

Organiser's Comments

I hope everyone enjoyed Rushmere today and the courses that Richard had cleverly managed to fit into an area that's more a little constrained by various out of bounds. This gave ample opportunity to wander off the map, but no-one appears to have failed to find their way back onto it (or at least back to download). I heard a number of people comment that they were surprised by the variety of terrain, especially on the longer courses, and that Rushmere exceeded their expectations of what would be found at a country park.

Building work in the kitchen stores meant that we only had limited access to the education room, so that the registration had to be separated from download. This meant a last minute switch to using some tents, but despite the strong wind they stayed in place, it stayed dry and – at the end – there was even a little sunshine.

Congratulations to all the trophy winners in the EAOA Champs. Being partisan, I'm pleased to see that several went to SMOC members who were also part of the helper team - it's good to see that helping and running can go together successfully.

And whether or not they brought back a trophy, I'd like to everyone who helped today, especially those who came and helped without wanting a run themselves – Richard (the planner), Mike B (for controlling me on my first Level C as an organiser, and Ros and Helen for mentoring), the mapping team (Robert, Steve, Freya, Ian M and Dorien), Neil, Dorien and Richard for managing the download, Craig for first-aiding, and all the other helpers on the day: Alec, Ann, Carys, Charles, Freya, Helen, Isaac, Karen K, Karen V, Keith, Kevin, Paul, Mike J, Milly, Rachel, Ros, Steve, and Wendy. Thanks, all

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