

## Santa Dash Entry Instructions/Information

**Date:** Sunday 3rd December 2023

**Venue:** Registration and Collection of Santa Suits – Lymington Community Hall, New Street, Lymington, Hampshire. SO41 9BQ

**Time:** Registration opens 9.00am. Race start: 11.30am

Dear Santa Dash Participant,

Firstly, thank you for signing up for this year's annual Santa Dash, apologies in not responding earlier to your entry application but it's fair to say that once again our very popular 3km dash around Lymington town was in question regarding its viability due to lack of entries, however with your valued support, it will be happening. Please find below the joining instructions and event information that we hope will answer any questions in advance of the Dash taking place however should you have any questions or queries do not hesitate to contact us during normal working hours.

### Pre-Event & Registration

Participants are invited to Pre-register at the Community Hall – Malt Lounge Bar (address above) on Saturday 2nd December from 10.00am until 1.00pm to collect Race numbers and Santa Suits, alternatively, the Santa Dash Registration desk will be open in The Gates Hall from 9.00 am until 11.00am on Sunday 3rd December to pick up the items. Please be aware that the Suits only come in the following sizes: Adult – One Size. Child 9–14yrs and Child 5–8 yrs and we have a limited stock this year. Should you have a belt at home may we suggest you bring one with you as the belts supplied with the suits are not very reliable. Please bring with you a copy of the booking confirmation if you can.

There will be a water station as you cross the finish line so may we suggest if you have your own water bottles, you bring them along for ease.

### Directions to the event

**Visiting Lymington by Road:** Lymington lies on the A337 which runs from Christchurch to Cadnam. From the west (Bournemouth and Poole direction), the simplest route is the A337 via Christchurch, Highcliffe, New Milton. From the London, M3 or the north, you have a choice. The easiest and most scenic route is to take the M27 to Junction 1 (Cadnam/The New Forest) and then follow the

A337 through Lyndhurst and Brockenhurst. However, do check traffic reports as Lyndhurst can get very busy at holiday times.

Another option is to leave the M27 at Junction 3, then take the M271 to Totton, then the A326 towards Fawley then the Beaulieu Road through Beaulieu to Hatchet Pond where you'll fork left on the B3054 to Lymington. This will bring you in across the beautiful Lymington River – you'll see the Isle of Wight ferry terminal to your left as you cross over the river, and the Lymington Shores development as you cross the railway line.

### **Visiting Lymington by Train**

The Lymington line is a branch off the main Waterloo to Weymouth line, change at Brockenhurst for Lymington Town and Lymington Pier. Lymington Town Station is very close to the centre of Lymington. Walk straight up Station Street from the station and turn left into Gosport Street, which brings you to the bottom of Lymington High Street.

### **Parking**

The Santa Dash takes place in Lymington town. There are ample car parks in proximity of the Community Centre and the Start/Finish points, but they all require either cash or card payments. Clearly you will not be able to park in the High Street as the majority of this will be closed for the duration of the Santa Dash.

### **Race instructions**

All Santas will be called to the start line at 11.25am where there will be a race briefing and warm up before the race is started at 11.30am.

This event does entail crossing some local roads, so please be mindful of traffic and other road users at all times and use the normal protocols for crossing a road and wherever possible please run on the pavements being respectful of other pedestrians. Children under 14 years of age must run with an adult at all times.

The route will have marshals sporadically placed all wearing Oakhaven tabards cheering you on, so please look out for them and simply keep an eye out for any other participating Santa's. You will note we have attached a copy of the route for you to familiarise yourself with the roads and their names.

We will have first-aid cover at the start/finish area, however if at any time during the run you are 'in trouble' please tell a marshal who will contact Run HQ and get medical help to you straight away.

### **Post event/Prizes**

Please be aware that there will be bins in place if you wish to remove your Santa Suit at the end of the race, as Oakhaven will collect these and send to the Rag bank for recycling.

All children will receive a bag of chocolate gold coins as they cross the finish line so, please make sure they collect their goodies from one of Santa's helpers.

### **Photographs**

Please be aware that there will be a photographer taking photographs throughout the event for Oakhaven to use for promotional use.

### **Spectators**

We encourage spectators to come along and support all our Santas whether large or small and Dogs are very welcome but must be kept on leads.

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We hope we have covered all areas, but we are only a phone call away prior to the event – entries will be accepted on the day if you can persuade others to join you.

Here's to a good day of fun, laughter, running, walking and sunshine!!

Many thanks and best wishes

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