

Many thanks for attending the 4th in the 2025 summer orienteering series hosted by HAVOC at Stock, a pretty south Essex village. The temperature was 21 degrees and the rain once again held off on the night, even though some places were muddy in Swan Woods.

Some numbers for you! Stock has 3 churches - both courses ran south and through the yard of Our lady and St Joseph Church, but the long also ran past All Saints Church to the west of the map. Stock has 3 pubs - You all met at the Bakers Arms and enjoyed their hospitality, the short course visited the Hoop and depending on route choice you might have seen the huge bronze statue outside the Bear. Stock has one windmill - built in 1816 and one of 21 in the county - I do hope you got to look up from your map and witness this grade 2 listed beauty!

I hope each course enjoyed exploring ALL the village streets, the central green and some woodland workout in Swan Woods, managed by the Woodland trust. I hope the terrain variety kept you switched on!

Apologies goes out to the owner of the Harvard Inn car park and also those of you that visited it! The pseudo map's finer detail is microscopic and can easily be missed, thus a lot of you didn't see the alleyway to the west of the Inn and ended up at a dead end hunting through trees and fences for the control. Sorry!

Well done to Chris Prince and Graham Batty for their wins on the night. Good nav'ing! Once handicaps are applied it was Rob Read who came out on top for the Long, and David Game on the Short.

Details of the scoring can be found at this [link](#).

Details of the all the results in the series, links to details for upcoming races, and to anytime maps and instructions can be found on the series [homepage](#).

The next event of the series is at Rayne, on June 11th. Details on the SOS [website](#).

HAVOC's next event will be another hybrid event taking in the woods and open areas of Harold Wood playing fields, on June 25th. Our original host location have another event on now, so we will run the event from a tent near the car park, and then retire to a local pub for post race refreshments. Details, [here](#).