

After a warm and sunny day, thirty two people turned out on a very chilly evening in Southborough. It was great to have some complete beginners and some Harriers taking part as well as some old hands.

I aimed to have so many controls that even JC wouldn't attempt to get them all and would have to make strategic decisions about which ones to go for. The bonus point scoring arrangement was also meant to get the grey matter working.

In retrospect, a few house numbers/controls (like the number of Joe's Barber Shop) were not sufficiently obvious or were open to interpretation (like Number of middle house). Fortunately everyone (-1?) seemed to enjoy the run but decisions on how much leeway to allow, if someone had clearly been to the right place but failed to find the right answer, proved tricky at the marking stage with a few petitions to the organiser/adjudicator! I have had a go at correcting the scores - apologies to anyone who still feels hard done by or whose overall position has dropped as a result!

Many thanks to markers Pete B, Tebiena M, Dave C-A, Rowan P, Rachel T, Alan H, Ruth R and Ian D - yes with 40 controls + bonuses there was too much marking to do! Thanks also to Simon Holford and Phil Craven for general guidance and help with kit etc. And thanks to the new team at the Hand & Sceptre for a room to ourselves, good food, drink and ambiance, and who were also very accommodating over unpaid bills.

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