



**DEESIDE ORIENTEERING  
CLUB**  
Level C event incorporating an  
Yvette Baker Trophy Qualifying  
Round  
Frodsham Hill



### **Organiser's Comments (John Padget)**

I hope you enjoyed the event. March is the best time of the year for Frodsham Hill because the extensive bracken has fully died back, although there is no way of getting away from the steepness of the area and the exposed nature of the parking field.. When I offered to organise the event I also agreed to update the map, little realising the extent to which the existing map had got out of date. The relentless spreading of the rhododendrons meant major work was required to properly map them. I was eventually pleased with the outcome only to then learn that the Woodland Trust were planning a clearing programme during February , which resulted in the need to re-map at the time when I was also doing the organising.. However the Snidley Moor and Woodhouse Hill parts of the area are much improved by this clearance work. I would like to thank the many Deesiders who helped in their usual competent and helpful manner, and in particular Jill Barnes who co-ordinated the YBT aspect of the event. Bob Elmes did a good job in his first attempt at planning an event of this size and I would also like to thank John Kewley for his meticulous controlling of the planning and mapping aspects of the event.

I would like to acknowledge the landowners, the main ones being The Woodland Trust, Simon Crooks, Paul Williams of Frodsham Golf Club and Ms PM Jacobson. We also acknowledge Natural England for to use the Dunsdale Hollow SSSI and Mr Chris Fowles of Upper Mickeldale farm for car parking and use of his private road to access the area.

#### **Lost Property (contact the organizer)**

One pair of Shoes, one pair of gloves

### **Planner's Comments (Bob Elmes)**

This was the first time I had planned anything bigger than a Level D event with 3 courses, so I was on a steep learning curve – a bit like some of the terrain. I am grateful to John Kewley for his many inputs as Controller, and to John Padget for his huge amount of work on the map – some of it at my request – and for guiding me towards the more

interesting parts of the area. Thanks also to Chris Calow for putting out controls on the morning of the event; and to Chris, Siân, JK, Pete and Andy for collecting controls.

My objectives in planning were to provide

- Yellow, Orange, Light Green and Green courses of the correct standard for the Yvette Baker competition.
- A White course which would hopefully draw some more youngsters into the sport.
- A Blue course which would keep the stronger adults entertained without forcing them into too much climb.
- A Short Green course which kept away from the steepest slopes.

I hope I managed to achieve some of these objectives, and to give you a good run. It is not possible to design courses on Frodsham Hill that don't have quite a lot of climb: I kept it down as best I could. With hindsight, maybe I should have designed a slightly shorter Blue, and added a Brown as well (as has been done at previous events here); and I could have had a Very Short Green course as well as the Short Green. Apologies to those of you who got more value for your money than you had expected.

## **Controller's Comments (John Kewley)**

When available.