



DEESIDE ORIENTEERING  
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Delamere East  
18<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
Officials' Comments



### **Organiser's Comments (Sonia and Paul Chavasse)**

Our thanks as always to all those who made this event happen, several of whom were not even at the event and many of those performing tasks on the night were not setting foot on the courses. We had 122 entries for the event which is not up to usual Delamere attendance of 160 but was at least more than the previous two events.

Despite a very meticulous guide for Organisers on the website I am sorry that it failed to explain an important part of my duties in that I had no guidelines on how to make it a 'Summer Evening'. The rain in the afternoon hampered preparations and made the undergrowth and paths wet but I hope did not detract too much from your enjoyment of the courses. The midges I will ban from next year's events, alternatively I suggest insect repellent is added to your 'O' boxes.

Luckily no 'hanging trees' fell on anyone so the Forestry Commission is happy, will the legacy of Storm Doris still be there next year? I suspect so but we won't have to include it in the Risk Assessment.

I hope added factors such as the Micro Sprint and Cake stall (which raised £57 for North West Junior Squad, the orienteering training squad for juniors in our club) put the icing on the cake for the evening.

### **Planner's Comments (Lachlan Chavasse)**

I think I'll start with my apologies...

To those on the Blue course who suffered a moved control - I made the (clearly mis-informed) decision not to gripple [if that is a verb] it due to its remoteness and to speed up control collection - does this mean that we should be grippling

all controls? In light of this, we have removed both 20-21 & 21-22 from the timings. I hope this seems a fair decision...

To the Beasant start team whom I situated in 'the midgiest hollow in the forest'

To Robin for making 2 map printing visits due to technological problems - that being why it is probably best for everyone to use Condes (note to self) - and to his loss of secateurs.

And to Clare for having to put up with my butterfly loops and interesting [hopefully] courses.

We had an improved turnout of 122 runners, despite the early afternoon's rain - although still no groups... As well as the main courses [on which I hope you managed to avoid the worst of the undergrowth], I trust that those who took part enjoyed the micro sprint event and found it a good challenge. As the winning time of 6:24 was actually Dan Weaver's second attempt [which he did agree to being non-comp], Iain Embrey is actually the winner at 6:58 - your (as of yet undecided) 'edible prize' will make its way to you at some point... A mention goes to the first Deesider, Jon Hateley whose 'warm-up' took him 7:24 - perhaps I should have introduced some sort of handicap?

Can I too thank all of the helpers on the day, including (but not exclusively) Noel who spent nearly an hour on the road crossing before the first competitor arrived; My Mum and Dad for their control setting help due to my stitches; my control collectors Dad (again), Duncan, Steve and John (Brammer) who allowed us to almost finish in the daylight [albeit whilst being feasted on by midges] as well as Dan and Izzy for collecting in the sprint; to Anna for accommodating my complicated SI requirements; and lastly to Steve Ingleby (also again) for his remapping work - without which the map would have been an even worse reflection of the forest and undergrowth - can we get some LIDAR please?

### **Controller's Comments (Clare Crocker)**

The large marsh/lake area in Delamere East had some soil bank crossing points added which made for interesting routes across but as a controller I felt we should ask permission to use them from the Forestry Commission. Unfortunately it was not given due to being part of an environmentally sensitive project. This left a quick re-design of the green at the last minute and no time for checking the map but hope it didn't spoil your enjoyment. The blue course had a stolen control (#44) affecting some orienteers so a decision was made to void the legs before and after the course 21-22 and 22-23. Well done to the Chavasse family for all their hard work.