

## Chairman's Challenge – Saturday 20 Sept, 2011, Danby Lodge

Many thanks to everyone for turning up on what was expected to be a wet day, but in fact turned out to be a very pleasant day (apart from a short shower timed nicely to soak everything as it was being taken down). I hope you all enjoyed your run. The Trail-O controls caused plenty of discussion, and quite a few mispunches. I apologise to those not familiar with symbolic control descriptions for not producing a textual version of the all controls descriptions. I hope the perhaps meaningless symbols did not nevertheless spoil your day.

I would also like to thank Carol Stewart and Jan Jones, on your behalf, for a super barbecue, Dave and Jan Jones for helping to collect in controls, and Dave(again!) and the two Tom Mills for help at the start.

When I checked the results I found that I had inadvertently dropped Chris McCartney's last 3 controls, and these brought Chris up into second place ahead of Andy Creber, but with Neil Cameron still holding a very much narrower winning lead. Congratulations to all of them.

There was some discussion about control 122, a niche and 2 ditches. I had another good look when I collected in the control. Whilst I agree that the southerly ditch in fact carried on down the hill on the ground, it did not do so on the map, and it could be argued that the northerly ditch did as well. The description was explicit that the correct control was on the southernmost ditch, so I feel on balance that the description and flag placement was OK. I did have one or two experienced runners in agreement!

I had hoped that someone would get all controls, but Chris McCartney came closest with 24 out of 27. I haven't spent too long finding an optimum route, but estimate that it was about 8.2km with 270m of climb, and was as follows:

101,110,111,117,120,102,115,118,121,127,122,114,116,124,125,119,103,104,105,123,106,107,126,108,113,112,109.

Chris's route was not far off this, and may have reduced the climb somewhat.

Our next event is Alan Richards' mini-league at Minchinhampton, and I hope we will see you all again then.

Pat Macleod