**Kent Vets XC at Central Park, Dartford.**
**Saturday 2nd December 2023.**

**Parking reminders and update.**

1. Competitors parking is recommended in the Acacia Car Park, Overy Liberty DA1 1DJ public pay and display car park as shown on the course maps and is convenient to the course. (The Central Car Park, Market Street is limited to a maximum stay of 2hrs) www.dartford.gov.uk/by-category/transport-and-streets/parking/pay-and-display-car-parks-and-on-street-pay-and-display-bays/town-centre-car-parks-map. Acacia is £1 for 2 hrs/£2 for 4 hrs
2. **No Parking for competitors at the track**, as there are other users.
3. Dartford Borough Council, politely reminded us that Cranford Road will be checked by Parking Officers, as that area is Residents only parking.
4. Council also said to be aware that Amazon operate double decker buses 24/7, to their facility north of the town. These buses turn in the Acacia car park, so don’t be surprised by this. Make sure you park within the bays.

**Facilities**
1. The Race Head Quarters will be located in the Kent Tent by the start and finish area for the collection of the race numbers.

2. Mobile toilets will be available by the access road by the Acacia Car Park and public toilets in the Park by the Dartford track.
3. Refreshments should be available at times in the Dartford Clubhouse

4. Race timing and finish results will be provide by StuWeb race timing.

5. Presentations will be made at the course, near the finish area. Andrew Scoones our President should be there to make the presentations.
6. First Aid provided by SMS, our regular provider, will be based up at the Start/Finish area from about 10.45.

**The Course**
1. Almost exactly the same, as for the previous Championships, but Start/Finish have been relocated to the central one of the 3 pitches.
2. The twisting lap on the small Acacia field, is slightly shorter, as some land is now beyond the new fence line. Also, the “much loved” steep bank up from the car park, which replaced the tennis courts, is left to “wild”.
3. The steep path from the river side, back up to the plateau pitches area has even more exposed roots now. We will endeavour to spray the most obvious of these. The Park Runners run up this every week.
4. Thanks to Dartford Borough Council. They have cut, and prepared the steep bank, to make it very clear where the course runs. Even making separate tracks, where there is two-way running. Also cutting back some significant low branches.