



DEESIDE ORIENTEERING  
CLUB  
Local Event  
Thurstaston  
8 March 2008  
Officials' Comments



### **Organiser's Comments (Huw Lewis)**

I hope you all enjoyed a very interesting area on which I think you will agree Norman planned some challenging courses, thanks to Norman and the Mike the Controller. A big thank you to all my helpers without whom the event would not run smoothly, hope to see you all again at the next DEE event.

Lost Property: One Windproof top and One sandwich box.

Please contact me with details for return of items.

### **Planner's Comments (Norman Hall)**

I hope everybody enjoyed their run and that the updated map made things a little clearer than in the past. Thurstaston is an ever changing area due to the large amount of public activity, mountain bikers, spreading vegetation and vast vegetation difference between summer and winter. Spreading vegetation, mainly gorse, is where update is still needed in certain parts.

The locked gate at the south end of the map on Blue and Green was supposed to be left open by the National Trust, but nobody seemed to be on duty. So sorry for needing to hurdle this obstacle.

Two runners on the Green course did raise an issue that I had not thought of before. On this course control numbers 6 and 9, although 160m apart were fairly level, 6 on the southern leg and 9 on the northern leg. On the southern leg 9 could be mistaken for the 6 control because of the way the map is held.

Something to be avoided in the future and other planners to take note of.

My thanks to controller Mike Round for his efficient and helpful work in making sure I didn't make too many errors. Also to Huw Lewis and his helpers team who made everything run so smoothly.

## **Controller's Comments (Mike Round)**

Although I hadn't controlled an event for quite some time, I needn't have worried, as my task was made easy by the excellent planning skills of Norman. He devised some challenging but fair courses in what can be a tricky area due to the numerous unmarked paths, which seem to appear from year to year, whilst other paths disappear. Huw's competent organising team made the event run very smoothly with no major hiccups. The weather just about held, and appreciative comments were heard from the competitors, so well done to everyone.