

2009 Overall Winners - Martin Betts / Cath Woodman

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The R.A.C.E. OAKS TROPHY RALLY

**9th & 10th
September 2023**

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS



Dear Competitor,

Thank you for your entry. This document contains important information about the rally so please make sure you understand it. Any questions or queries, please contact ERORoadRally@gmail.com or the relevant official before 21:00.

1. Seeded Entry List

Seeded Entry list can be seen via this link.

<https://mtc1.uk/Entry/OaksTrophy23/EntryList.php>

All crews must upload licenses and club cards and sign-on electronically using the “edit your entry” link emailed to crew members. Please also make sure you have filled in the insurance section if you need that, and paid any fees due. We request you to complete this at least 48 hours before the event.

2. Fuel

- Ensure that your vehicle has enough fuel at the start of the event to cover at least 60 miles
- There will be a petrol halt at Esso Monks Heath. Synergy Supreme+ Petrol will be available. The shop will be open, food and drink can be purchased. Ensure you have enough fuel for at least 90 miles.
- Fuel is NOT available near the start venue. The nearest fuel stations to the start venue are –
 - Leek Shell Garage (4.1 miles) – 94400-57000, ST13 8LD
 - Lyme Green Shell Garage (6.1 miles) – 91550-71000, SK11 0JX
 - Congleton Shell Garage (7.3 miles) – 85450-63400, CW12 1LR

3. Trailer Parking

Trailer parking is available at 95400-61750, see **Diagram 1**. The trailer parking is on a field; please park with consideration to other competitors. Please park where instructed by marshals and make sure the entrance is clear for access. Any trailers not in the authorised location will be asked to move prior to the rally start. All vehicles and trailers are left at owners’ risk. Please be sensible when driving your vehicles on the field, reduce wheel spin and damage to the grass if possible.

4. Programme

9 th September	18:00 Trailer Park & Noise Opens
	18:15 Scrutineering & Documentation Opens
	21:30 Scrutineering & Documentation Closes
	21:40 Competitors’ Briefing
	22:00 plus car number MTCO – first route handout
	23:00 Car 0 Starts
10 th September	04:30 approx. Car 0 finishes
	Awards will be presented once results have gone Final

5. Noise and Scrutineering- See Site Plan Diagram 3

Noise and Scrutineering is located next to the Trailer Park. See **Diagram 2**. Please report to noise as soon as you have unloaded your vehicle. On passing the noise test you will be given your process sheet to continue to scrutineering. Once complete, you will receive your rally plates/numbers. **Please put these on your car immediately, and before you drive to the Knot Inn, so that the car park marshals can direct you to your parking space.**

Note that cars will be checked for compliance with all aspects of R18 but specifically R18.1.2, R18.1.3, R18.1.4, R18.3.3, R18.3.4, R18.4.1, R18.5, R18.5.1, R18.5.5. Failure to comply will result in the car being not permitted to start.

6. Start Venue, Documentation & Parking

The Start Venue is at the Knot Inn, Rushton 93600-62450, See **Diagram 3**. Competitors must park where Marshals instruct; **EVERYONE** must follow the site plan which can be seen on **Diagram 4**, this is to follow of numerical order of competing cars to reduce congestion and optimise room on the car park. Please note The Knot Inn car park is for **Competitors only**, overspill car parks are shown on **Diagram 3**. **DO NOT PARK ON THE ROAD.**

7. Marshal's Signing On

See **Diagram 3** on for location, opens at 18:00 and closes at 21:30

8. Competitor's Briefing

This will take place outside **The Knot Inn** at the rear Carpark at 21:40

9. Driving Standards and Responsibilities

The rally passes through some very PR sensitive areas. There will be DSO presence on the rally to observe compliance to Quiet zones. You are reminded that penalty for non-compliance is disqualification.

Competitors are reminded of section 170 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Rule 286 of the Highway Code, specifically that any injury incidents must be reported to the Police Authority. In addition, any such incidents must also be reported to the Organisers, who will ensure details are recorded on the Stewards' report.

10. Procedure at Controls

At **all** manned controls except MTCs, cars must STOP at the control board, dip the headlights/extinguish spotlights and proceed to the marshal carefully for their timecard to be completed. Failure to comply will result in a 1 minute penalty being applied by that marshal. The time given at all time controls will be on presentation of timecard.

Time controls will be designated by a white board with the letter C; an example board will be shown at the competitors' briefing.

The event contains sections timed to the second. Where there are back-to-back timed to the second sections, competitors are reminded that any seconds dropped must be carried forward. An example is given below:

Due time at IRTCx is 01:02:00, car arrives at 01:02:15

The time allowed from IRTCx to IRTCy (the next control) is 5 mins – section times are given on your timecard

Therefore due time at IRTCy is 01:07:15

Where the following control is timed to the minute, the seconds are ignored.

Marshals Needed!



Please book your control with Paul Dyer on 07552 964717

or

ERO.Marshals@gmail.com

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11. Route Checks and Passage Checks

A Route Check is a code board at which competitors must record the code in ink in the next RC box on the time card and get it signed for at the next manned time control. Marshals will be instructed to strike a line through any empty boxes or codes completed in pencil. If we have sufficient marshals, a Route Check may be manned. In this case, the code board may be replaced by a Passage Check board and the marshal will sign in the appropriate box on the time card. Manned Passage and Route Checks will be identified by a “Yellow Stamp” Board. An example code board and passage check board will be shown at the competitors' briefing.

12. Secret Checks/Driving Standards Observers (DSOs)

Secret Checks will be identified by a “Yellow Stamp” board and DSOs by a “DSO” board. You are required to stop for a signature from the Marshal/DSO.

13. Time Recovery

There are sections where you may be able to recover some lateness. Allowable time make-up is shown on the time card. Please use time make-up to maintain your time schedule.

14. Quiet Zones

All Neutral and Transport Sections and any sections of road between a “Q” and “end Q” boards are deemed Quiet Zones. In addition, there are some sections between Intermediate Regularity Time Controls (IRTCs) which are also designated Quiet Zones. You will be advised of these sections in the navigation and by the marshal at the preceding control. When entering a **Quiet Zone** you **NEED to TURN SPOT LIGHTS OFF, USE DIP BEAMS ONLY, DRIVE IN THE HIGHEST GEAR POSSIBLE, REDUCE SPEED AND BE AS QUIET AS POSSIBLE.** Anyone reported for not following these requirements will be disqualified.

15. OTL

OTL is 15 minutes for the first regularity section then 30 minutes for the rest of the event.

16. Judges of Fact

All signed-on officials, marshals and DSOs are Judges of Fact

17. Competitor Liaison Officer

The Competitor Liaison Officer is Will Banks – he will be present at the start, petrol and the finish. If you have any questions about the event please speak to Will via phone number – **07875218448** or email ERORoadRally@gmail.com. **Note – There is limited phone service at The Knot Inn, for on the night questions please WhatsApp Will on the provided number above.**

18. Maps

Map 118 revised May 2017 and map 119 revised Aug 2019 are required. Map cuts will be given at documentation before MTC0.

19. Amendments to Regulations

SR6 - Add

Stewards	Mark Slatcher Alistair Leggett Dan Granger
Environmental Officer	Dave Walters

SR16 – Penalties – Add

Penalties will be as the Blue Book Section R Chart 13 “Time” column with the following amendments/additions

(h) Arrival before due time at an intermediate control or finish control of a Regularity section	2 x Actual time early
Failure to stop at board prior to pulling forward to marshal at manned control	1 min per offence
Striking course markers on private land sections	30s per marker
Being abusive to an official or marshal	Exclusion

SR11 – Awards – Add

- Highest Welsh Finishing Crew – Sponsored by Rally and Competition Equipment
- Best In Show – Sponsored by Sheard Autosport
- Organisers Award
- The Des Davies ‘Spirit of the Rally’ Award – Sponsored by the Banks Family

20. Finish Venue

The finish venue is at the Knot Inn, Rushton. Competitors should park in the same spaces allocated at the start of the event. Breakfast will be supplied to both competitors and a wrist band will be given to both competitors to collect their breakfast. The wrist bands will be given to the competitors when the Damage Declaration is completed and handed in to the relevant marshal.

21. Results

Results will be published via MTC1.uk during the event. Provisional results will be published on the notice board at the finish. Any queries will be resolved before the results become final. Queries must be made in writing. Awards will be presented once results are final.

22. Other

Food and drink is available at The Knot Inn before the event starts, please utilise this service and support the pub.

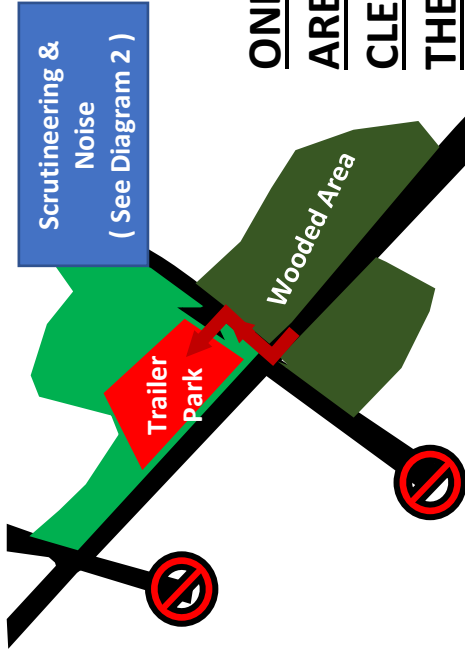
There is a bar at the start venue and any competing driver or navigator that is recorded consuming any drink containing alcohol will result in that crew not being allowed to start the event.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable rally.

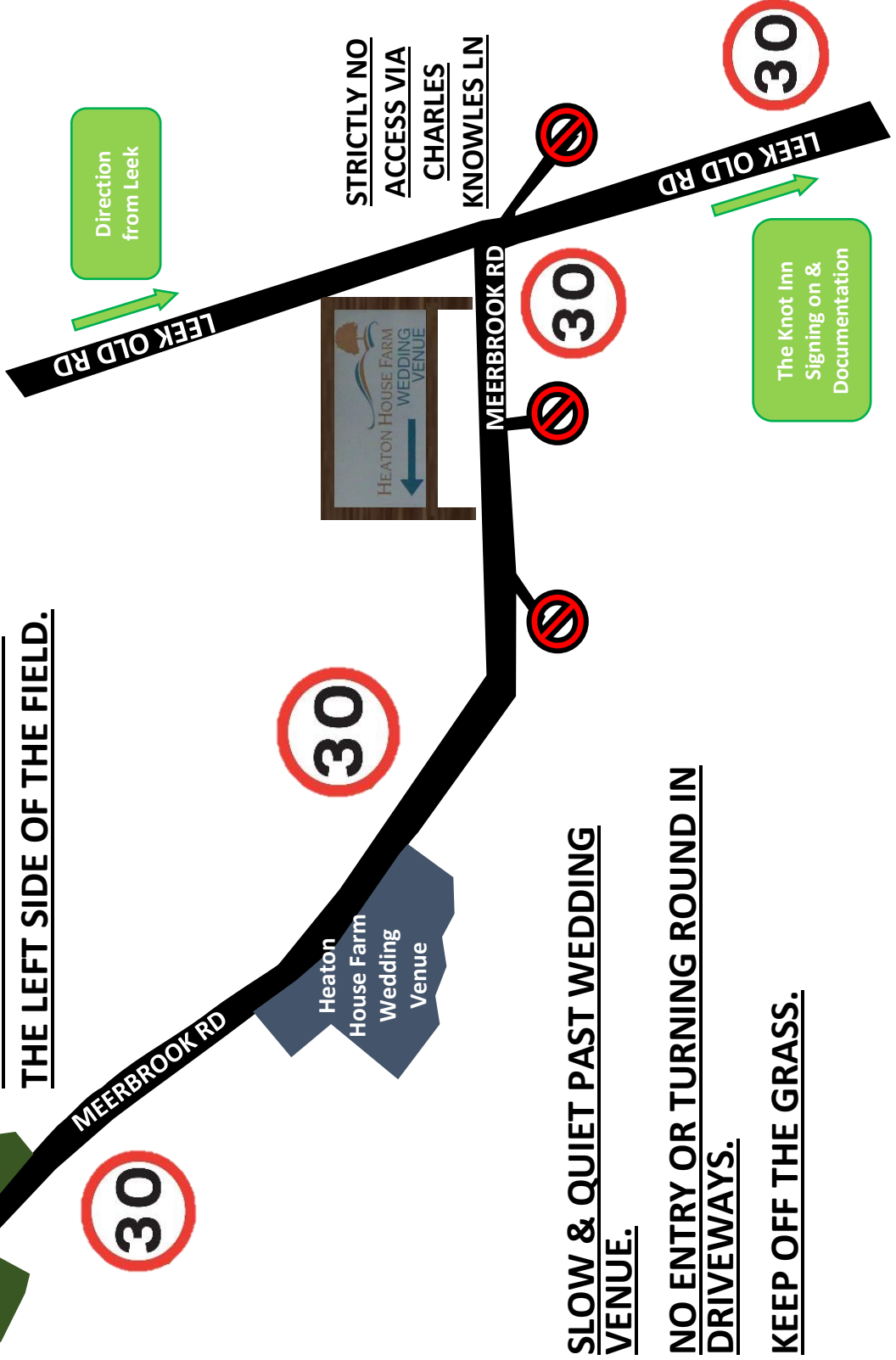
The Organising Team

Heaton House Farm
Wedding Venue
SK11 0DR
Trailer Park
95400-61750
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Diagram 1



ONLY PARK IN DESIGNATED AREA, KEEP GATEWAY CLEAR AND ONLY PARK TO THE LEFT SIDE OF THE FIELD.



SLOW & QUIET PAST WEDDING VENUE.

NO ENTRY OR TURNING ROUND IN DRIVEWAYS.

KEEP OFF THE GRASS.

Diagram 2

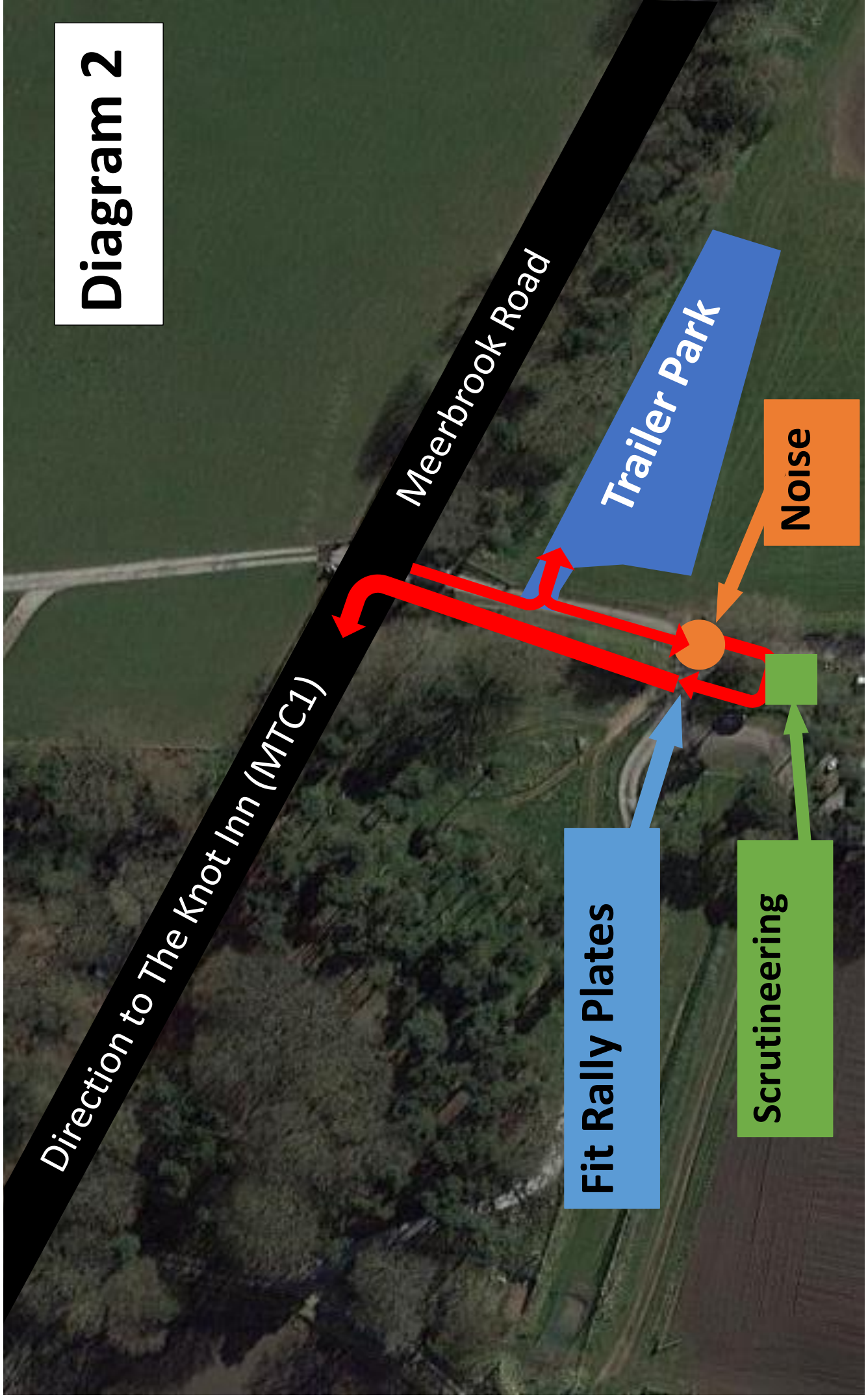


Diagram 3

The Knot Inn
SK11 0QU
Documentation & Signing On
93600-62450
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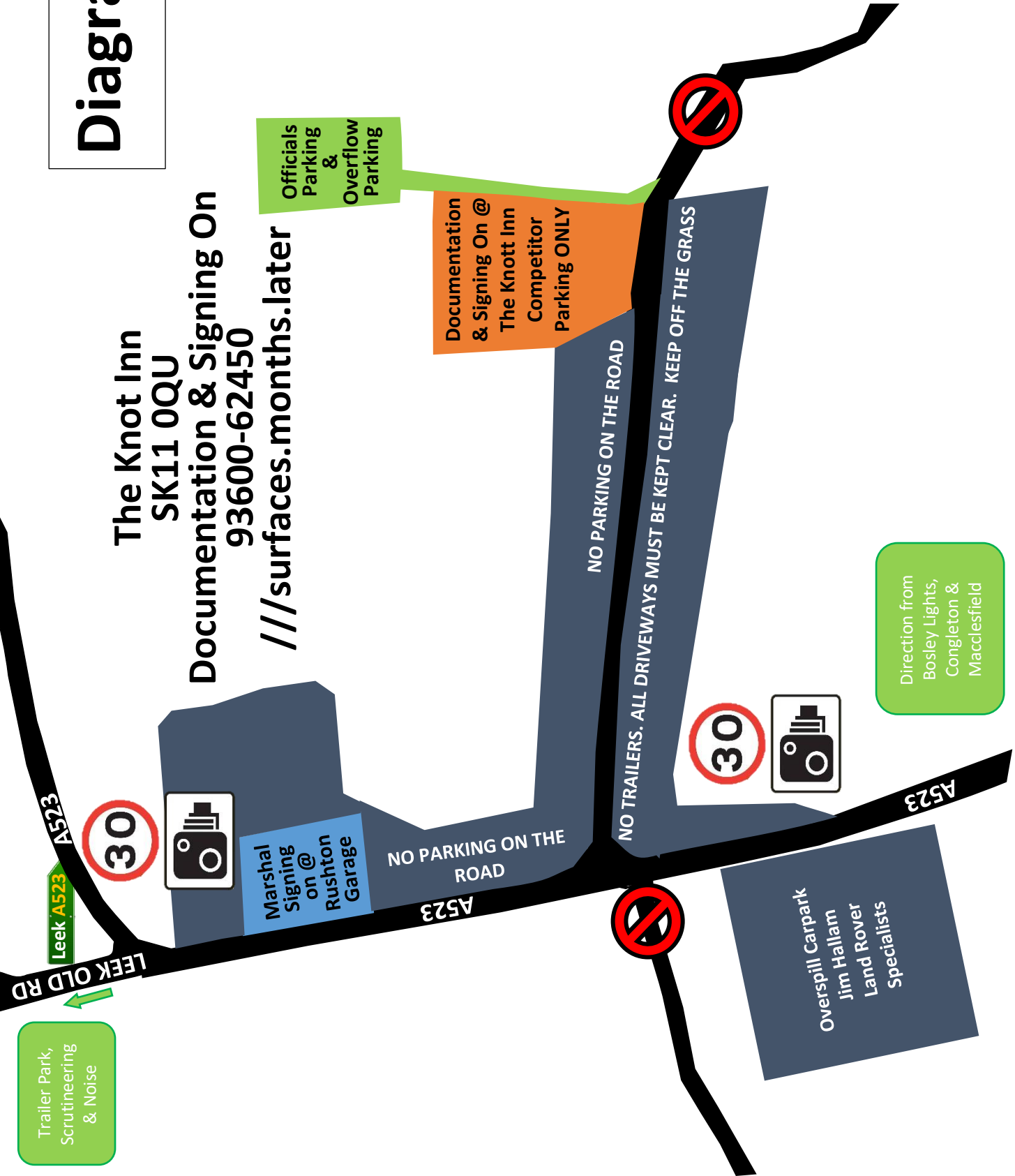


Diagram 4

