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CLUB
North West Night League
Delamere East
8 February 2020
Officials' Comments



Organiser's Comments (Bob Elmes)

51 runners turned up to compete in this North West Night League event, two thirds of them from other clubs: this gave us the best night event entry we've seen for some years.

Chris Calow did an excellent job of planning courses, and Mike made some map changes to reflect the current state of the vegetation. We got lots of favourable comments from competitors as a result of their work.

Thanks to Pat Moody for coming along to run the registration; Mike for manning the start; Mike, Chris and Elaine Sutton for collecting controls.

Thanks also to Forestry England for permission to use the area. We were lucky that Storm Ciara held off until Sunday morning: this meant that the Forestry team left us with access to the area on Saturday night, and me with the "Closed due to high winds" sign to erect when we locked up.

Controller's Comments (Mike Smithard)

My main influence whilst checking control sites was assessing the bramble density and deciding which areas I wouldn't want to go through in the day never mind the night. 'Heavy undergrowth' doesn't do that job so off came the rides and on went the solid green in several areas though two areas went lighter showing better routes. Some paths had disappeared/changed so hopefully the map gave you a fair indication for route choice decisions and I blew it up to 1:7,500. I hope all this made for a better experience for you and you got round quicker with less frustration. Needless to say, the forest was closed the day after. Hope you found everything OK on the night. Thanks to Bob and Chris for doing all the work for the event.