

Chiltern Challenge 14 February 2010

Organiser's comments.

We hope you enjoyed your visit to this year's Chiltern Challenge. For most it must have been your first run on the area.

The setting for the assembly with compact facilities made my role as organiser that much easier. Everyone knew where to find me.

One of the larger designated parking areas was almost unusable because of the softness of the ground. However, despite losing that area, the parking team did a tremendous job of prising you all into the grounds.

Your parking money was a direct donation to Sue Ryder Care so thank you all for that and those who added more to the kitty. We in our turn will also be making a club donation once the final audit has been completed.

The road crossing on the 3 longer courses threw up a late issue with the police. This was a result of a fatal accident along that stretch of the A4130 in the week leading up to the event. To satisfy police concerns as well as considering the safety of our runners the crossing point was changed at the very last minute. I trust those who used the crossing found they were in good hands with 2 marshals on duty and a taped corridor along the verge.

I've mentioned the assembly facilities being provided by the Nettlebed Hospice of Sue Ryder Care. I must not ignore the generous support given to us by the 2 landowners. The Fleming family of the Nettlebed estate that is south of the A4130 and Lord Alvingham for the northern sector.

As organiser I don't get involved in any aspect of the course planning but I did witness the teamwork of the planner and controller and how much thought goes into getting a big event up and running. My input was minimal.

So thanks to Roger for planning the courses and to Mike for overseeing the whole operation. His knowledge and experience were invaluable. Behind the scenes helping Mike on the Saturday and Sunday was Linda, Mike's wife, so I would like to bring her up front with these acknowledgements. Linda has direct radio contact with Mike at all times and if anything needed attention Linda was the first to know.

I have two items of lost property. A Red and White striped umbrella and a thumb held compass. If the owners wish to have them returned just get in touch and we'll come up with some mutual arrangement.

Also the W15 Southern Night Championships Trophy, " the Mole Valley Goblet" (uncleaned) was left at the enquiries point. Does anybody want this?
Again give me a call.

Fred Ashford
Organiser.