



**DEESIDE ORIENTEERING
CLUB**
Summer Evening Event
Bryn Alyn
31 May 2017
Officials' Comments



Organiser's Comments (James Smith)

If and when available

Planner's Comments (John Brammer)

I had my eye on planning Bryn Alyn from a couple of years back when I ran an ERYRI event there, and I've really enjoyed the hours I put in. It's a very nice area with quite a few technical sections for the harder courses, constrained only by the requirement to observe crossing points at the walls and fences. Congratulations especially to the youngsters on Yellow who had to put in a fair bit of climb, and spot the sometimes rather indistinct tracks as well as negotiating what should have been clean sward but was in the event thistle and nettle plantation.

Many thanks to controller Andrew who provided lots of valuable advice to buttress my rather more limited planning experience, I learned a lot in the process. And sorry about the rain, could have sworn the forecast said sun all the way.

Controller's Comments (Andrew Tarr)

It is always a pleasure to get back to Bryn Alyn, as it is probably the most testing area on our annual SEE programme. Having controlled there three times since 2013 I am getting to know it well, and my objective is to provide Mike with at least 6 map corrections at each visit. As spring seems to come earlier each year, we should aim to use Bryn Alyn before mid-June at the latest, to anticipate the bracken, nettles and thistles (in that order).

John devised carefully thought-out courses which seemed less constrained than usual by the mandatory crossing points, and found some long legs which had eluded earlier planners. Most finishers enjoyed their runs despite the unfortunate arrival of drizzle in late afternoon. There were comments about control 59 in the big depression on Yellow, caused I think by the nearby 'path' being just a grassy track. However the control was soon after coming through a mandatory gate and should have been findable without much

next year. difficulty. There is a very limited choice of feasible Yellow courses on Bryn Alyn – previous planners have all found the same one!

My usual thanks to John for his efforts, including having to invigilate an exam while I set out the last controls, and to James for his organisation. Despite there being only 80 runners, car parking was approaching saturation, which may need some thought Pauly claims to have caught a tick yesterday, so double check ...