

Planner's Comments

I enjoyed my days in the forest, and was pleased to be able to plan courses on an area which was new to all non-Harlequins.

It was challenging though: there is no clear path structure, so the White and Yellow had to use the fences. Shatterford Wood is interesting, but it was difficult planning the technical courses because of the steep-sided watercourses.

Planning the Orange was fine!

Working to Forestry rulings meant that I had to do some planning in August and September, and at this time all those wide open rides were head-high with bracken. Getting from one block of forest across to the next block was horrendous! Sometime in October the bracken was mown, and suddenly progress around the area became much easier.

Thank goodness we were lucky with the weather, and the stream crossings were not a problem; on January 7th it would have been a very different story!

Andy Hemsted