



DEESIDE ORIENTEERING
CLUB
North West Night League
Delamere East
8 February 2014
Officials' Comments



Organiser's Comments (Bob Elmes)

This was an easy event for me. Many thanks to Chris for planning, doing most of the organiser's jobs, and running the computer; Siân for doing registration before her run; Jon for controlling; Willow for running the start; the Forestry Commission for permission to use the area; and Dave Binks the Ranger for turning out to switch floodlights on in the car park so we could see what we were doing, and again to switch them off afterwards.

39 runners competed in the event. As well as the North West clubs, we welcomed friends from PTOC and WREKIN, plus triathletes from Chester and Wreccsam and students from Liverpool University Mountaineering Club. First-time night runners from DEE included Dan Weaver (Orange, for his first go) and Chris Baynham-Hughes and Edward Halliwell (no messing, straight in at Blue).

Congratulations to course winners Tom Fellbaum (Blue), Gwyn Thomas (Green) and Dan Weaver (Orange).

Planner's Comments (Chris Calow)

The rainy season was well under way during planning and the drainage ditches appeared to be getting bigger every time I visited the forest. The courses were planned to avoid the worst of them, but on the day control 221 seemed to be in the middle of a river. I hope this didn't spoil your enjoyment. Delamere East is a compact area, the out of bounds fields and newly flooded areas make it even more so, I hope you enjoyed visiting every corner of the forest.

I would like to thank Jon Hateley for his very helpful comments on my first go at planning and Bob, Willow and Jon for collecting controls, just as the rain started again.

Controller's Comments (Jon Hateley)

A quick thermos of soup and it was Event 2 in the Delamere Bi-controller-thon! Chris and Liz had shunted controls around to their new positions with enough time left for me to check them in daylight, which made things easy.

Chris's courses were pretty much spot-on at first draft, and the only fiddling I did was to shave some distance off the Green. We both wondered whether the nasty leg 10-11 on the Green was a genuine route-choice, but I suspect general forest wetness deterred most from attempting the death-or-glory direct route across the marsh!

At least one Green runner was affected by a map problem ... a forest road had been printed as a rather pathetic thin black line. Transpires a different base-map was used for the print-run from that used in the proofs. My apologies to anybody affected on the night.