



DEESIDE ORIENTEERING CLUB

Summer Evening Event

Marbury Country Park

12 July 2012

Officials' Comments



Organisers' Comments (Barry & Jill Barnes)

What a relief to have a sunny evening for the final Deeside Summer Evening Event after the downpours at recent events. Despite the technical limitations of Marbury, Iain's courses seemed to interest and stimulate everyone, and Jane's excellent social picnic rounded the evening off in great style. Don't forget to complete your survey form – Committee want your feedback!

Marbury Ranger Chris Moseley made us very welcome, as he does with a variety of O training sessions for local schools. We had little difficulty in obtaining help from Deesiders, who ensured that everything went off smoothly, and made our jobs as organisers gratifyingly easy. Particular thanks to those who turned out to help despite not being able to run.

Found: 1 Adidas 750ml water bottle, silver-grey, screw top. Please contact Jane at: deesideneews@yahoo.com .

Planner's Comments (Iain Bell)

I hope you all enjoyed your runs and thank you for coming. I was really pleased to see children from Comberbach Primary School and 1st Antrobus & Comberbach Sea Scouts enjoying themselves. We need to encourage more young people to participate in the great sport that is orienteering.

The planning options on Marbury are limited and I tried to make the most of the more technical sections of the map with some short legged zigzag controls. With the removal of rhododendrons Marbury is becoming more runnable, however that is encouraging the brambles!

A number of competitors commented that they were pleased to see the longer courses go south of the Marbury Brook and there is a particularly nice patch of woodland I wanted to take runners, that had some excellent bluebells when I was out planning. That also introduced a little bit of climb that is missing from the rest of the area.

Thank you to Jon, Maggie and Hannah Hateley for collecting controls and for Andy Cambell's excellent advice, controlling and also for helping out collect controls. Thanks also for Barry & Jill's superb organisation.

I am glad I gripped the controls near Budworth Mere as we did have one stolen kite, one kite thrown in the field (my thanks to the competitor for recovering that) and one vandalised control. I don't think that spoilt anyone's fun, it certainly did not interfere with my enjoyment. A great event to plan, finally well done to Jane for the post-O food.

Controller's Comments (Andy Campbell)

I hope everyone enjoyed their run on a very nice dry evening. Iain planned some interesting courses which took in parts of Marbury not used before. Jill and Barry's organisation ensured that the event ran smoothly. It was a pity that two controls were vandalised during the event and that we lost one kite. I am pleased that Iain decided to use gripples to secure the SI boxes and base plates on the controls nearest the mere so they remained in place. I hope that this did not affect too many people and didn't spoil your evening.