



SOUTHERN CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS
27TH JANUARY 2018

“We would refer you to our recent press release on the venue for the 2018 SEAA Cross Country Championships. As you know once every three years when we cannot hold the SEAA Championships at Parliament Hill and we then need to search for an alternative venue. For the last two meets we have chosen Stanmer Park in Brighton and this is the venue again in 2018.

The Brighton course is very popular with many of our clubs and gets numerous compliments from the runners. We recognise it is not an ideal location and before finally deciding on Brighton the Committee looked at another 20 different venues in the South but each one had its specific problems. The only real issue with Stanmer Park, Brighton is car parking. However, given that athletes make their own arrangements at Parliament Hill where there is no parking it was generally acknowledged that Brighton could go ahead without specific parking facilities. In our last release we made it clear that there would be no parking at Brighton and that alternative transport arrangements should be made by clubs.

The issue each year at Brighton is the football fixtures of the local club. Our Championship weekend coincides with an FA Cup round. We will not know until 8th January 2018 whether it is possible to have access to the Football Ground Car Park.

Another issue which has just been brought to our attention is that there will be no trains from Three Bridges (near Crawley) to Brighton on 27th January. It may therefore be preferable for some Clubs to come by coach or minibus to Brighton although again there will be no on site car parking but we are trying to identify possible parking places in the vicinity. However, at this point of time we must say there definitely is no parking at Stanmer Park.

We can assure you that the Event Management Team is not leaving any stone unturned and is seeking actively alternative arrangements. However, we thought you would appreciate early notification of the train situation.”

Martin Howard
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