



DEESIDE ORIENTEERING  
CLUB  
Night Street League  
Warrington  
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Officials' Comments



### **Planner/organiser's Comments (John Embrey)**

Wrong answers were:

(correct answer shown in brackets)

#15 (12) Albert 13, Christian 14

#16 (2) Adam 8, Hazel 4

#21 (57) Albert 55

#27 (3) Maggie 5, Ed Jones 5, Matthew 5

#33 (4) Tim Martland 2

#34 (D1) Hazel 13

#40 (20) Eddie Speak 11 (wrong box for 45)

#42 (6) Karen 5, Laurence 1 (?), Hazel 5, Laura 5

#45 (11) Marie R. 5

#49 (4) Ed Jones 2, Eddie Speak 2, Paul Turner 2, Pete Owens 2

#55 (4) Kev 5

#56 (8) Anthony 3

#63 (2) Darren 3P, Laurence 3, Kev 3P, Maria B. 3P

Note regarding multiple common incorrect answers :

no. 27: The correct answer was 3, but there were two more garages on the other side of the road, so 10 points have been awarded to all those who wrote "5" as their answer. They were clearly in the right place, but not quite attentive enough of the position of the dot.

no. 42: poor choice of control site by me. A dot on lamppost 5 would overlap that for lamppost 6 on the map, both NW of the path end, so both 5 and 6 are accepted at full points (40).

no. 49 : there are definitely 4 swings there – 2 small ones and 2 larger ones. However, I have received reports of a group of youths in the play area potentially disconcerting some participants and the larger swings being difficult to see with less powerful lights, so anyone answering “2” will be awarded half points (20).

no. 63 : Lamppost 3P is about 40% of the way along the path NW of the correct lamppost towards the open area. The answersheet had one dash for a one-digit answers, so sorry but no points for answering 3P or 3.

43 seniors, 1 junior and one shadow braved the cold and breezy but dry Warrington night. Thank you for coming and I hope you enjoyed it, even though the ground was somewhat wetter than when I planned. At least most of the paths were surfaced.

I had hoped to see some variety in departures from the start, but it seems 51 was a little too tempting, and the first 8 Routegadget plots all start 51 – 45 – 37 – 63. Watching the playbacks it is good to see lots of variety in routes taken between the central controls. I was glad to see a number of you made it out to 55 (Arrows). I know this was on the very edge of the map but when I came across it when map-updating it was just too tempting not to use. It also meant I could just squeeze on the path junction SE of 40.

I chose to print at 1:10,000 for two reasons. First, I thought the more intricate bits would be too hard to read at 1:12,500 in the dark and on the run, and second I concluded from trial runs that even the fastest would not be able to clear everything. A smaller scale would only have added the trading estate to the north near Ikea and that was much less interesting.

My main concern on the map was the underpasses in the east by the railway. I hope my notes were clear enough and I am not aware of anyone being caught out. Perhaps I should have highlighted the bridge on the west route from 51 to 45 in a similar way as one person got caught out here. Though I rarely use it I always carry a compass on urbans just in case of such disorientation.

As in previous years I used 4 pieces of freeware to produce the map and plan the controls : OpenStreetMap for the base map and in which I applied updates, OpenOrienteeringMap to extract to pdf in a more conventional night street format, and Purplepen to plan control placements as this is easier to make subsequent placement changes in than OOM and it will accept pdf as a background map file. The two limitations are that I have not found a way in Purple Pen to cut control circles and the degree of control over number placement is limited.

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