



DEESIDE ORIENTEERING
CLUB
Summer Evening Event
Event venue
29th April 2009
Officials' Comments



Organiser's Comments (Sheila Hills)

Contrary to expectations we had a lovely evening for the event. The fact that it also went fairly well is due, in no small measure, to all my helpers turning up in time to do their jobs. It is not easy if you have to come from work. Thankyou to everyone for agreeing to help and keeping things running smoothly. There were 21 helpers in all, including the SI coordinator (Simon Crocker), some of which chose not to run – an especial thankyou to them for giving up their evening. Sorry you all had to pay £3 for parking. It had only just gone up on 1st April, from £2. Some people were lucky in that they turned up after the Pay & Display machine had gone 'Out of Order'. It was probably full!

Thankyou to my husband Peter Hills for all the time spent planning and putting out the courses and to Steve Ingleby for checking everything was OK with Peter & I and for checking the courses.

Planner's Comments (Peter Hills)

Firstly, I must apologise for the shortage of Blue maps on the evening, which resulted in some of you having to copy your course from a master map, whilst others chose to run down to Green. With over-printed maps, there is always the risk that this will happen unless we print far too many, with consequent wastage. I based my print run on the numbers at recent previous Delamere events, which gave a maximum of 36 Blues, and arranged for 44 maps to be available. In the event, 53 of you opted to run Blue, whereas only 49 ran Green.

We were lucky with the weather, Wednesday being the one good day in a bad week. Also, at this time of the year the bracken was not too high, although I have to admit that the current policy of the Forestry Commission of leaving brashings to rot did make some areas heavy going, but then, in Delamere you generally have the option of path running instead. The extensive path network makes it difficult for the planner to force people off the paths, although I did try, and also tried to give you route choice. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

Thanks to Steve Ingleby for his usual meticulous controlling, and also to my wife Sheila for doing the organising.

Controller's Comments (Steve Ingleby)

I hope you enjoyed your course in Delamere on what turned out to be a lovely Spring evening. We had a good turnout with a higher proportion of entries on the Blue course than has been the case in the past. Perhaps the nice weather and slightly shorter courses (due to reduced daylight) tempted competitors into undertaking something a little more challenging?

Peter produced some good courses with a minimum of meddling on my part. He got all the controls out very efficiently leaving me with a pleasant run around the forest to ensure everything was in the right place (it was). The competitors' times appear reasonable, but with quite a wide spread – although this is quite normal at evening events.

Sheila did her usual stalwart job in managing the organisation aspect of the event and, with her trusted band of Deeside helpers, everything appeared to be alright on the night. Well done the Hills!