

Whilst out checking suitable lampposts with numbers to use as control sites, I happened across a real “O” plate with letters and numbers on it. It seemed firmly attached to the gatepost it was glued to and must have been there for many years. As it was in about the right place I felt I had to use it. A week before the event it was still there, and it became the penultimate control on both the short and medium courses. Then, the first runners started finishing – “could not find it”. It seems that just as the council in Worcester conspired to replace one of Brian’s lampposts, the glue on the plate decided that just before the event was the right time to give up and fail! Peter Langmaid and Kerstin Mitchell returned with the correct answer, having found the plate face-down on the ground at the foot of the post.

The slightly damp evening saw one runner on Long (not me), 3 on Short and 5 on Medium. All courses visited new areas, one section of which was a large out-of-bounds construction site on Colin’s map 3 years ago. Early and late legs were fairly long so as to get the courses into the more intricate areas, where the legs were somewhat shorter. Geography meant that the final legs also contained most of the climb, just when the legs were tired.

There were a few “not quite right” answers, for each of which I have added 1 minute (but not for the missing plate). I hope those who ran enjoyed the courses.

**Short**

1	Russ Fauset	48:00	10 points
2	Alison Sloman	73:40	9
3	Jacky Embrey	84:22	8

**Medium**

1	Peter Langmaid	63:45	10 points
2	Colin Spears	74:12	9
3	Robert Vickers	76:06	8
4	Nigel Cousins	84:18	7
5	Kerstin Mitchell	84:53	6

**Long**

1	Matt Giles	63:43	10 points
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John Embrey