

Old Hills 25th May 2006

Planners comments

I hope you appreciated how well we planned the weather :-)

Thanks for the various comments on our first experience at planning.

It was impressive how much the undergrowth grew between planning 3 weeks ago, checking a week ago and the event.

The main lesson is:

if the map needs updating near controls do it, see below.

Control 9 on the blue, 5 on the green:

It was where we intended and at the centre of the circle, however the description was inaccurate and should have been "10m from fence corner". More importantly the mid green should have been changed to light green or white for 30m x 100m SW from control, encouraging people to take the path rather than climb two fences with dark green between. Two people who said they failed to find it on or near the fence have been recorded as if they found it.

Control 7 on the blue (and 6 on green):

A thin strip of dark green south of the stream might have encouraged use of the path.

Control 10 on blue:

The path that stops at the circle on the map continues WNW to join the other path, this should have been added to the map. Three weeks ago a square of 100m was white, now it is mixed, in a month it will all be light.

Control 13 on the blue:

This was chosen for the orange course coming from a different direction, we told them it was not necessary to go through brambles or nettles but failed to tell the competitors on the blue course.

It is "be nice to nettles week" <http://www.nettles.org.uk/> we did our best, but those on the blue course chose the straight line over the boring paths.

Blue course				
1	David Nevell	HOC	M45	38.59
2	Tom Horton	HOC	M21	39.50
3	Chris McSweeney	HOC	M35	41.22
4	Richard Dearden	HOC	M35	41.27
5	John Embrey	HOC	M45	42.28
6	Ben Hall	IND	M21	42.50
7	Tess Hill	BUOC	W20	44.06
8	David Williams	HOC	M40	44.30
9	Chris Embrey	HOC	M18	48.17
10	Mike Baggott	HOC	M55	55.30
11	Jeff Hancock	HOC	M60	58.18
12	Alan McKinley	HOC	M21	62.34
13	Andy Hemsted	HOC	M55	63.46
14	Bob Schofield	HOC	M45	70.46
15	Matt Scriven	HOC	M35	71.10
Green course				
1	Rob Vickers	HOC	M60	35.58
2	Lester Hartmann	HOC	M45	36.47
3	Colin Spears	HOC	M65	38.40
4	Russ Fauset	HOC	M55	41.49
5	Charlie Nelson	HOC	M55	45.23
6	Emma Tebbutt	IND	W21	48.50
7	Paul Hammond	HOC	M40	49.48
8	Mattias Jonssen	WCH	M21	50.36
9	Lynden Hartmann	HOC	W50	53.46
10	Frances Beedie	BUOC	W21	59.45
11	Brian Laycock	HOC	M55	63.30
12	Alison Sloman	HOC	W70	68.42
13	Jenny Williamson	HOC	W45	91.05
14	Jen Marshall, Gary Tipping & Paul Millington	IND	W21, M40	131.20
Orange course				
1	Judith Taylor	HOC	W40	57.09
2	Suzette Spears	HOC	W65	68.07
	Nicole Williamson	HOC	W40	mp
Yellow course				
1	Mark & Naomi Greveson	HOC	M40 & W10	63.18