

Stourbridge Night Street Event - Results

Thursday 26th February 2009

The usual headbangers turned up as expected on this fine evening, and it was nice to welcome Kerstin Mitchell for her first venture into the darkened streets and alleys of Stourbridge. Also we were pleased that Barry Parkinson returned from a long absence to see how well he had retained his old skills.

I had mischievously incorporated the new footbridge joining two sections of the station car park into the routes of all three courses, to give them a new twist. For the first time in many years, I also took the Long and Medium courses into the town centre. The difficulty here is to make sure that the notorious "race track" ring road can be crossed safely, and my solution was to emphasise stringent safety instructions and to force use of particular subways by controls at their entrances. Kerstin thought, knowing the reputation of the subways as a haunt for those bent on undesirable social behaviour, that this probably made the courses more hazardous. Nevertheless, everyone survived unscathed (if a little bemused by the careful map reading needed to avoid confusion at the locations mentioned above).

Long course 8.5 km

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| 1. John Embrey | 57.05 | 10 points |
| 2. Peter Langmaid | 73.05 | 9 " |
| 3. Barry Parkinson | 79.05 | |

Medium course 5.8 km

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| 1. Adrian Bailey | 54.40 | 10 points |
| 2. Brian Hughes | 74.10 | 9 " |
| 3. Kerstin Mitchell | 74.45 | 8 " |
| 4. Colin Spears | 75.31 | 7 " |

Short course 3.5 km

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| 1. Jacky Embrey | 44.14 | 10 points |
| 2. Alison Sloman | 60.14 | 9 " |

Organiser: Robert Vickers 10 points