



**DEESIDE ORIENTEERING  
CLUB**  
Summer Evening Event  
Delamere North  
12 May 2009  
Officials' Comments



### **Organiser's Comments (Pat Moody)**

The sun shone, the field was dry, the helpers arrived promptly and were impeccably equipped (thanks for bringing that hammer, Brian), and most people seemed to enjoy their run. Summer evening orienteering as it should be?

### **Planner's Comments (Siân Calow)**

This was only my second attempt at planning and I found it significantly more challenging than the postage stamp sized Little Budworth. I attempted to give competitors route choice between controls wherever possible to relieve the boredom of path running and I hope that I succeeded to a certain extent. The undergrowth had grown significantly during the past fortnight making the courses much more physical than I had envisaged during the initial planning phases. The nettles, in particular, seemed to have enjoyed a growth spurt in the past week and I do apologise to the early runners who got viciously stung - I did flatten some of the undergrowth while putting out controls (the garden hose end of the control cane worked a treat!) and Jon Hateley kindly flattened the remainder. The Blue course in particular was very physical and I do apologise if it was a tad too long for some competitors. Most of you appeared to have enjoyed your courses – thank you for your feedback.

I am grateful to Andy Campbell for his advice and comments on how to improve my original courses – I have learnt a lot – thank you. Bob and Pat did an excellent job of organising the event. Thank you Norman Hall, Richard Hill and Mike Beasant for venturing out once more into the undergrowth to collect the controls after the event. And last, but not least I would like to thank Robin Tilston for doing his usual excellent job of printing the maps, without which we would be lost.

### **Controller's Comments (Andy Campbell)**

I hope everyone enjoyed their courses, we were certainly lucky with the weather. Thanks to Siân for planning some interesting courses and to those of you who were complimentary on the night. Delamere North can be a bit rougher than other parts of the forest and the vegetation grew significantly in the last two weeks, hopefully it didn't impede progress too much. Thanks to Pat and Bob for the efficient organisation.

### **Lost Property**

1 compass (may have been left at Northop or at Delamere North). Call at Enquiries at the coming Eaton Park event to claim it.