



DEESIDE ORIENTEERING
CLUB
Summer Evening Event
Thurstaston Country Park
11th June 2008
Officials' Comments



Organiser's Comments (Gwyn Thomas)

It was pleasing to see so many juniors turn up for an Evening Event. Hope you all enjoyed your venture into Thurstaston Common, which can be quite challenging, especially during the growing season. Special thanks must go to the planner, Norman Hall and controller, Peter Edwards, who spent hours roaming the Common, re-mapping to produce a more updated map. Many thanks also to the helpers :- Barbara Jones, Joan Edwards, Barbara and Grace Majumdar, Noel and Catriona Schorah, Alan Mullock, Terry Harper. Also thanks to Wirral Borough Council and the National Trust for the use of Royden Park and Thurstaston Common and to the Park Rangers for their support and assistance.

P.S. Found – pair of orienteering shoes.

Planner's Comments (Normal Hall)

I am glad the rain held off for the evening, which could have made this tricky area, already made more difficult by a sudden week's growth spurt of vegetation, a little more unpleasant. Talking after the event, there seemed to be a consensus that there didn't need to be a separate colour symbol for heath, but that it should just be mapped as rough open or rough open with scattered trees. This would lighten the map and let paths and other features stand out more clearly, something for the area's next event planner to think about.

I hope the courses were not too arduous, I did get home without being lynched, a positive note to end the night. I must apologise to those on the yellow course for the difficulty some found in getting their dibber into the boxes due to the security straps, but needs must to prevent boxes going missing from vulnerable sites as at Linnere.

My thanks to Gwyn and his team of helpers, who made the event run smoothly and to Alan Mullock and Mike/Chris Smithard who kindly collected controls at the end. Great appreciation must go to my controller Peter Edwards, as always a gentleman, who spent many hours with me and by himself remapping and updating a much out of date area map.

Controller's Comments (Peter Edwards)

Many enjoyable hours were spent by Norman and myself remapping the area, including all relevant paths. I take responsibility for the dark heath colouring frequently used in Belgium but perhaps not suitable for a wet U.K. evening. The extreme growth of vegetation in the previous week also distorted matters. Nevertheless I still believe that this area has great potential with its large ensuite car park. John Twigg and his team from the N.T. together with the park rangers were most accommodating. We hit the jackpot with youth organisations attending, despite forming large groups we ran out of printed maps and S.I. cards

Norman produced courses with the correct winning times, yellow was tricky finding suitable paths as was balancing the technical difficulty on light green. Everything was in the right place, no equipment or bodies were lost, the computers worked to perfection -- well-done and thank you all.