

## **Northwich Urban 10 October 2021 Planners Comments**

Thanks to everyone for coming and making the effort (over about 20 months) worthwhile, for all your positive comments at the finish, and for justifying Mike Hampton's time in producing the map. It was disappointing to have no MW12- and only 2 MW16-.

Thanks also to all DEE helpers for their efforts on the day.

Particular thanks to Jane Campbell for arranging permissions with the 2 councils involved (twice – for 2020 & 2021), to Weaver Vale Housing Trust for the area containing controls 181, 185 & 194, which broke up the rhythm and I felt made the climb up the hill west of the Weaver worthwhile, and to Controller John Britton for his constructive comments and helpful advice over about 18 months.

Planning proved to be more difficult than I thought it would be. I wanted to take at least some courses south into Kingsmead / Leftwich, but the blackspot around Sir John Deanes College (to which DEE has never managed to get permission even though we have had a couple of good juniors as pupils there) would have made for too much dead "there and back" running on courses other than the longest two. This left the challenge of getting sufficient length onto courses 3 & 4 without going south, which resulted in both going to the westernmost part and 3 also going east into the graveyard. It also made for a rather large blank map, as you will have seen in the start lanes, and for somewhat complex and different print areas for the courses. My thanks to Eddie Speak for understanding my requests and successfully delivering.

I tried to give route choice on as many legs as possible, even if in some cases it was a fairly simple "left or right" decision. My intention was to wear you out with the longer legs first, then drop you into a sprint / middle style latter part around the town centre when some of you might have been a little mentally and physically fatigued.

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