

Wombourne NSL 01/11/16

The weather was kind, dry and cool but warming up a little. The ice between the ford and the canal bridge was melting well when the event finished. Wombourne could do with a really detailed map to the proper ISOM standards at 1:5000. My O O'Brien mash up at 1:7500 updated using a paint type programme does not allow for the really fine detail. With the old railway, the Wom Brook and the canal, there are many opportunities for planning interesting routes. Talking after it sounded as though very few actually managed the optimum routes, but again lack of clarity of detail was probably a factor.

I changed the Medium course just a couple of days before the event as I found a useful path by the police station that I did not previously know about, only lived here 34 years!

Peter Langmaid is obviously playing the sympathy card with his broken ankle, storming in 6 minutes ahead of anyone else on the Short. On Medium Andy W decided not to read the control descriptions for No. 6 and consequently couldn't find the control. He was obviously in the correct area and was unlucky not to fall over it, but in the event I have decided to apply a penalty of 5mins making him just behind Adrian Bailey. I hope people think this is fair, I do have a certain amount of sympathy with Andy as I also waste a lot of time by not reading control descriptions. On the long Adrian Pickles of WRE managed to just about equal my time and came in first in 69mins 11 secs. (I knew where the controls were, knew the best routes, did it in daylight and did it in two parts, so Adrian was pretty quick!). Robert Rose was first Harlequin. Sue Howarth had a nasty fall and came in 4th with blood running down her face. I hope it heals quickly Sue.

LONG	Club	Class	Time	Position
Adrian Pickles	WRE	M55	69:11	1
Robert Rose	HOC	M35	84:34	2
Andy Johnson	HOC	M50	94:19	3
Sue Howarth	HOC	W55	96:16	4
MEDIUM				
Adrian Bailey	HOC	M50	64:54	1
Andy White	HOC	M60	65:13 (60:13+5:00)	2
Andy Hemsted	HOC	M65	72:54	3
Robert Vickers	HOC	M70	90:00	4
SHORT				
Peter Langmaid	HOC	M45	44:47	1
Russ Fauset	HOC	M65	50:05	2
Kerstin Mitchell	HOC	W50	57:14	3
Barry McGowan	HOC	M65	57:20	4
Steve Nightingale	HOC	M65	59:30	5
Marian White	HOC	W55	61:06	6

Barry Houghton.