



**DEESIDE ORIENTEERING
CLUB**
Summer Evening Event
Birkenhead Park
18th July 2017
Officials' Comments



Organiser's Comments (Gwyn Thomas)

Hope you enjoyed your visit on a lovely evening to Birkenhead Park

The lack of competitors (64) was disappointing when you work out the amount of effort that goes into Planning / Organising an event. With the double sprint event prior, and the Scottish 6 days looming, it was probably inevitable.

Many thanks to Wirral Borough Council for permission and especially to Ally Noonan for her patience.

Thanks also to Scott Brennan and the Rangers at the visitor centre for being accommodating.

Finally, a big thank you to all the helpers. (Sian/Chris, Duncan/Anna, Bob/Pat, Viv P, Alan M, Joy/Malcolm, Ian G, Jane M, Val T).

Planner's Comments (Edward Halliwell)

This was my second attempt at planning, and I still needed plenty of help from my Controller. Fortunately Norman was fantastic in that respect, so many thanks to him. I'm sure I'll still need plenty of help from Controllers for a while yet....

Birkenhead Park is a fairly simple area, with added complications of a road through the middle and cricket pitches covering large areas of it. Once I was aware it was going to be a two part sprint, I was keen to follow the Blue = A+B, Green = B+C approach that I enjoyed at Crewe a couple of years ago. My initial plan was to eliminate the road crossing completely by having A,C,E purely in the east park and B,D purely in the west, but the complications of two starts and two finishes, combined with the potential lack of challenge just in the west park led to the partial abandonment of that idea. The idea remaining partially intact though with A,C,E purely in the East, so there was no mid-run time-out on those courses.

Hopefully I haven't made too many enemies with those who missed controls or mis-punched!

Thanks to Norman and the Embreys for helping with Control Collection.

Controller's Comments (Norman Hall)

As I had already agreed to do the SI for the event, Sheila's later request for me to give Ed some help as Controller didn't seem too much of a stretch. I think for both of us it was the second time in these roles. The Park does not give a lot of complexity for longer course orienteering so Ed's idea of having two stages fitted in with what the area has to offer. Apart from a control box being utterly destroyed by vandals before the event had started, the evening went off fairly smoothly. Positive comments were received about Ed's courses although one control on the edge of a mapped white area was the subject of some controversy, it should really have been mapped as 5 individual trees.

Well done to Ed and my thanks to Organiser Gwyn and control picker John Embrey at the end.