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Little Budworth
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Officials' Comments



Organiser's Comments (Nigel & Jenny Beasant)

Thanks to all those involved in ensuring the event ran smoothly especially Richard Hill, Clare Crocker and Peter Hills. As is usual the club brought forth the required number of helpers and most managed a run as well. As Peter states in his comments the weather was a worry when we woke up on Tuesday but after some discussion we decided to go ahead. Fortunately the rain stopped early afternoon and ensured we had it fairly dry for the event set up and the competitors runs.

Planner's Comments (Clare Crocker)

Out of Bounds restrictions made planning courses challenging as I wanted to be ensure no runner accidentally encroached into forbidden areas. This meant that sometimes there was a little too much path running and guiding through areas, however I was keen to keep the area on the summer schedule rather than an urban park. Undergrowth grows rapidly at this time of year but was totally surprised at the rapid growth of bracken and brambles in the last week. Hope they didn't do much damage to your legs. Bingo controls? We can debate that! Thanks to Peter for all his help over and above a controllers duty as I started a new job at the same time making for a challenging few weeks. Thanks to Anya for all her help putting out controls in the wind and the control collectors, Steve and Norman, for saving my legs at the end of the day.

Controller's Comments (Peter Hills)

When I planned Little Budworth last year I thought I was given some fairly severe restrictions by the ranger. However, when Clare sent me her initial thoughts on this year's event, with the map showing the new out-of-bounds areas, I realised I had got off quite lightly. With large sections of heathland to the south west of the Coach Road ruled oob this made Clare's job of planning challenging courses particularly difficult. However, she rose magnificently to the challenge. Little Budworth lends itself well to the Middle Distance format, and, with the reduced course lengths this implies, Clare was able to produce some excellent courses. We received many positive comments from the runners.

The weather conditions on the morning of the event were not auspicious, and several e-mails passed between organisers, planner and controller with concerns as to whether we might even have to cancel. However, by the time Clare started putting out the controls the worst was over, and we ended up with a dry afternoon and evening.

I would like to thank Clare for all her work, and also Anya for assisting with putting out the controls, which helped make things go well on the day. Also my thanks to Nigel and Jenny for the organisation. Everything seemed to go smoothly, and overall I think it was a very successful event.