FIRE, FIRE.**
    - b. **Attempt to restrict the fire to immediate area if safe to do so.**
    - c. **Call 999 and 01837 657186 and muster at your designated area.**
- FIRE PREVENTION.** To help prevent the outbreak of fire, smoking is not permitted in any building or tent.
- HELICOPTERS.** Helicopters will be operating in and out of the field between Okehampton Camp and Anthony Stile (TTC start/finish). **This field is always out of bounds to visitors for safety reasons.** When landing or taking off, helicopters create considerable downwash and noise. Please be aware of this to avoid any possible accident or injury.
- WASTE AND LITTER.** There will be general waste bins placed throughout Okehampton Camp. All the recycling waste will be removed by the waste company in their depot. You are asked to pick up any litter you might see and dispose of it correctly. Every little helps!
- TOILETS.** Portaloos are distributed across Okehampton Camp. Toilets can also be found in the TriBar.
- DOGS.** Dogs are permitted in the publicly accessible areas of Camp and on the Moor, but not in the campsites. Please keep your dog on a lead as per the [Visiting Dartmoor with your Dog](#) guidance and clear up any dog mess and place it in waste skips. Dogs are not permitted to stay overnight in cars or in the camp site.
- DRONES.** The unauthorised use of drones is forbidden inside Dartmoor National Park, particularly during Ten Tors when they may cause a serious hazard to aircraft.
- TRAFFIC.** Please expect traffic delays in and around the Camp and local area, which is to be expected given the number of vehicles in such a small location. Your patience is appreciated.

**If you have any concerns or queries, please alert one of our stewards who are identifiable by their yellow fluorescent tabards.**

## Ten Tors Challenge

■ The Ten Tors Challenge is open to 400 teams, each consisting of 6 young people. Teams spend 2 days on the moor attempting routes of 35, 45 or 55 miles, depending on their ages. Teams are allocated one of 32 routes which they must then follow: routes only specify which staffed locations must be visited and in what order. It is up to teams to identify and navigate their own ways between them. Service personnel run the 27 staffed locations which may be either Check Points or Safety Controls. The former are lightly staffed whilst the latter are larger, include medical facilities, and are sited to enable easy vehicle access in the event of emergency. In addition, all teams carry a satellite tracker which allows them to summon assistance in case of emergency. Teams start at 0700hrs on Saturday and can go no further than their 8th Tor on the 1st day. Teams on a 35 mile route must then camp at a staffed location, whilst those on 45 or 55 mile routes choose their own overnight sites. On Sunday, teams will not be checked in or out of a staffed location before 0600 hrs, and must then make their way back to the finish by 1700 hrs.

**35 mile route** 14-15 years

**45 mile route** 16-17 years

**55 mile route** 18-19 years

## Jubilee Challenge

■ The Jubilee Challenge is a one day expedition on Northern Dartmoor designed for young people with a range of physical, neurological or educational challenges. Up to 400 participants enter the Challenge each year, either as individuals or teams. There are 4 different routes available, and Team Managers choose which one is best suited to an individual's specific capabilities, age and experience. The Challenge is primarily run by the members of Exeter University Officer Training Corps (Army Reservists who are members of either Exeter or Plymouth Universities) who staff checkpoints and escort participants. The Jubilee Challenge begins on Saturday at 0730hrs at a start point near the Okehampton Moorgate. The course closes at 1700hrs that afternoon.

**Route 1 - 7.5 miles**

(Rough going metalled roads suitable for wheelchairs)

**Route 2 - 8.5 mile**

(Cross country route)

**Route 3 - 12.5 miles**

(Cross country route)

**Route 4 - 15 miles**

(Cross Country route)

## Jubilee Challenge Plus

The Jubilee Challenge Plus is aimed at young adults with SEND<sup>1</sup> (i.e. SEMH, ASD, SpLD, etc.) who are capable of an overnight stay, but may find the Ten Tors Challenge too inaccessible due to their respective SEND. It provides an appropriately arduous Challenge across difficult terrain and in very changeable weather over at least 18 miles, including an overnight camp.

<sup>1</sup> Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND), Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH), Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASM), Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD).

**Single Route**  
**18 miles with overnight camp**





# Ten Tors Challenge Teams

Establishment	35 miles	45 miles	55 miles
1032 Yeovil Squadron RAFAC		1	
1387 (Liskeard) Sqn ATC	1		
197 (Devonport) Sqn ATC			1
20th Torbay Scouts	1		
2377 (Plympton) Sqn ATC	1		
2381 (Ilminster) Sqn ATC	1		
28th Kingswood Scout Group	1	1	
2nd Nailsea Scouts	1		
2nd Polish Scout Troop	1		
41F (Taunton) Sqn RAFAC	2	1	1
781 (Newquay) Sqn RAFAC		1	
874 Sherborne Sqn RAFAC	1	1	
Ashton Park School	2		
Aude Sapere Expedition Society	1		1
Axe District Scouts	1	2	
Barracuda Explorer Scouts	2	1	
Bedminster Down School	1		
Beechen Cliff School	2	1	1
Bicton College MaPS		1	1
Bideford College	3	1	
Blackdown Hikers	2		
Blackdown Scout District	1	1	1
Blaise High School	2		
Blue School Wells	3	2	
Blundells School CCF	2	2	
Bodmin College	2	1	
Bovey Tracey Scouts	1		
Brabazon Explorer Scouts	1	2	
Bristol & Gloucester ATC	1		
Bristol Grammar School	2	1	
Bristol Scouts	1	1	
Britannia Explorer Unit		1	
Bryanston School	1	1	
Budmouth Academy CCF	2	1	
Cabot Scouts	2		
Callywith College		2	
Camborne Science & Int Academy	1		1
Canford CCF	2	1	
Chew Valley School	2	1	
Chulmleigh Community College	3		
Churcher's College	1	1	

Establishment	35 miles	45 miles	55 miles
Clifton College	1		
Clyst Vale Community College	2	1	1
Colyton Grammar School	3	2	1
Cornwall ACF	1	1	
Cots Edge Explorer Scouts	1		
Cotswold Edge Scouts - Zeus	1		
Crag 2 Mountain	2	1	
Cullompton Community College	2	1	
Culm Valley Walkers	2		
Dartmoor Plodders	2	1	1
Dawlish Scouts	1	1	
Deg Karn Explorers Carrick	1	1	1
Devon ACF	1		
Devonport High School for Boys	2	1	2
Devonport High School for Girls	2	1	
Dorset ACF	1	1	
Downend District Scouts	1		
East Devon Explorer Scouts	1	1	1
Erme and Yealm Valley HWC	1		
Exeter & District Scouts	1	1	
Exeter College		2	2
Exeter Explorer Sea Scouts	1		
Exeter School	2	1	1
Exmouth Community College	2	1	
Five Acres High School	1		
Fowey River Academy	2	1	
Gloucester Academy	1		
Godolphin CCF	3	2	
Gordano District Scouts	1	1	1
Gordano Horizon Explorers	1		
Gordon's School CCF	1		
Great Torrington School	1		
Greenshaw Learning Trust		1	1
Gryphon School, The	3	1	1
Haldon Hill Walkers	2		
Hele's School CCF		1	1
Henley Bank High School	1		
Holmleigh Park High School	1		
Honiton Community College	2		
Horizons Youth Centre	2		1
Ilfracombe Academy, The	1	1	

Establishment	35 miles	45 miles	55 miles
Ipplepen Scouts	2		
Isca Academy	3	2	
Ivybridge Community College	2	1	
John of Gaunt School, The	1	2	
Kilkenny Explorer Scouts	1		
King Edward VI, Totnes	2	1	
King Edward's School, Bath	1	1	
King's Bruton CCF	2	1	
King's College Taunton CCF	2	1	
King's School, The	2		1
Kingsbridge Community College	2	1	
Kingsley School Bideford	1	1	
Kingswood Explorer Scouts		1	
Kingswood School	2	2	
Launceston College	1	1	
Leweston School Sherborne		2	
Liverton Scouts	1		
Long Ashton Scouts	1		
Maynard School, The	3	1	
Menheniot Explorer Scouts	1		
Mid Devon Explorer Scouts	1	1	
Mid Devon Youth	2		
Millfield School	1	1	
Monkton Wood Academy	1		
Mount Kelly	2	1	1
National Trust Dartmoor, The	1	1	
Newton Abbot College	3		
North Dartmoor Explorer Scouts	1		
North Somerset Explorers	1	2	
Norton Hill School	2	2	
Oak Academy	1		
Okehampton College	2	1	1
Okement Ramblers	2		
Park Community School, The	1		
Penair School CCF	1	1	
Penrice Academy	2	1	
Penryn College	3		
Perthyans	1	1	
Pilton Community College	1		
Plymouth College	2	1	
Plymouth Explorer Scouts	1		
Polar Explorer Scouts	1		
QE	2	1	1
QEH Bristol	2	3	1
Queen's College Taunton	2	2	

Establishment	35 miles	45 miles	55 miles
Radstock Youth	2	1	
Redruth School CCF (A)	1		
Royal High School Bath	1		
Salthouse Explorer Scouts	1		
Sea Cadet Corps SouthWestArea	1	2	
Sea Moor Explore	1	2	1
Sexey's School		1	
Shebbear College	2	2	
Sheldon School	2	1	
Sherborne Schools CCF	3	2	
Sidmouth College	2		
Sir Thomas Rich's School		1	
Somerset Army Cadets	2	1	
Somerset Scouts	1	1	
Somervale School	1	1	
South Dartmoor CC	2	1	1
Spaniorum Explorer Scouts	1		
St Bartholomew's School CCF	1	1	
St James School	3		
St Joseph's School	1		
St Peters School	3		
St.Ives School	2		
Stonar Explorer Scouts	1	1	1
Stover School	1		1
Stride Cornwall	1	1	1
Stroud High School	1		
Sturminster Newton Expedition	2	1	
Taunton School	2	1	1
Tavistock & Dist Youth Forum	1	1	1
Tavistock College	1	1	1
Taw Explorers		1	
Teign school	1	1	
Teign Valley Ramblers	1	1	
Teignbridge Explorers		1	1
Teignmouth Community School	2	1	
The Castle School Taunton	1		
Thomas Hall School	2	1	
Tiverton High School	2		
Torpoint Community College	2		
Torquay Academy	1	1	
Torquay Academy CCF	2	1	
Torquay Boys' Grammar School	2	1	1
Torquay Girls Grammar School	2	1	
Totnes Independent School	2		
Trinity School	1		

Establishment	35 miles	45 miles	55 miles
Truro School	2	2	1
Uffculme School	2	2	
Warminster School	2	1	
Wellington School	2	1	1
West Devon Explorer Scouts	2		
West Exe School	2	1	
Westbuckland School	2	2	
Weston College		1	1

Establishment	35 miles	45 miles	55 miles
Wiltshire ACF	2	1	
Woodroffe School		2	
Wycliffe College CCF	1		
Yate Academy	1		
Yeo Troggs Explorer Scouts	1		
Yeo Vale Explorer Scouts	1		
Yeti Explorer Scouts	2		

## Jubilee Challenge Individuals & Teams

Establishment	7.8-mile	8.7-mile	11-mile	15-mile
Aurora Boveridge College				8
Belong School Devon			4	
Bidwell Brook	5		5	
Blaise High School	5			
Blue School Wells		6		
Bodmin College	10			
Brook Green Centre for Learning			11	
Cann Bridge School	8			
City College Plymouth	6	8	8	6
Combe Pafford School	1	5	12	12
Compass Learning Centre		3		
Curnow School	7			
Duchy College			3	
Ellen Tinkham School	10			
Exeter & District Scouts			6	
Exeter Girlguiding			5	
Fiveways School	4			
Glendinning Academy		16	16	
Holmleigh Park High School	4			
Lampard School		8		

Establishment	7.8-mile	8.7-mile	11-mile	15-mile
Launceston College	6			
Lifeworks College	3		10	
Longcause Special School	12			
Magdalen Court School	12	6		
Marland Residential School				4
Matravers CCF			6	
Matravers School		6		
Mayfield School	11	7	5	
Mill Ford School	7			
Mill Water School		6		
Orchard Manor School	8	8	8	16
Park Community School, The	4		4	
Pathfield School		5	5	
Pencalenick School	6			6
Red Moor School	2		1	
Running Deer School		5		
Sedgemoor Manor School	3		13	
Southbrook School		12	8	
Tavistock College	8			4
Truro & Penwith College		4	4	
Warmley Park School & College	7	6	4	4
Westfield Arts College	6	12	7	
Yeovil College	16			

## Jubilee Challenge PLUS Teams

Establishment	JC+
ACE Tiverton School	4
Bideford College	4
Kingsley School Bideford	3
Orchard Manor School	8
Uffculme School	2
Yeovil College	4



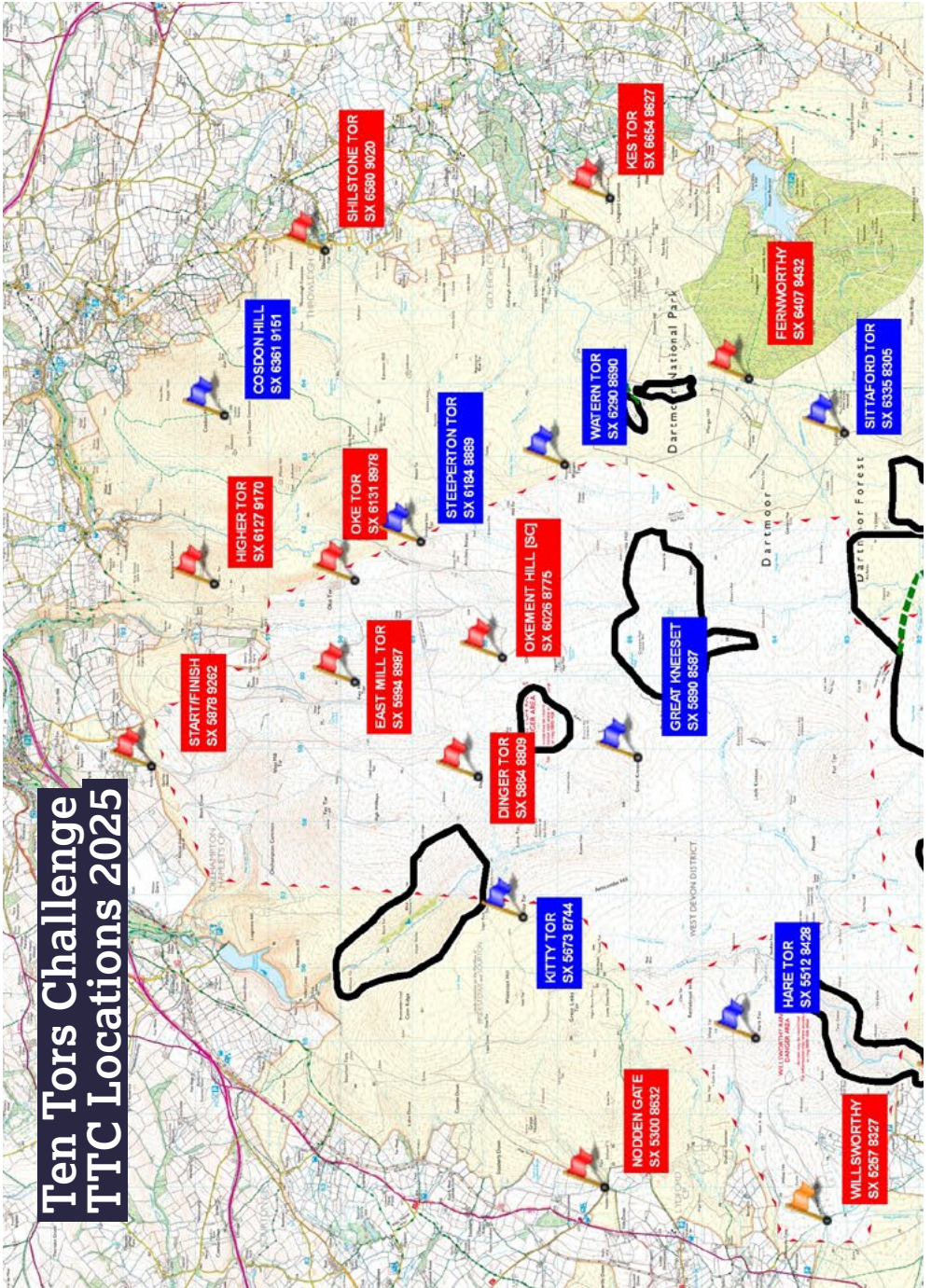
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and Enjoy

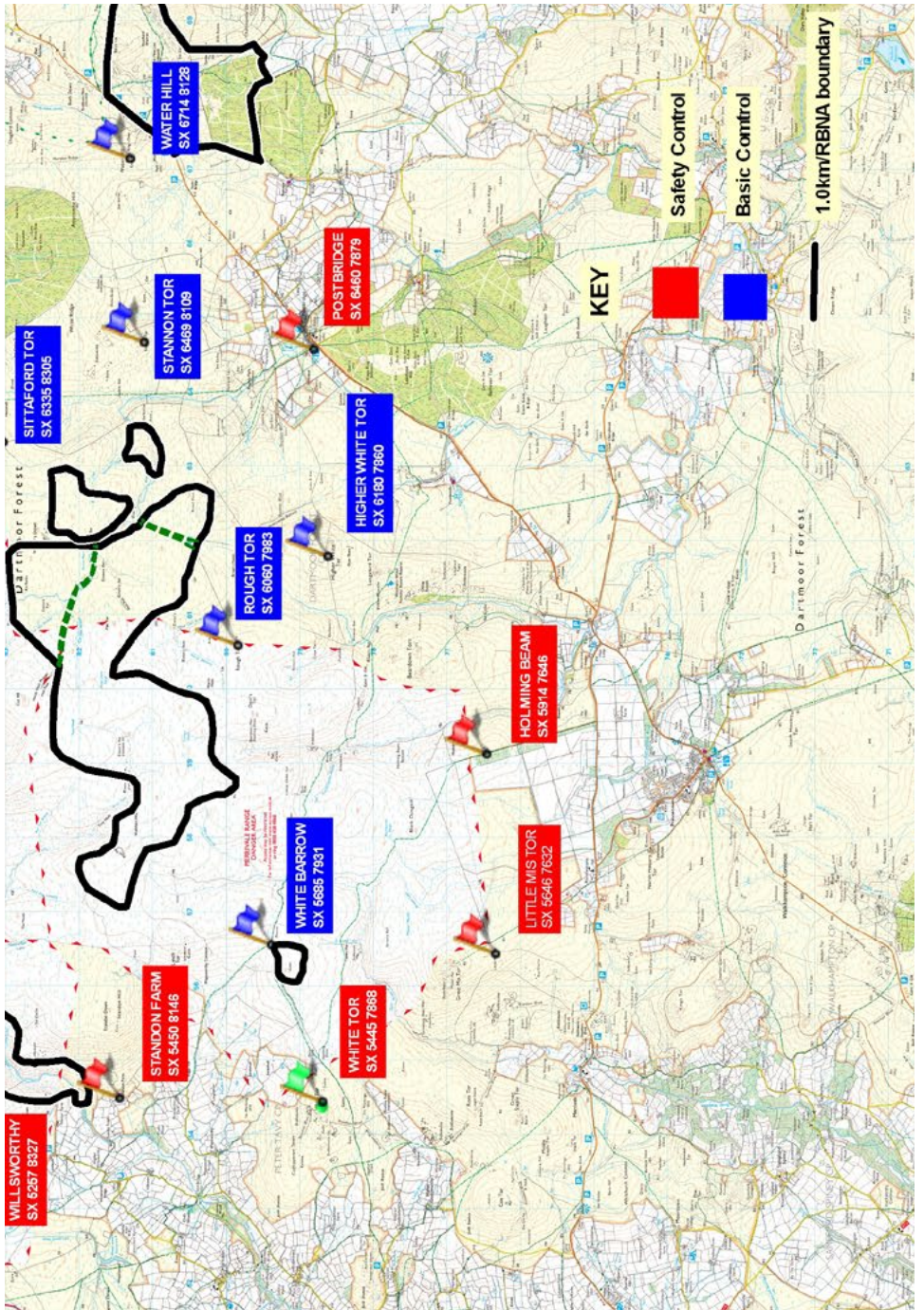


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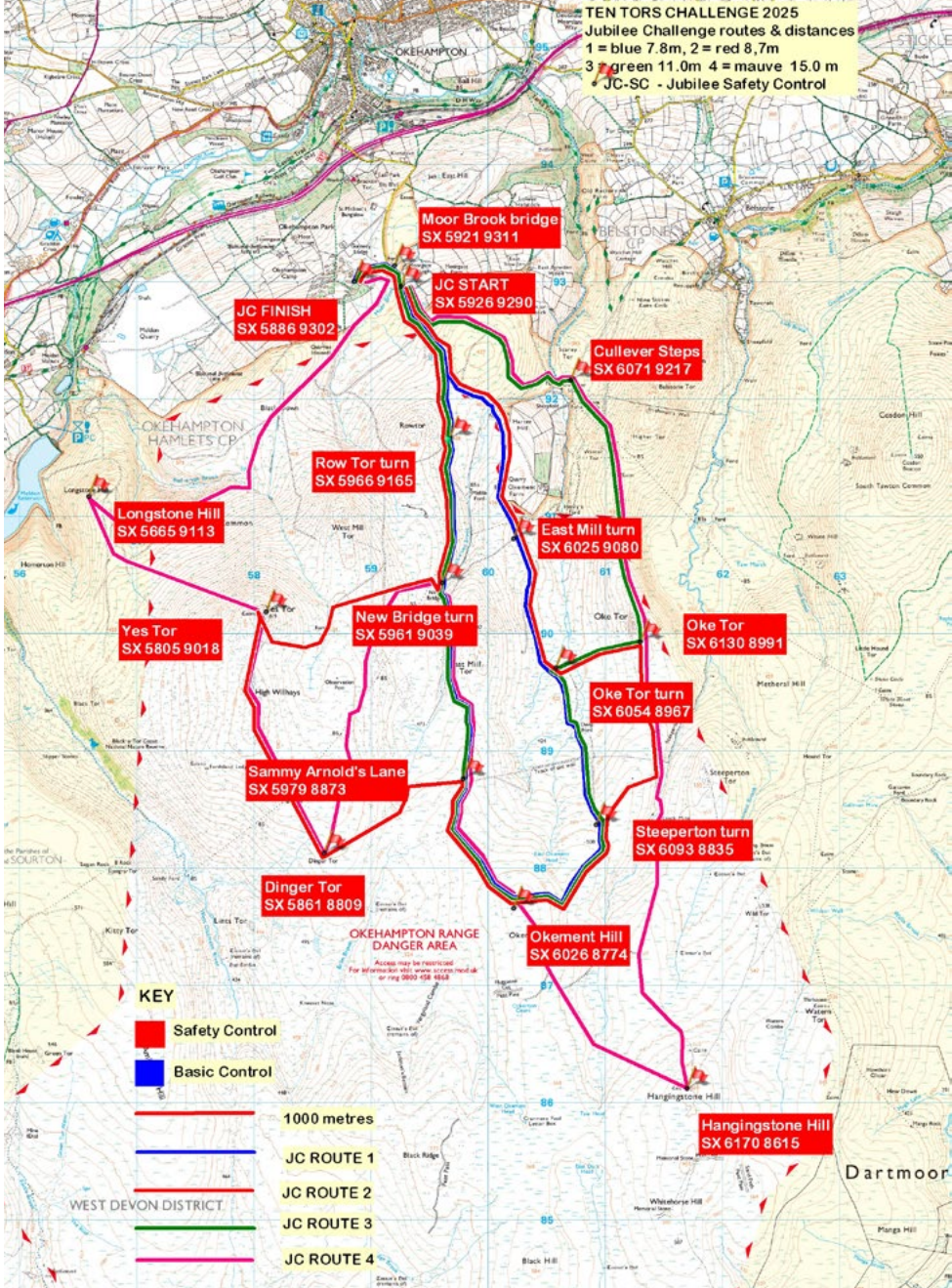
# Ten Tors Challenge TTC Locations 2025





# Jubilee Challenge Controls And Routes 2025

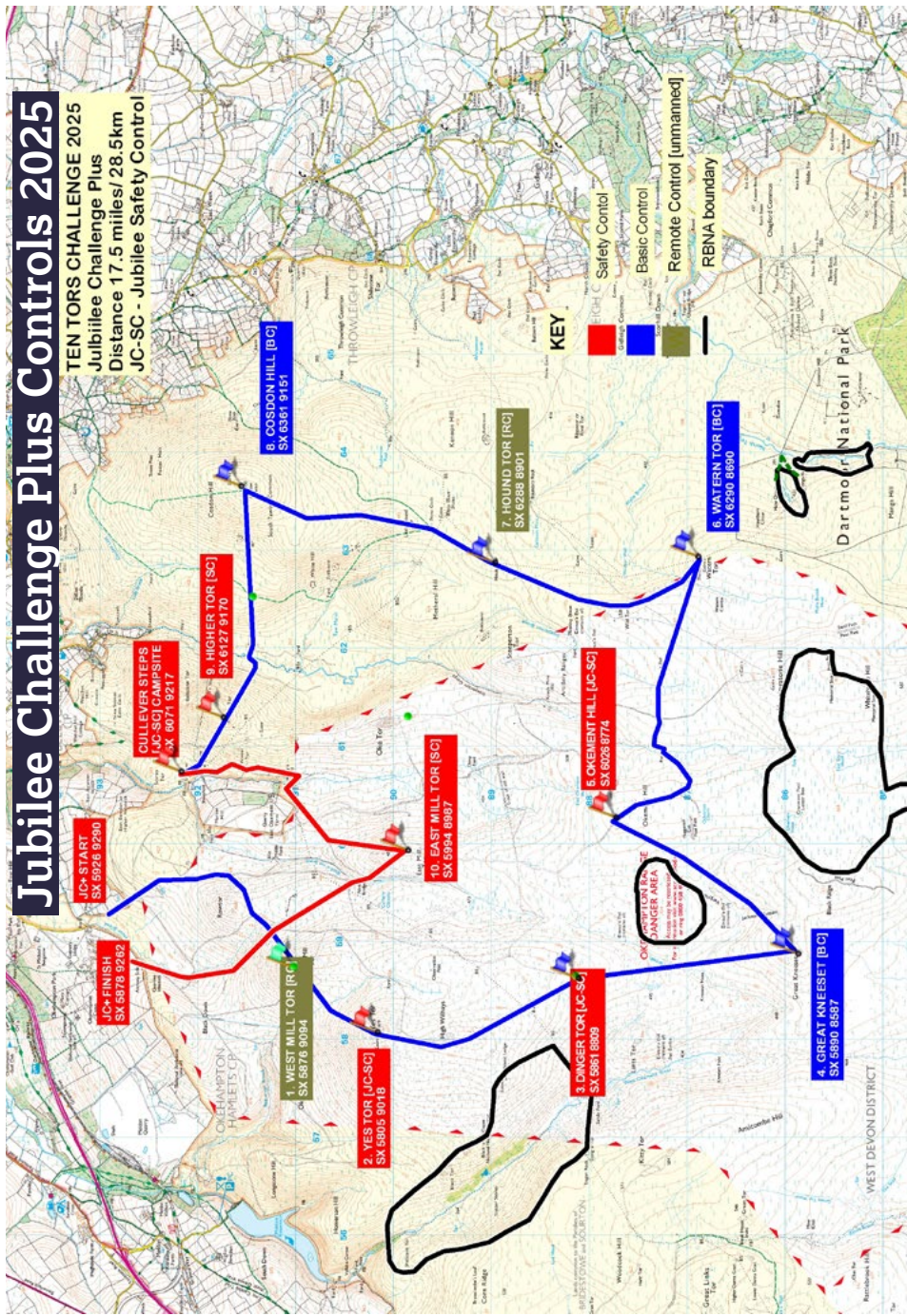
**TEN TORS CHALLENGE 2025**  
 Jubilee Challenge routes & distances  
 1 = blue 7.8m, 2 = red 8.7m  
 3 = green 11.0m 4 = mauve 15.0 m  
 ● JC-SC - Jubilee Safety Control





# Jubilee Challenge Plus Controls 2025

TEN TORS CHALLENGE 2025  
Jubilee Challenge Plus  
Distance 17.5 miles/ 28.5km  
JC-SC - Jubilee Safety Control



CHILVER STEPS [JC-SC] CAMPSITE  
SX 6071 9217

OCKINGTON LAKE  
DANGER AREA  
Please do not enter the lake  
between 1st April and 31st Oct

KEY

- Safety Control
- Basic Control
- Remote Control (unmanned)
- RBNA boundary


# FEEDBACK SURVEYS

Please help us improve by giving us valuable feedback via these surveys:

TEN TORS 25 Establishment Staff Survey



TEN TORS 25 - Enablers Survey



TEN TORS 25 Participants Survey



TEN TORS 25 Spectator Survey



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