

Planner's / Organiser's / Mapper's Comments

Thank you all for coming along to Northwich for the DEE Night Street League Event. Planning of the event is made more difficult by the 'hourglass' shape of the area that restricted many people to the lower modern housing estate of Leftwich. Ideally I would have liked to base the event around controls #27 and #38 to give more choice of direction for those on the 40 & 60 minute courses.

I really appreciate the work of Mike Hampton in producing 1:5000 Urban maps of both Northwich and Leftwich. These formed the basis of my changes to Pete Owens original NSL map of Northwich and are superb representations of the areas. I would recommend coming along to the urban event that DEE is planning to hold in 2020 to experience orienteering on the area with a much more detailed map (including Northwich Town Centre).

There were some general comments about the faintness of some controls, for which I apologise. When Kate went out to check the controls she went over faint TP codes with a black marker pen, wherever she was able, but unfortunately in the dark some were still difficult to read.

Sadly one competitor was clearly at the correct control location but could not spot the letters require to complete the clue. Another competitor wrote the correct answer in the wrong box, when once again they were obviously in the correct location. I know how frustrating it is (having been in these situations myself in the past) but unfortunately I cannot allow these answers.

The following incorrect answers were recorded:-

#15 – 4 rather than 1 (Liz Hughes)

#34 – 2 rather than 3 (Jenny Palmer, Paul-y D Jones)

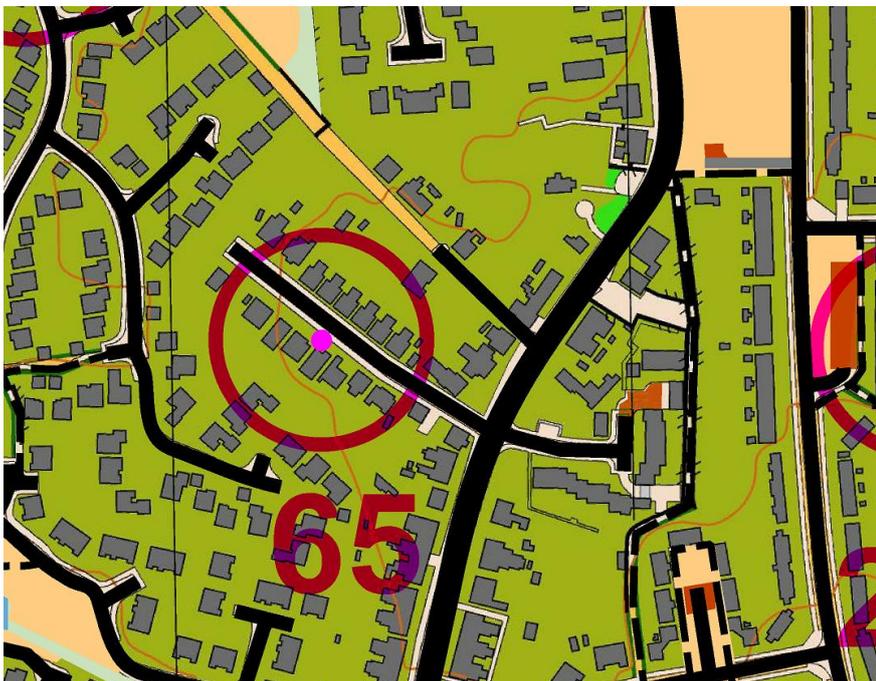
#35 – 3 rather than 4 garages (Pete Owens)

#46 – 10 rather than 11 (Mark Burley)

#60 – 9 / 8 rather than 3 (Paul Shannon)

#65 – 93 rather than 51 (Louise Veasey, Ian Ankers and Clive Giddis)

This last incorrect answer needs some further explanation. I have pasted below the appropriate section of the NSL map with the Urban map as "background"



A number of competitors passing south on the main road thought that the small residential parking area (Boardmans Place) marked on the Urban map as a small circular open area with a short feeder track, was the first of the roads leading NW off the main road – hence they turned down the 1st of the roads marked on NSL map and found (Murphy's Law applying) an identical TP to that required for #65 with a similar number.

In my own defence, I must say that for a 1:12,500 map the small parking area of "Boardmans Place" would not normally be marked and, more importantly, the road on which #65 was located (Graingers Road) joined the main road at a clear crossroads rather than a "T" junction, thereby identifying it as the relevant turning. Please examine the area on Google Street View if you wish to view the 'scene of the crime' further.

I have not allowed the answer '93' for the reasons stated above but it is never my intention to trick competitors and, hence if I knew about the offending TP I would have looked for an alternative control site – sorry to all those affected!

Finally a big thank you to:-

- 1) The Manager of the Kingfisher for being so cooperative in providing an excellent base for operations
- 2) My helpers on the night – Kate Ingleby and Andy Payne
- 3) Kate for checking all control sites in preparation for the event
- 4) Jean Payne for suggesting and booking the Kingfisher as a venue.
- 5) Thanks to you all for coming along and making all the effort so worthwhile.