

Verdin Park event 12 July – organiser notes

The Verdin Park event was the 3rd Summer Evening sprint event and the last Deeside Summer event of the series. The sprints have provided a different challenge to competitors once the season has reached a point where bracken and bramble in the forested areas make orienteering more pain than pleasure. They also make use of areas which would not suit a conventional event.

This event seemed to go very well; a fine evening, a welcoming venue and easily accessed courses. The subsequent debate regarding the scoring of the runs may at least have served to clarify the way these small sprint events should be planned and organised next year. My impression is that competitors enjoyed the evening, and saw it as an opportunity to try a different type of Summer Evening Event.

The event was made possible by the ready cooperation of Northwich Town Council and the Sir John Brunner pub, as well as by Graham's excellent map. Thanks are also due to Anna for her meticulous SI skills and to Iain and John for the courses and their on the day assistance. A principle of these events is minimising the number of people needed to run them, but nevertheless I am grateful to the many Deesiders who cheerfully humped gear to and from the start and helped wherever they saw a need.

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