

Hi,

The 2025-26 Winter series got off to a good start with 27 runners on the night. The rain held off until after the last finisher. The technology worked with only one "mispunch" where the track showed the control site had been visited. The landlady at The Retreat was very welcoming and commented on the lively buzz in the bar. The pies were delicious.

We have been looking to get into the new Towerlands estate for a while. Building is ongoing and it is going to be an extensive development to which we will no doubt return at a future date. Panfield Lane that bounds the area on the west has a nasty bend which we didn't want runners using in the dark so opted for a line event to feed runners across safely rather than use a score format. Someone did suggest we could have put out of bounds crosses on the road but as at least 2 runners ignored the out of bounds crosses on the south of the map, that wouldn't have been a safe option! These runners came up against an uncrossable gate barring their way and had to retrace their steps!

Allen posted the fastest time on the Long course and also earned the 100 points. Colin was fastest on the Short but Chris pipped him for 100 points. There's a long way to go so plenty of chance to improve on positions.

The full results can be found on our website at <https://www.stragglers.info/events/bocking-2025-10-22>.

Thank you all for coming and hope to see you at a future event.
Lyn & Colin West