

Jennyfield Urban Planners Post-race musings

Thank yous: to you for coming to the event and making it all worthwhile: to all the Claros who helped: to everyone who took the time to let me know they appreciated their course: and to BML for getting an excellent, clear set of maps printed and to us on time.

People reported having had a great time, completely worn themselves out and getting caught out several times by the ginnels and sides of walls, fences and hedges. "Sneaky" was the most frequently used word when commenting on my planning. Well yes, although all perfectly achievable if you read both your map and descriptions :) I am delighted you enjoyed yourselves - that was the aim.

Routegadget will be available soon. Please will you put up your route?! I would appreciate it enormously. As planner, it is so rewarding to investigate what actually happened out there on the day as opposed to what I imagined.

Quote from the lady mowing her grass outside control 220 - "This is by far the most exciting thing to happen round here in ages!" She had rather sweetly moved the control up the lamppost because "It was a bit hard to see..." I know lots of you met her, so well done all for leaving her with such a favourable impression of orienteering and orienteers.

Notes on mapping:

The map had been updated to the latest standard (ISSprOM2019) and therefore all bright, dark green is uncrossable. For example at number 209, the hedge and thicket should not be pushed through however this is a complicated rule to have kept on top of so it's understandable if anyone was unsure. The old standard had two shades of (almost) this green - one crossable but probably painful and one uncrossable. It was decided that these were confusing and now there is just one which is uncrossable. The little wall at number 210 is crossable being a thin line with a dot on it. So you were right to go over that one although I know some people dithered while hoping to get it right. The wall between 206 and 220, which I gather many of you went to have a look at, was clearly uncrossable.

Notes on results:

Before sending the provisional results to BOF for ranking points, YHOA Urban League points and general permanence, we will check as best we can whether anyone needs re-instating (was box 220 playing up?) or did anyone inadvertently advantage themselves by climbing the wall between 206 and 220 and needs disqualifying. If you have any comments about your result in the meantime please email me, Ruth Ker (secretary@claro-orienteeing.org.uk) and I will pass them on to Quentin Harding, controller and Andrew Kelly, SI guru for consideration. If you told us about these at download, feel free to re-iterate in an email as we might have forgotten.

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