

## Redditch 23/11/2023

	Name	Club	Class	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	Controls	Points	Time	Penalties	Score	Position	League Points
1	Ben Crone	HOC	M35	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	22	220	56:02		220	M1	25
2	Dave Aldridge	HOC	M45	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	22	220	61:43	20	200	M2	24	
3	Eloise Lee	HOC	W35	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	20	200	61:29	20	180	W1	25		
4	James Thomas	HOC	M35	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x				x	x	x	x		x	x	x	17	170	59:56		170	M3	23	
5	John Leeson	HOC	M65	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x	x				x	x	x	17	170	60:00		170	M4	22	
6	Tom Knight & Tommy Fellows	IND	M21	x			x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x					x	x	x	x		x	x	x	16	160	56:38		160	M5	21	
7	Craig Thompson & Simon	HOC	M14	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x					x	x				x	x	x	14	140	56:31		140	J1	25	
8	Ian Gamlen	HOC	M55	x	x		x	x		x	x	x		x	x						x	x				x	x	x	14	140	57:42		140	M6	20	
9	Phil Dolphin	HOC	W45		x			x	x	x				x	x						x	x	x	x		x	x	x	13	130	58:53		130	W2	24	
10	Andy Howman	HOC	M45	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x		x					x	x				x	x	x	14	140	60:20	10	130	M7	19	
11	Peter Langmaid	HOC	M55	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x				x	x				x	x	x	15	150	61:14	20	130	M8	18	
12	Mandy Mackereth	HOC	W55	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x												x	x		11	110	59:21		110	W3	23	
13	Martin May	IND	M55					x	x		x	x		x	x						x	x	x	x		x	x	12	120	60:35	10	110	M9	17		
14	Will Noyce	IND	M21		x		x	x		x	x										x	x				x	x	x	10	100	58:00		100	M10	16	
15	Russ Fauset	HOC	M75	x			x	x			x	x	x													x			7	70	54:24		70	M11	n/c	
16	Bridget Barratt +2	IND	W10	x			x	x			x	x	x																5	50	50:31		50	J2	24	
17	Richard Stanley	IND	M40	x			x	x		x	x	x		x							x	x	x			x	x	x	13	130	67:36	80	50	M12	15	
18	John Bant	HOC	M75								x															x			2	20	60:25	10	10	M13	14	
19	Jennifer Uff	HOC	W70					x				x		x										x	x				5	50	65:30	60	-10	W4	22	
20	Karen Thompson	HOC	W55						x	x		x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x		11	110	72:30	130	-20	W5	21	
21	Robert Vickers	HOC	M80					x				x		x								x		x	x			x	7	70	rtd		rtd			
Org	Peter Rose	HOC	M45																																	25
				14	10	0	14	15	10	15	12	15	14	10	1	14	12	6	5	3	4	16	14	9	8	1	15	15	15							

### Organiser Comments

It was great to see such a good turnout, including several Redditch-based newcomers. Bridget Barratt returned for more after Arrow Valley last week, this time with two young companions who hopefully enjoyed themselves despite getting a bit cold. Tom Knight and Tommy Fellows put in a superb debut run (I won't give you so many hints next time!), with Will Noyce also covering a lot of ground in his first urban orienteering event. And also great to see non-members from further field, Martin May and Richard Stanley. Hopefully we'll see some of you in Alvechurch on 21 Dec.

The first challenge, as is often the case in Redditch, was finding the start. We now have some more tales to add to the HOC archive, including John Leeson's aborted attempt to find a way out of Car Park 1. (The answer- go up in the lift into the shopping centre, walk for three minutes to another unsigned lift in a different part of the shopping centre, go down to the bus station, then exit north to head south. This is Redditch, after all). Redditch offers some unusual challenges and a lot of variety. I wanted to offer several loops of different lengths that included some different areas, and I succeeded in tempting most people into sampling at list a bit of the Lodge Park rabbit warren. There were 26 controls, but to clear them all is about 15km with 260m climb, so I expected 23 to be the realistic maximum. Ben Crone and Dave Aldridge went close- Ben probably would have got 23 within time if he hadn't got sucked in to a dead-end road out of 24. I had edited the map to try to make it clearer that there wasn't a way through, but probably not enough- apologies. The link between Southcrest and Lodge Park- with it's confusing underpass-bridge-underpass sequence and approached on both sides by paths with blind bends, caught a few people out. But everyone made it back safely, which is the only thing that really matters.

The one drawback of the event centre was its position on the end of a ridge meant whichever way you went, the finish was uphill. Russ made the point that it would have been good to have a few more controls near the finish to make the run-in interesting for everyone regardless of their speed, which is a fair point and one I will note for the future. I thought I had put a fair few quite close to the finish, but on reflection to get them all would have meant criss-crossing the ridge, which wasn't a great option.

Thank you everyone for coming, and for the kind comments on the venue and course.