Birkenhead Park 5.3.2022

Organiser's Comments

Originally, I was just down to carry out SI duties for this event. Then Mike suggested I help Paul out as a chair-based Controller as this was his first event as planner, apart from a Night Street O. I was happy to do so and pass on any of my limited advice that I could. The Park is a great area for school's events, not so good for technical courses. By the comments from the runners, Paul's courses gave the more experienced orienteers a good work out. Well done Paul, on to the next one.
I am grateful to the small band of helpers, who as usual just get on with doing things without much input from me. So, Noel, Catriona, Alan, Gwyn, Pat, Bob, Liz, Leo, Adam, Pauly, Dan, many thanks for making the event a success.
We did have a glitch at the beginning when the first runner appeared, the computer crashed into such a state that it wouldn't even shut down at first. But order was restored. I think the computer was jealous that Bob kept on leaving it on its own to play with his new toy, so it sulked!!!
The new toy by the way was a credit card reader for entry on the day payments.

Norman Hall

Planner's Comments

This was my first experience of planning a daytime event. I leant heavily on Norman's expertise and am grateful for his advice and guidance at every stage of the process. Although the terrain is not particularly challenging, it was possible to design courses that made people read the map carefully.

Competitors' comments on the day suggest that the courses were well received. It was really good to have schools involved again. The weather was kind, although the ground was not always as dry underfoot as it looked. I apologise to those early runners who found control 60 to be slightly misplaced - and to one runner who witnessed the control about to be shunted as he arrived.

In addition to thanking Norman I am grateful to all the others who helped make the event a success, especially Pauly and Dan for collecting controls at the end and Mike for printing the maps.

Paul Shannon