

Stourbridge Night Street League - 20th January 2022 - Comments

The Stourbridge NSL Event took place on a fine and clear but very cold evening. A total of 16 competitors took part, plus one shadow in the form of Kieran's dad. It was particularly gratifying to welcome the newcomers who, having made their first encounter with orienteering at the Kinver event, came back for more! It was good to see two Juniors, Robin and Kieran, taking part too.

I had planned the event to have an enjoyable course for everybody, whilst giving the top runners a decent challenge. Richard Price once again ran true to form and emerged overall winner with a fantastic run, visiting 22 of the 25 controls within the hour – so I feel I succeeded in stretching him adequately. In second place behind Richard came Eloise Lee with 20 controls, thereby securing the place of first lady.

Seven participants adjourned to the warmth of “The Chequers”, the nearby large Wetherspoons which had been appointed “pub of the night”, where they were able to sample the “Curry Night” fare on offer whilst sharing their experiences and recharging their energy stores.

I have organised many Stourbridge “Night Street Events” in years past but this was the first using MapRun which takes over much of the work of processing the event, but I am very grateful to Kerstin Mitchell for kindly stepping at a late stage to help with the registration before her own run.

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