

Results of Night Street League 3 Thursday 20th November 2008 Worcester Central

The City Centre Community Centre on Midland Road, close to Shrub Hill station, provided a welcoming venue for the season's third event. Rather than the small meeting room booked for the occasion we based ourselves on and around the comfortable chairs and tables of the foyer. The new starting place also provided access to parts of the city that we do not visit often. Robert Vickers kindly commented that the Medium course was amongst the best he had experienced. No doubt he was being polite, but it was good for the planner's ego!

I normally choose distinct points as control sites (e.g. path/street junction) but setting up two good route-choice legs led me to pick a lamp post on a long gentle bend. I checked the requisite distance accurately at walking pace using my mapping scale, and was pleased that three of the five competitors agreed with my choice (there were two posts on the bend). Disqualification does not feature in this competitive but friendly league and I therefore 'punished' the slip-ups by adding a small time penalty. Fortunately, this did not affect the finishing positions. Might I suggest to the gentlemen concerned that NSL is an excellent opportunity to practice pacing?

John Embrey shot around the Long Course in a time that was faster than all but Peter doing the Medium. Where were all you youngsters? I am sure that John would appreciate some competition. Despite the absence of Russ the Medium was as hotly contested as ever with times closely packed. Colin Spears recorded a remarkably quick time for an M70. It was good to see three takers for the Short with Jacky just pipping Geoffrey. Things might have been different had the map been perfect.

Long 8.1km	11 Controls	
John Embrey	60:16	10pts

Medium 6.1km	8 controls	
Peter Langmaid	58:49	10pts
Colin Spears	60:16	9 pts
Robert Vickers	62:23	8 pts
Paul Hammond	66:43	7 pts
Colin Palmer	79:07	6 pts

Short 3.6km	5 Controls	
Jacky Embrey	28:09	10 pts
Geoffrey Foster	29:08	9 pts
Alison Sloman	46:56	8 pts

Organiser and Planner Brian Hughes