

Hill Top SEE 28th June 2005

Hilltop is on one of my cycling routes, and having found a few unexpected permanent controls I thought it would be interesting to have a SEE event there. I scoured the area but only found about 12 controls but I suspect there are more. I had difficulty in finding who had the maps. I had thought a new map had been made for the permanent course but this proved not be the case and I had to use a 10 year old Alison map. This was still surprising accurate although there were a number of new minor paths and the green vegetation was worse, particularly in June.

The Green and the Blue courses used mostly the permanent markers which were 3 inch square red plates attached to the base of trees or features. This mixture of small plates and normal 3 sided SEE flags which on those courses I fixed very low did give many competitors problems for which I apologise.

Most competitors were caught out in a torrential downpour with thunder and lightning, which with Hilltop being the highest place in Birmingham made it quite hairy. Most carried on bravely and arrived back soaked to the skin. I was however able to collect in the controls in the dry and be home before dusk!

Barry McGowan

Blue 6.8k

(Basically green course plus extra 20-25 minute circuit round a golf course)

John Embury		54.22
Mike Baggott		55.28
Ian Embury (started injured)		64.27
Richard Deardon (sheltered)		65.14
Sara Browne	LOC	70.52
Rodney Hugo	OD	85.12
Peter Longmaid		85.38
Ian Edmonds	LOC	87.18

Green 3.8k

David Williams		32.46
Barry Houghton		39.26
Russ Faucet		41.30
Emma Tebbutt		45.30
Robert Vickers		61.02
John Sherwood	DEE	63.30
Alison Sloman (retired soaked)		