



**DEESIDE ORIENTEERING  
CLUB**  
Summer Evening Event  
Welsh College of Horticulture  
Northop  
7 May 2009  
Officials' Comments



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

Big thanks for all the runners who took part and hope you enjoyed your runs on a totally new area. Thank you to Denis and Margaret for the courses, Andrew for controlling and to Northop for allowing us to use this area.

Thanks you to all who helped as without you these events would not take place.

### **Planner's Comments (Denis Murphy)**

Everyone seemed to have enjoyed their runs over Northop's varied terrain; not a few though commented on the effectiveness of the dandelion strewn rough open ground in impeding their progress! The only disappointment on Thursday evening was how few takers there were for the yellow and orange courses.

Northop is a very small area for a Summer Evening Event: the rough open land in the NE is ruled out as it is almost entirely fenced off and the very steep western slope has few features (and at my first visit in wet conditions seemed very susceptible to calamitous mud slides - I decided to limit the thrill of these to just the blue competitors).

I am very grateful to Andrew for his meticulous help and thoughtful advice as to how to improve my original courses to make the very best use of the area.

Many thanks to Huw for his usual calm, good humoured and highly efficient organising.

Many thanks to Robin for the original map and, as always, for the printing.

### **Controller's Comments (Andrew Tarr)**

It's a nice change to control something smaller than a 'badge' event, on an entirely fresh area – and one which can be covered in a short time. I was pleasantly surprised by the terrain on offer, and Denis stretched his Blue course to its limits - it will be hard for the next planner to come up with anything new! Everyone seemed to enjoy their runs in the fine weather. Because Northop is well into Wales, few of our regular MDOC visitors came, but Steve McLean came marauding down from SROC and ran away with the Green course, allegedly as training for this weekend's sprint event. Not only that – Rhys appears to have found the secret of moving at infinite velocity on leg-7 of Blue ...

My compliments to Denis, Margaret and Huw for their diligence and hard work.