



**DEESIDE ORIENTEERING
CLUB**
Club Championships
Halkyn
22 November 2014
Officials' Comments



Organiser's Comments (Geoff Woolfenden)

When available

Planner's Comments (Steve Ingleby)

I hope that you enjoyed your outing at Halkyn. Many congratulations to the worthy 2014 Club Champions.

During previous events at Halkyn, I have become increasingly frustrated by following what appeared a perfectly good route choice on the map, to find myself confronted by an impenetrable wall of gorse. I was determined that for the 2014 event competitors would have a realistic picture of the vegetation - hence I set about remapping the bracken & gorse that is gradually taking over the area. In practice the bracken had died down somewhat during the period after I had mapped it, although the gorse was still as fierce as ever.

There were a few comments that the vertical green stripes that represented 'undergrowth' obscured some of the contour details. As always there has to be a compromise in mapping areas like Halkyn. I hope that the removal of the "rough open" screen compensated by helping to improve the clarity of the 'brown features'.

During the survey, I was surprised to find that some significant features were not marked on the base map I was using. For example, you will find that the 4m deep crater used as a control site (#239) for the road crossing on the Blue Course does not appear on previous versions of the Halkyn map.

In my planning I wanted to minimise the road crossings, to avoid the need for marshalling, and hence the majority of courses were confined to the central area of the map. Courses were shorter than is normal in order that everyone was back in time to enjoy the social down at the Village Hall. I tried to give the event a 'Middle Distance' feel by having a high concentration of controls with numerous changes of direction on the TD5 courses and trying as much as possible to keep you off the paths.

My thanks go to the volunteer control collectors: John Embrey (despite not yet being a member of DEE!), James Smith, Paul Chavasse & Geoff Woolfenden (in addition to his role as Organiser). I am also indebted to Jean Payne for her very constructive comments on my draft courses and for spotting all the deliberate mistakes I provided. Lastly I

would like to thank Kate for all her assistance with the event – particularly agreeing to get up at 05:30 to help me put out all the controls!

Controller's Comments (Jean Payne)

Once again we have been blessed with good weather up on Halkyn Mountain. In good weather it is a wonderful place to be and it makes controlling an event a pleasure. I will leave it to peoples' imagination how it could have been.

Controlling Steve has been a pleasure – but as he says - there was enough to do to justify the role even with the most experienced of planners.

Thanks to Andy for checking some of the controls on the day –even though he couldn't compete on the day as he had a concert rehearsal in Chester cathedral.