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Summer Evening Event
Halkyn Mountain
7 June 2018
Officials' Comments

Organiser's Comments (Bob Elmes)

Thanks to all the helpers for making this a very easy event to organize. We had 81 runners, a very good turnout for Halkyn. Chris's courses were well received, with runners enjoying the challenge.

Planner's Comments (Chris Calow)

Controller's Comments (Steve Ingleby)

I hope you enjoyed your evening at Halkyn. Thankfully the bracken has not yet grown to maximum density although the gorse has spread rapidly beyond the areas I surveyed in 2015. There are also some changes to paths that require a resurvey and the contours in the area around controls 70 and 74 need to be improved.

Halkyn is an area requiring skill at fine navigation and, with controls hung low in the pits, the courses that Chris planned offered the opportunity to practise your technique. With hindsight maybe we should have created a 1:7500 map of the area used for the event to improve readability. The times taken on the technical courses were longer than usual, for which I must apologise.

Thanks to Chris for planning challenging courses, requiring a minimum of interference from me. The control placing was also spot-on, meaning I was pretty much redundant on the night. If you thought finding control flags in the bottom of pits was difficult – you should try looking for 1" strips of white insulating tape on small canes hammered into the ground so that only the tape protruded! Fortunately I had confidence that these would be in the correct location, and so checking sites on a sunny afternoon was actually a very enjoyable experience.

Thanks to Bob and his helpers for providing the usual efficient organisation. Bob made full use of the warm sunny evening to offer 'al fresco' Registration and Download. Having the Start & Finish nearby also meant that a minimalist approach could be taken to the number of helpers required. The lack of grippling enabled control collecting to be quickly accomplished in the beautiful evening lighting.