

Organiser Comments

Many thanks go to every one that supported this event, including some new faces. We were lucky with the weather after weeks of rain, but conditions underfoot were very muddy. I had to amend the map to show several enlarged ponds that had caused footpaths to disappear. While parts of the area are disappearing under scrub, the wooded areas are maturing and becoming more runnable and I used hides in a couple of these areas for the first time.

The women's race was very close with all five ladies collecting between 7 and 13 controls. The race was won by Mandy Mackereth, who is giving Marian White some good competition in the women's league.

Alex Mitchell had a fantastic run to clear the course with a couple of minutes to spare but Chris McSweeney's comeback is gathering pace and he managed to collect all but one control. Richard Price also had a good run, clearing 19 controls with a minute to spare and thus pipping Dave Williams who despite visiting 20 controls went a couple of minutes over time.

The outstanding performance of the evening, however, was that of the mixed age/gender group, organised by Liz Larner and Laura Smith, taking part in a night event for the first time. OK, they were half an hour late but they found 11 controls, and by the sound of it, all had a great time, which is what it's all about! Well done!

Many thanks to control collectors, Robert Rose, Robert Vickers, David Williams, Andy Hemsted and Richard Price and to Peter Langmaid for sorting the kit out while I rescued an errant control in order to enable me to get to the pub in time for something to eat.