

Controllers Comments Yewdale.

It was anticipated that there was likely to be some queuing entering and leaving the parking field but not on the scale that most of you experienced. In the past most vehicles would have made the turn in one manoeuvre, but today's modern cars have grown somewhat in size. Thanks for your patience in obeying the parking marshals as they battled to get you all in and out of the field, particularly Gill and Rick who had a very long shift. Also spare a thought for the Tesco's delivery driver who was making a delivery to the cottages only to find that her exit was blocked for a couple of hours before she could get on with her other deliveries.

My first visit to the area was a cold winter's day with snow covering the surrounding tops of Wetherlam and Coniston Old Man. The National Trust was in the process of completing new fences through the centre of the area which would limit the opportunity for long legs. Bracken had been mapped the previous summer, but conditions this year were providing excellent conditions for bracken growth encroaching on southeast facing slopes.

The weather on the day provided a competition of two halves. Early to mid-runners had the rain, which grew progressively worse and then provided quite a challenge as the cloud lowered and restricted visibility. As the weather improved for later runners they were treated to sunshine and excellent visibility. One competitor found the early part of their course "gruesome" until the sun came out and gave a "delightful end" to their run. Overall comment, "I enjoyed every minute of it." This reflects many of the positive comments I listened to as there was much praise for Pete's courses.

Pete's orienteering experience showed in the whole planning process, and it made the job of controlling much easier. He found some challenging long legs with route choice and began building courses around them.

Looking at RouteGadget the long legs provided different options, with plenty of micro route choices on all courses. It also confirmed that if contact was lost between the map and ground it was difficult to relocate. Pete certainly deserves commendation for delivering a technically demanding challenge.

Louise led a very experienced team of volunteers who coped well with the conditions of the day. Having worked with LOC on previous big events it's

reassuring to have a good team behind you. Thankyou to all who helped in whatever capacity.

Thanks also to Richard Tiley for his role as Overall Coordinator, and the Rennie family who had long days ferrying and putting up the gear from event to event.

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