

Habberley Valley WEE 11th February 2016

Men

Position:	Name:	Class:	Club:	Points won:	Finish time:	Points Lost:	Total points:	League points	Sprint Position	Sprint Time	#4	#9
1	Richard Purkis	M21	NGOC	270	00:50:05		270		1	00:04:09	00:06:32	00:10:41
2	John Leeson	M55	HOC	250	00:59:14		250	25	3	00:05:28	00:11:00	00:16:28
3	Steve Parker	M45	WRE	230	00:51:59		230		4	00:05:35	00:06:19	00:11:54
4	Tom Lewis	M21	WRE	230	01:01:29	15	215		5	00:06:20	00:06:40	00:13:00
5	Peter Langmaid	M45	HOC	210	00:58:20		210	23	6	00:07:19	00:07:26	00:14:45
6	Clive Richardson	M50	WRE	220	01:00:58	10	210		2	00:05:07	00:05:21	00:10:28
7	Robert Rose	M35	HOC	180	00:55:22		180	21	7	00:07:30	00:08:27	00:15:57
8	Richard Davies	M55	HOC	200	01:02:04	21	179	20	8	00:09:27	00:09:49	00:19:16
9	Barry Houghton	M65	HOC	180	01:01:18	13	167	19	13	00:11:44	00:08:16	00:20:00
10	Robert Vickers	M70	HOC	170	01:00:45	8	162	18	9	00:09:38	00:13:21	00:22:59
11	Andy Johnson	M50	HOC	160	00:59:21		160	17	10	00:10:03	00:10:09	00:20:12
12	Andrew White	M60	HOC	150	00:52:48		150	16				
13	Paul Hill	M45	WRE	150	00:54:15		150					
14	Adrian Bailey	M50	HOC	170	01:02:27	25	145	15	11	00:10:45	00:07:56	00:18:41
15	Steve Nightingale	M65	HOC	120	00:57:39		120	14	12	00:11:22	00:15:56	00:27:18
16	Peter Evans	M50	HOC	110	00:58:34		110	13				
17	Rob Taylor	M45	HOC	100	00:52:47		100	12				
18	Barry McGowan	M65	HOC	90	00:57:48		90	11				
19	Brian Laycock	M65	HOC	90	01:01:12	12	78	10				
20	Colin Palmer	M70	HOC	<90	Lost Dibble		0	9				

Women

4	Alison Sloman	W80	HOC	150	00:57:18		150	25	2	00:11:09	00:13:13	00:24:22
2	Kerstin Mitchell	W50	HOC	150	00:58:25		150	23	1	00:08:44	00:12:12	00:20:56
1	Julie Evans	W50	HOC	140	01:04:41	47	93	21				
3	Jenny Uff	W65	HOC	80	00:54:24		80	20				

Organiser	David Williams	M50	HOC					25				
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Make sure you got the next WEE pencilled in your diaries: 3rd March at Kinver Edge

Thank you all for coming. 24 is a gratifying turnout. I enjoyed putting out the controls in the afternoon sunlight and I am glad someone cleared the lot in under an hour. Apologies to the couple of competitors whose map showed control code and not number. Explanation - I printed these as extras after I had output the 'control placing version' - and ConDes remembered that I had selected 'codes'. Next time I will check every map.

Please do note that my understanding is the BO rules require every competitor to carry a spare torch - we had two turn up with a combined working headlamp count of zero. I collected some controls in using my phone light - worked well, and thank you to my control collectors - I made it away from the forest at 20:41.

Looking at splits it is clear that some would benefit from thinking more about strategy - not just "what am I going to do" at the start but a strategy that supports making changes to plans as time passes and achieved pace over the ground becomes clear. Finishing 5 minutes early when no control is more than 1000m from the finish ... but I suppose that is easy for me as I know the valley very well.

I received a comment about kite visibility but as Alison complemented me on my banner positioning I will say that - if there had been controls a long way from a reliable attack point - then I would have hung them high and added tape and etc. Similarly if the control site was an ill-defined area feature. I wonder whether folks struggled because of deviations while travelling from the previous control to the attack point or in executing the last few metres from the attack point? Certainly lighting is becoming less of an issue - my 6 seasons old home-made lamp is looking comparatively very dim.

Congratulations to those that managed to get the sprint section right - the fastest split was 17 seconds for 8 to 9 by Richard Purkis. 7 to 8 - just 35 metres seemed to cause problems, fastest was 25 seconds and the slowest 200 - that's 95 minutes per km and #8 would have been visible on your left on the way from 6 to 7.