

North West Kent Series - Footscray Score Event - 28th April 2012

It was a pretty miserable morning for a run! Quite windy, cold with drizzly rain on and off. However 38 individual runners turned up to take part, some running in groups of two, so well done to you all for taking part.

Quite a few experienced club orienteers came, some 16 juniors, 8 Scouts and a good turnout by DFOK members. Only 2 juniors elected to run the short course of 30 minutes, the rest wanting to run the full distance.

9 runners managed to get the 20 controls in the time limit without penalty. A few were penalised for getting an 80 control out of order, and the usual few late back.

The course and rule of the 80's in numerical order seemed to please everyone as a novel twist, and the fact that the 60's & 70's could be done in any order pleased the younger age group. The two juniors running the short course came back in time, so there was no need to bring in the new penalty system for lateness.

Apologies for not holding a prize-giving as everyone was getting too cold and wet waiting for the latecomers.

Congratulations to the winners and especially to **Holly Page** (only 12 years old!) for getting 19 controls and coming first girl, first junior and 10th overall, and also to **Angus Harrington** also 12 years old for coming 13th overall and first junior male!

Thanks enormously to the helpers on the day and to Bexley Council for permission to use the meadows, a good runnable area.

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