

## **Hawkbatch Sunday 11 December 2011**

### **Planners Comments**

Given the need for a walk-in to the woods and a December date, I wanted to place the start and finish close together so depositing and retrieving clothes before and after running would be easy.

Despite the mild autumn the undergrowth is somewhat lower than on my first visit a couple of months ago. Hawkbatch has some pleasant sections and some not-so-pleasant. I tried to keep you out of the worst bits (though some of you may doubt this). With such an extensive path network it was difficult to construct many long legs which would not just become path-runs, so I apologise to anyone on the various shades of Green, in particular, who hoped for a little more variety.

I was a little concerned on Saturday to find a group camping between two controls, but they caused no problems on Sunday. The only complication on the day was the “theft” of control 7 on the Brown, which was eventually found in a pit about 200m from where it should have been. By the time we knew and could install a replacement about half the competitors had been affected. We therefore felt the fairest resolution was to remove legs 6-7 and 7-8. I am sorry if this spoiled your run, but the control was correctly positioned at about 8:45 am.

Where I guessed the map numbers wrong, I apologise. They were based on the number of pre-entries and competitor counts from other recent WM events, and initially they seemed rather generous. Hopefully copies will shortly be obtainable from the Harlequins website, but if you would like something further please email your details and course to [captain@harlequins.org.uk](mailto:captain@harlequins.org.uk).

I would like to thank all those who helped in the event, and from a Planner’s perspective in particular those who ventured out into the afternoon rain to share the control-collecting and enable all to be packed away so early – Andy, Brian, Romualdas, John, Karl, Alex and Mike.

John Embrey

### **Organiser's comments.**

I hope you enjoyed your run at Hawkbatch and fortunately most of you competed in the dry with only a small number of mainly HOC helpers caught out by the downpour at the end of the day.

Thanks to all who helped me out in the running of the event and also to Mark Gatehouse the farmer whose land we used for parking.

Charlie Nelson (HOC)

### **Lost property.**

A pair of red ski gloves.

### **Controllers Comments**

Thanks to those who came, on what turned out to be a wet day, but earlier runners managed to keep dry.

John put lots of energy into planning and putting out some well appreciated courses.

This was only spoilt, for some competitors, by number 7 on the Brown going missing.

As a result, we had to void legs 6 - 7 and 7 – 8. The under growth put some people off from running in the terrain, so they opted for the longer path routes.

When we were leaving in the car, we felt for Charlie and the rest of the team having to sort out all of the wet equipment.

Henry Morgan and Brenda Morgan