



DEESIDE ORIENTEERING  
CLUB  
Summer Evening Event  
Thurstaston  
26th May 2010  
Officials' Comments



### **Organiser's Comments (Sian Calow)**

Foreign travel seemed to be the theme of this event! The original Organiser (my husband Chris) was called away to India at fairly short notice and couldn't be present. The weekend prior to the event, I was running a mountain marathon in France whilst the Planner and Controller were competing in the Belgian 3 day. Thankfully, the volcanic ash was blowing over Northern Norway allowing us to return home and stage the event! Thank you to Chris for doing most of the organising prior to the event – I really just turned up with the kit at Thurstaston and it sort of just happened. A big thank you to the wonderful team of helpers – who very competently just got on with it I do hope that all helpers who wanted to run managed to do so. Finally, thank you to the National Trust and Wirral County Council for granting permission for us to use this interesting area.

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

Thankfully the rain stayed away for the event which is more than can be said for the local layabouts who vandalised 3 controls. I am sorry for those on the Light Green course whose number 7 control totally disappeared. This has been adjusted in the results by the SI team for all runners. We also had a small problem with the map which did not have the latest vegetation updates on it which may have affected Blue course runners at control 1 and 4. Hopefully everyone enjoyed their runs on what is a tricky area for navigation.

### **Controller's Comments (Peter Edwards)**

With all 3 officials abroad the previous weekend and 2 were deputies anyway, some good teamwork and advance planning and the dispersal of volcanic ash was necessary for the event to take place. Post race comments reinforced my views that Norman's excellent courses provided the correct amount of challenge over the mixed and interesting terrain. Zero input was required on my behalf. It was unfortunate that you were unable to run on Normans updated map. The path system makes it necessary for the short courses to be a little above specification. The varied use of the Hill produces new paths and vegetation changes daily. Apologies to the light green course runners whose control was vandalised early on. The use of the boulder appeared to be a reasonable risk midway between the 2 carparks, well off the track a good approach leg and the correct TD, regrettably the securing point was not good and it was spotted by MBs from the top of the hill. Thanks to Barbara for adjusting all the course times. Numbers were up very slightly from the last SEE here. Relations with WBC and NT staff were excellent and together with use of the on-site carpark and toilets make this an attractive venue.