

Akroydon

November 28th to December 4th 2020.

Really, I should be calling this event Boothtown but Akroydon sounds much better. It gives the event history!

Akroydon is a model housing village built around 1860 on behalf of Colonel Edward Akroyd to house people who worked in his mill.

The start and finish are located in Akroyd park which is where Colonel Akroyd had his home. This is now Bankfield Museum (since 1887) where you can find much local history particularly in relation to Textiles and the Military.

Parking at Bankfield Museum (postcode HX3 6HG) is limited and the driveway quite narrow. Better to park on the East side of the park on a quiet road. So, coming from Halifax, on the Queensbury road (A647) just after Lidl on your left and high-rise flats on your right, turn right immediately before a large church. This is All Souls Road. Climb up past the park and turn immediately left onto Woodlands View and park in a safe place on the right-hand side.

There are 3 **courses** on offer 5.6km, 3.5km and 1.9km. The maps will be available on the evening of Friday November 27th.

The **Long** course will be quite challenging, not only technically, but physically including around 200 metres of height climb and more if your navigation fails you. Take care at the busy Halifax roundabout marked out of bounds and use the marked crossing points for your safety (and to avoid disqualification!)

At the end of the course you will come across the high-rise flats previously mentioned. The multilevel parking areas adjacent to the flats include spiral staircases and hopefully you will find these are mapped satisfactorily.

Safety. This an urban event. Take care crossing all roads. The A647 Queensbury road can be quite busy. The area has steps and cobbles over 150 years old. These can be slippery particularly if covered in leaves and if the weather has been wet or icy. Please respect other pedestrians at all times (they might just be around that corner) and remember to socially distance.

We strongly advise that all children under 16 be accompanied by an adult.

Enjoy!

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