

Birmingham City Centre SEE 9th July 2015 - Results

Organiser – Andy White

Position:	Name:	Class:	Club:	Finish time:		Penalty	Adjusted time
Short							
1	Martha Pickles	W18	WRE	40.44			
2	Bob Scott	M65	HOC	38.42	missing 4	5.00	43.42
3	Barbara Ford	W60	HOC	58.45			
4	Sue Findlay-Robinson	W60	WCH	60.30			
5	Alison Sloman	W75	HOC	68.53			
6	Jenny Uff	W60	HOC	79.11			
7	Rachel Findlay-Robinson	W21	SPOOK	retd			
Medium							
1	Adrian Bailey	M45	HOC	43.06			
2	Ben Swarbrick	M21	COBOC	43.53			
3	John Robinson	M65	WCH	50.15			
4	Delia Kingsbury	W50	WRE	50.42			
5	Ruth Lockley	W60	COBOC	58.05			
6	Barry McGowan	M65	HOC	58.10			
7	Mick Sadler	M65	COBOC	58.53			
8	Bob Brandon	M65	OD	62.36			
9	Johnathon Howell	M60	WCH	63.13			
10	Fred Miller	M60	NATO	64.52			
11	Julie Evans	W45	HOC	60.56	missing 8	5.00	65.56
12	Peter Evans	M50	HOC	66.20			
13	Jean Payne	W60	DEE	66.52			
14	Russ Fauset	M65	HOC	67.36			
15	Andy Johnson	M50	HOC	69.23	retired from Long		
16	Ashley Ford	M60	HOC	84.37			
17	Jane Campbell	W55	DEE		retd injured		
Long							
1							
2	Adrian Pickles	M55	WRE	66.34			
3	Colin Lynch	M45	SYO	70.34			
4	Will Pickles	M20	WRE	72.35			
5	Robert Rose	M35	HOC	74.01			
6	Peter Langmaid	M45	HOC	80.49			
7	Chris McCartney	M45	OD	85.29			

Comments: Although situated at the western extremity of the map, the courtyard of the Fiddle & Bone was a great venue for the event. Its access directly onto the canal, or through the pub onto the road, made for interesting route choices for the first and final legs.

The date was chosen to coincide with Birmingham Jazz Week, with the initial intention of linking up various free outdoor Jazz offerings. Sadly the programme was late being published so that didn't happen, but some runners were able to get some musical accompaniment on their runs.

Using Ollie O'Brien's Open Orienteering Mapping certainly saves time in mapping new areas but the complexity of the canal areas of central Birmingham pushes it to its limits at 1:5000. It took some people a while to get into the map and runners benefited from reading the pre-start information about how to interpret some of the map features/colours. There were a couple of people with missing/wrong controls. Some were placed high and some low depending on the feature and location. It's stressful to spend a long time hunting for a control under the gaze of hundreds of pedestrians so I have opted to penalise rather than disqualify these competitors. A 5 minute penalty seems about right given the number of controls and average completion times.

Controls were on various bits of street furniture and marked with a removable waterproof sticker coloured like an orienteering kite and bearing a letter to be written down. Birmingham's street services are really hot on flyposting and graffiti so I was glad to be able to put these out just before the event and have none go missing.

With a decent map, Birmingham could be a great venue for a full blown Urban and offers lots of options for a sprint.

Lost Property – blue long sleeve top.

Lastly – in the hustle and bustle of the registration it seems that a few people forgot to pay – easy done, and one has confessed already. However, if you think you may not have paid, just email me andybwhite@aol.com

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Andy White