

Baggeridge night event 26.1.06

A reasonable turnout for a night event. We were fairly lucky with the weather, a cold starry dry night. Barry Houghton's tent, light and heater were an excellent innovation. The usual suspects won (Barry Houghton declared himself non-competitive), but there were some excellent performances from Chris Embrey and Duncan Leeson.

Baggeridge is a fairly straight forward area and without second master maps was always going to be completed in less than the time allowance.

I have a long involvement with the area. I organised the preparation of the original funded map back in 1987, not too long after the park opened. I did the surveying for some time, but my problems in producing the base map meant that Deb Turnbull took over and really produced the map. The park has changed quite a bit over the years, with its team of rangers planting, cutting back, installing fences, digging ditches and ponds, closing paths, etc

As I now have OCAD, courtesy of WCH for controlling purposes, I was going to overprint the map. In taping the control sites I noted about 40 amendments so I put these through as well. For map collectors, such as myself who specialises in West Midlands maps, of which there have been several hundred variations, this obviously is now a rare collectors map! Collecting in the controls produced a further 40 amendments which have now gone through. I need to spend a further few stand alone hours to get it right to my satisfaction for the mark 2 2006 edition.

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