

We look forward to welcoming you to Day One of the October Odyssey. We would like to thank Concordia Leisure Centre for allowing us to use their premises. There is a café at the leisure centre which we are welcome to use.

Please note the following information about the courses -

### **Controls**

Controls will be in beacon mode except for the start + finish which will require manual dibbing.

Course 1 has 35 controls, too many for the (now rather elderly) SI series 5 + 8 cards. If you are on course 1 and your dibber number falls within either of the ranges 1 to 499 999 or 2 000 000 to 2 999 999 and we have not already contacted you, please e-mail the organiser to arrange for a replacement.

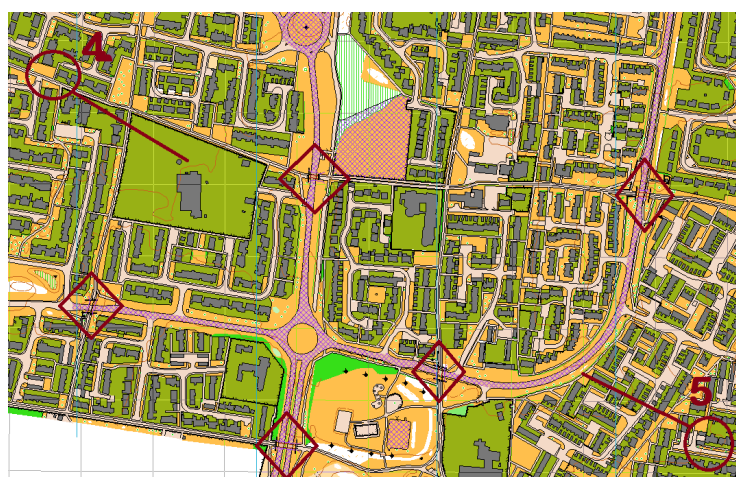
### **Terrain**

Cramlington is a typical 1960s new town. The housing estates are split by arterial roads (which are out of bounds – see below) and connected by underpasses. The whole area is spanned by a network of cycle tracks. The various estates lead off arterial roads and provide a complex grid of paths and green spaces within which are several urban parks, schools and small shopping areas. There are also several care homes as well as some blocks of sheltered housing.

### **Traffic & Underpasses:**

With the exception of the main arterial roads there is little road traffic but all competitors should take normal care when crossing roads. However on the arterial roads traffic can be busy and these roads are out of bounds (marked with purple hatching). They can only be crossed using the underpasses.

Where the leg crosses these roads the line has been broken. Some legs cross more than one arterial road and competitors have a choice of route which involves more than one underpass; in this case the gap in the line is quite large. The map extract shows the OOB roads and highlights the various underpasses. An example of a long leg is shown.



**Map:**

The map was redrawn and extended by Fred Miller in 2025 to ISSprOM2017-2 at a scale of 1:4000 with a contour interval of 2.5m. The size is A3.

Courses 1 & 2 have a double sided map. One side (landscape) shows Parts 1 & 3 of the course; the reverse (portrait) shows Part 2 of the course. The two map flips are shown on the control descriptions.

**Courses:**

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|---|--|--------|-----|-------------|
| 1 | Men Open   | 8.19km | 45m | 35 Controls |
| 2 | Women Open, Vet Men                                | 6.88km | 40m | 29 Controls |
| 3 | Super Vet Men, Vet Women                           | 4.94km | 25m | 22 Controls |
| 4 | Ultra Vet Men, Senior Vet Women                    | 4.33km | 25m | 18 Controls |
| 5 | Hyper Vet Men, Ultra Vet Women,<br>Hyper Vet Women | 2.76km | 15m | 13 Controls |
| 6 | Junior Men & Women                                 | 4.24km | 10m | 19 Control  |
| 7 | Young Junior Men & Women                           | 1.97km | 10m | 15 Controls |

Closure time: 16:00.