



DEESIDE ORIENTEERING
CLUB
Summer Evening Event
Little Budworth
21st June 2012
Officials' Comments



Organiser's Comments (Barry Chambers)

Hmmm, the British summer. Had we been one day earlier we'd have had bright sunshine. As it was, given the weather forecast, I counted us lucky that the rain held off for "setting up" and even into the early part of the event. Then the heavens opened and things got very soggy. Still, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves on Pete's excellent courses and all got back safely with few retirements.

That everything ran smoothly was down to the efforts of a hard-working and efficient team, several of whom got very cold and wet in the process. Thanks are due to the following –

- to Cheshire West and Chester Council for permission to stage the event and to Simon Wood, Ranger for ensuring that the toilets were available for our use.
- to Mrs Dobson of the Egerton Arms for provision of the parking field.
- to Pete Owens for planning and Clare Crocker for controlling the event.
- to Bob Roach, Barry May, Meg Owens, Barbara Jones, Sonia and Aidan Chavasse, Ian Bell, Chris and Sian Calow, John Padget, Andy Campbell, Norman Hall, John and Susan Sherwood, Christopher Kemp, Graham Sutton, Martin Cranny, Alan Mullock, Duncan Harris, John Evans, Andrew Williams for all those other tasks that needed doing to make for a successful event.

Planner's Comments (Pete Owens)

Doesn't the bracken shoot up, given a little bit of rain? It was particularly low when I visited to plan the courses so I could hatch the permanently brambly bits on the map.

I tried to do something a bit different this year, but there are limited possibilities in a long thin area bisected by a fast road. The junior courses were put on the east side of the road for a change of scenery, and using two finishes meant that other courses only needed to cross the road once.

I did some work on the map in the far north of the area so all the technical courses had a control pick section there. The map was also extended slightly to include the public footpath NW of the area. This probably gave the optimum route choice for 5-6 on the green course.

Controller's Comments (Clare Crocker)

The event had an excellent planner and organizer meaning that the cogs of Deeside organization for evening events worked extremely well and there was very little to do as a controller except get wet on the evening. Well done guys.

The controller's role as a second pair of eyes in planning and checking controls proved useful though when a last minute control box layout error occurred which was quickly rectified before any runners started.