

Cotwall End SEE Thursday 12 July 2007

After all the recent rain we struck lucky and enjoyed a glorious summer's evening for this event. Unfortunately, I failed to make sufficient allowance for the rate of vegetation growth this would induce between my planning visit and the event itself. This meant that the Green and Blue courses became somewhat harder and slower in places than anticipated, resulting in a rather high retirement rate for a SEE. My apologies to all those affected, and I hope it will not put you off attending future HOC events.

The heavy rains have also caused significant damage to some of the paths, and even repositioned streams slightly, which led some people into the wrong re-entrant for Blue #1 if approaching from below. It was in the right one – honest – when checked from above.

My thanks to Chris for putting out all the controls and running registration, start and finish. However, any criticisms regarding the courses are mine not his – he only did what he was told (for once !). I'm also grateful to Chris and Paul for helping with control collection. Thanks are also due to Neil Swan of Brockwood Animal Sanctuary (the new name for Cotwall End Nature Centre) for kindly allowing us to use his carparking and also leaving his toilets open for us. Any who took advantage of the facilities also got a free sneak view of some of the animals the centre looks after.

John Embrey

Name	Club	Class	Course	Time
Valerie Smith	IND	W45	Orange	1:26:00
Luke Smith	IND	M20	Orange	1:28:00
Steph Millner	IND	W20	Orange	1:31:00
David Williams	HOC	M45	Green	0:55:05
Charlie Nelson	HOC	M55	Green	1:07:07
Alison Sloman	HOC	W70	Green	1:40:45
Brian Laycock	HOC	M60	Green	1:43:19
Nigel Cousins	HOC	M55	Green	1:53:07
Paul Hammond	HOC	M45	Green	1:56:20
John Bennison	COBOC	M60	Green	2:06:57 Missed 3 Wrong 12
Denis Mews	HOC	M55	Green	0:54:22 RTD
Steve Nightingale	HOC	M55	Green	1:32:12 RTD
Richard Dearden	HOC	M35	Blue	1:12:07
Rachel White	HOC	W21	Blue	1:39:52
Peter Langmaid	HOC	M35	Blue	1:52:20
Mike Baggot	HOC	M55	Blue	1:33:15
Barry Parkinson	HOC	M50	Blue	1:37:55 Missed 4, 11, 17, 18, 21
Barry Houghton	HOC	M60	Blue	1:14:32 RTD
Barry Mcgowen	HOC	M60	Blue	1:17:13 RTD
Rob Smithurst	WAROC	M45	Blue	1:22:54 RTD
Jacky Embrey	HOC	W45	Blue	1:28:05 RTD