



DEESIDE ORIENTEERING
CLUB
Club Training Event
Halkyn
10th July 2008
Officials' Comments



Organiser's Comments (Pauline Smithard)

Many thanks to Graham and Anna Nilsen, who between them did almost all the work for this "low-profile, back-to-basics" event. All I had to do was to put out the road signs (easy), take in the money (easy), and collect the road signs afterwards which I forgot to do so thanks to Terry Harper for going out next day to get them.

Planner's Comments (Graham Nilsen)

Halkyn is an entertaining area, if somewhat constrained by out-of-bounds, and I enjoyed planning on it. As it was always going to be a small event, I aimed to keep things on the evening as simple as possible – hence using only 14 controls for the technical courses, and the score-event style of map to reduce the number of wasted copies; and the start and finish which could be run out of the car if the weather turned against us. Yellow and orange required a further 12 controls: it was disappointing to see only three people using them.

Some competitors struggled with control 184. From what I could gather, all stopped short of the control and searched the pitted area. Given that this was only half way from the path with the two gate posts, that the bell pit/crater and cap stone to the south of the control stood out clearly, and that I hit the pit first time checking it from the W, S, and E The 'ruin', by the way, isn't: it is actually two crags facing each other in a depression. Two gentlemen were particularly forceful, shall we say, in their comments about this control: not the way to encourage others to plan events for them.

Many thanks for the kind comments and gratitude from everyone else.

Graham Nilsen, MEROC (drafted in when no-one in DEE came forward).