



DEE & MDOC
17 September 2023
Antrobus Countryside Score
Organiser's Comments



It was great to see so many of you coming along to Antrobus - about 150 in total, including a lot of new faces. You are all very welcome, and it is your participation that makes the organisation and course-setting so worthwhile. We hope to see many of you at another event soon!

The village hall was an excellent venue for this type of event - A big thank you to the local Antrobus volunteers who run the village hall for allowing us to host our event there. The weather was kind too with even the odd sunny spell allowing us to have al-fresco tea & cakes outside on the concourse.

Thankyou for supporting the cake stall. A total of £224.50 was raised, and this will be deployed on navigation coaching for the junior orienteers within the two clubs involved in organising the event. Thanks especially to Cecilia & Rebecca for their lovely homemade cakes.

The 120 min course was (pleasingly) more popular than usual, with some serious distances being covered. Notably Duncan H doing 25k and bagging 60 out of 65 Spunchpoints - impressive.

On the 90 min Vicky W & Dominic S had another good run, just behind the very experienced Liam C. At the other end, kudos to the Jones-Simsek family who braved the course with two very mini Spunchkins in "all-terrain" double buggy - only to suffer a puncture early on! (Hope you will return to try again).

Finally on the 60 min course newcomers Bob & Katrina C made an impressive debut - and with 4 mins to spare!

A big thanks to Iain for bringing us to this lovely area, and setting the course (his post-match comments are in the attached illustrated PDF), and to all the other helpers both before and on the day.

This event was a collaboration between two neighbouring orienteering clubs

DEEside <https://www.deeside-orienteering-club.org.uk/> (west of M6)

MDOC <https://www.mdoc.org.uk/> (east of M6)

There is always a lot going on at both clubs with regular local events in different terrains (parks, urban, woodland etc) - see websites above for details.

The next Spunch events are:

New Mills Festival Spunch on Saturday afternoon 30 September, from the New Mills Leisure Centre and then:

Mow Cop Spunch on Saturday morning 14 October - more details on both of these to follow very soon

Hope to see you again, Andy & Iain