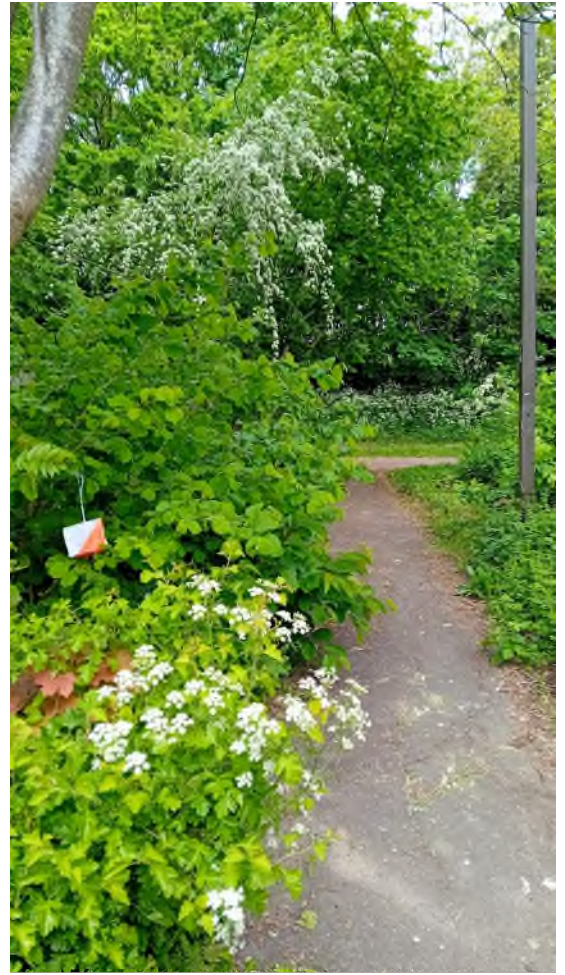


## Planner's comments

Stanton Low Park is a lovely area, but difficult to plan all but the simplest courses, as at this time of the year the rough open can be virtually impenetrable. So I will start by apologising for the patches of nettles that had grown up between planning and running the event, which mainly affected the Trot-country course. Matters were made worse by the landowner requesting that we did not use the two enclosed fields North of the canal. One solution might have been to take longer courses along the canal and under the road - but that would be straight in the areas used by last month's Keyne-O. So I adopted a radical solution of having the third course entirely in Bradville and Heelands which, although not that much used by us in the past, offers some interesting urban orienteering. Rather than having a timed out crossing, it made sense to run the event almost as a double sprint, but allowing competitors a choice of country, urban or both, and I am pleased to see that all three options were selected. My constraints were to keep the country course entirely in the park, allowing juniors to run unaccompanied, and to ensure that every leg on the town course offered sensible route choice. This meant slightly fewer controls than for a typical urban sprint, but talking to one competitor his route differed from the one I would have taken on every leg (and were definitely better in some cases), so hopefully is was mission accomplished.



I'd like to thank Jo, Ros and Dorien for dealing with the unusually complex event I landed them with, and to Sandra and Max for helping hang/collect controls, as well as to John for being a virtual controller, and all the others who helped on the day. I'm sorry I didn't see more of you in person, as I was manning the second start across the road in Bradville.

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