

Lickey Hills SEE - 25th June 2009

50 competitors in total - quite a few more than I was expecting. I suppose it was a nice evening and the Lickeys are easy to get to.

I am sorry it was a bit hard - especially the "northern gully" - I have had this control several times on "proper races" and I did check its accuracy with respect to the attack points coming from the previous controls - but competitors report that, if you overshoot, it is not right with respect to various fence corners and there are lots more gully-like features in the vicinity.

Although running times were not out-of-order when compared with previous SEE this season - six retirements on the green is not good - I suppose putting the 'climb' at the end of the green course was asking for trouble - I welcome feedback (lickey09@ddwilliams.net)

Later finishers had to cope with the final control being relocated - it was found by Mr Embrey stuffed inside the canopy of the tree. John also gets the prize for "neatest and most legible" control codes.

Note for the future SEE organisers - make sure you publish a courses close time - I forgot - last finisher was at 20:50! Thank you to those that stayed behind just in case we had a casualty.

It was disappointing to discover just how poor the current Lickey map is. The underlying base map, contours, brown features, major paths, has never ever been right and now the vegetation and smaller path network is very out of date. It really needs a complete re-survey from scratch - but as I was reminded on the night: "*it is COBOC's area*". Alison tells me I put the yew trees in the wrong place - both of them - perhaps Alison would like to lead the remapping?

David

	ORANGE	2.5km		
1	Chris Schaanning	HOC	M80	00:50:28
2	McCarthy/Murray	WOT	M14/16?	00:53:14
3	Humfress/Charles	WOT	W14/16?	01:00:00
4	Smith/Melamed/Mayneard	WOT	M14/16?	DNF
5	Collie/Lydon	WOT	W14/16?	DNF
	GREEN	4.0km	145m	
1	Charlie Nelson	HOC	M55	01:00:38
2	Alison Kay	IND	W??	01:01:57
3	Russ Fauset + Stick	HOC	M60	01:04:11
4	Lester Evans	HOC	M55	01:04:27
5	Paul Ridley	IND		01:11:43
6	Nigel Cousins	HOC	M55	01:13:20
7	Kerstin Mitchell	HOC	W40	01:14:47

8	John Bennison	COBOC	M65	01:15:17
9	Alison Sloman	HOC	W70	01:16:08
10	Dave Hemmings	HOC	M21	01:19:55
11	Colin Palmer	HOC	M60	01:20:18
12	Susanna Roughton	HOC	W45	01:21:24
13	Robert Vickers	HOC	M65	01:27:40
14	Paul Hammond	HOC	M45	01:38:41
15	Judith Evans + 2	HOC	N/C	01:41:40
16	K & J Kingsman	IND		01:45:06
17	Andy Clarke	NATO	M50	02:07:30
	Jenny Uff	HOC	W55	Retired (9 found)
	Andrew Plante	HOC	M55	Retired (Overtime)
	Graeme Baker	OD	M21	Retired (Lost Card)
	Trevor Hoey	FVO	M45	Retired (Flight to Glasgow)
	Peter Dickenson	IND	M55	Retired
	Sally Nortcliffe	COBOC	W45	Retired
	BLUE	6.0km	250m	
1	Richard Dearden	HOC	M40	00:54:37
2	Dave Aldridge	COBOC	M21	00:56:05
3	Alex Roberts	HOC	M18	00:58:10
4	Mike Baggott	HOC	M55	01:02:18
5	John Embrey	HOC	M50	01:05:13
6	Julia Ferguson	HOC	W21	01:07:28
7	Barry McGowan	HOC	M60	01:12:39
8	Steve Parker	HOC	M35	01:14:54
9	Andy Batchelor	HOC	M35	01:20:14
10	John Pearson	HOC	M60	01:23:00
11	Ant Clerici	HOC	M55	01:28:15
12	Roger Keeling	HOC	M65	02:12:53
15	Richard Burnett	COBOC	M50	02:35:40
	Ian Farrell	MDOC	M21	Retired (Hurt)