

The Hebden

Bulletin No 3-Weather

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This bulletin confirms that the course remains passable today provided limited care is taken in a few specific areas. However, the factor which concerns us all is the weather forecast for the next two days. The BBC has now downgraded its snow warning from amber to yellow and is describing the conditions as light snow tomorrow and Saturday with only limited disruption to traffic. The forecast can be heard at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/2641922> and covers the whole of Yorkshire.

The principle factor which will be used by us to decide whether or not the event goes ahead will be the ability of marshals to reach Mytholmroyd and the checkpoints. Our plan is to visit each of the checkpoints tomorrow evening to ascertain if this is possible after which we shall decide if the event as it is or in a reduced state goes ahead. We are fortunate that most of the checkpoints, except for one are close to bus routes so naturally/hopefully the local council will treat these as a priority when authorising snow clearance and ice prevention.

We must leave it to entrants to decide on their best way of reaching Mytholmroyd and of course how they tackle the terrain of the event which will be covered in snow. The forecast predicts some wind so there could be drifting in places on some parts of the route.

We are sustained by the continued enthusiasm from entrants to see the event take place although there is some swapping around of numbers which is understandable.