

Shire Oak – 18.11.2021

First of all apologies for not getting my comments out sooner. Was learning some orienteering tips from Andy (Mr. Miyagi) Hemsted in the lakes weekend, which did help on the Sunday at Great Tower (a site I've camped on a number of times but never the extremes experienced on Sunday). Just a shame the Knee started playing up again.

Anyway back to Shire Oak.

The conservationists did like making Barry's job as the mapper challenging with the removal of several self-seeded trees. Made the area more runnable though so can't complain too much. Looks like a planned it just right with Kristof Nowicki from Wrekin bagging all the controls with less than a minute to spare, and Diane Jacks also from Wrekin bagging the woman's race with 19 Controls. First HOC's home were David Williams (21 Controls) and Mandy Mackereth (14 Controls) respectively.

I would like to thank everyone for coming as it was quite far north for most members. But impression I've got from most people was that the trip was worth it.

My special thanks goes to Barry McGowen for the map. Also special thanks to David W, Richard P, Mandy M, Peter L, Kerstin M and Andy H for help control collecting/taking down camp so the last few of us could get to the Pub.