Thanks to all for turning up on what was a dry but not so warm spring evening, it was certainly very boggy in places depending on how you travelled between the controls off the roads. I tried to ensure that the small parks and open spaces in the area were used. I also decided it'd be fun to get some climb via the two overpasses to the south on the long course; although it was originally planned at 4 and venturing into Northlands Park again but this elongated the run a bit too much.

I will apologise that I printed out a briefing sheet for the start but then put the maps on top of it so no one saw its contents.

Saying this I was pleased to see that no-one tried to cross the dual carriageway on the long. I had also purposefully missed some paths off the long course (you could get to control 12 via the north if you ran alongside the dual carriageway and through the petrol station forecourt). The briefing sheet also contained the brief about two home made signs and that one was a park bench and the other a rugby post. I had tried to ensure these were visible on the run into the control site so that if you were in the right location you could see it; but it seemed to catch a couple of people. I now know how to print the descriptions on the map so this wont be a problem for any future events...

There seemed to be some gremlins out there with the MapRun software, the Russians clearly deciding to hack life's necessities. Unfortunately for some reason the GPS signals weren't strong enough with multiple competitors not being able to connect and others having it drop out mid run! Fortunately it's easy to spot this with the straight lines on the GPS claiming people managed to run through buildings which could pose quite a challenge and for the most part routes tallied with the course or competitors commited the control numbers to memory. I can only apologise for this after both Chloe and myself running the course in various formats over the past couple of weeks with no such problems encountered.

Thank you to all who turned up and stayed for a drink or two after; look forward to running later in the series and seeing you all at the future events.