Thanks for running in the midweek street O event at Brentwood South on Tuesday.   The rain mostly stayed away giving us a dry run.  The long course was slightly longer than normal, mainly due to having to run a bit extra to get over the railway line.  Luckily the large puddle between controls 17 and 18 had mostly dried into mud by the event.  The car parked directly in front of control 14 luckily didn't stop anyone finding it.  The next control, 15, caused a few more problems, the field split between the two hydrant signs near each other.  Therefore, have given the benefit of doubt to all runners for that one.  There were just three penalties for numbers that didn't match the hydrant signs, and where I can't find a nearby alternative.

Just three entries on the short course, but everyone got round ok, and congrats go to Graham Batty for the fastest time here, just a couple of minutes ahead of Melanie Sirett in second.  No changes to the order once handicaps were taken into account.

On the long course, Guy Lidbury was the fastest home, and the only person to go sub 50 mins.  Emma Morum was fastest woman.  Once handicaps were taken into account, it was Lyn West who took the 100 points, a couple of minutes ahead of the next three, split by just over half a minute.

Hopefully you all had fun and had an enjoyable run.  Thanks to Paul Beckett for planning the courses and Colin Jackson for organising the event.

We have put through a significant number of the bonus points for running an Essex MapRun this week.  This has changed the leaderboard a bit.  If you haven't got your bonus yet, there is still time - run one of the SOS or HAVOC MapRuns by the end of the series to claim your 50 points.

So, at the halway stage, with four events gone, it is very close in both the short and long course league tables.  In the short, Veronica Machin leads by two points from David Game.  On the long it is another two point lead, this time for David Float over Jackie Sibthorp.

Future events are on a fortnightly basis, as follows:

Tues 1st June                      SOS                      Chelmsford                                  Colin & Lyn West

Tues 15th June                   HAVOC                Billericay                           Dale Bennett

Wed 30th June                   SOS                      Hedingham                       Steve Partridge

Tues 13th July                     HAVOC                Stanford le Hope             Graham Batty/Chris Shaw