

Another warm evening amidst our third heat wave this summer was not enough to deter our hardy enthusiastic orienteers from taking on this part urban, and part country park through Highwoods in North Colchester, and some traveling quite a distance, welcoming visitors from Scotland and France. In fact we had 42 entries on the night, 18 on the Short course and 24 on the Long course. The outdoor area at The Bricklayers Arms provided a convivial environment for post event refreshment and route analysis.

Most people recorded a faultless run including a few new to orienteering, and in most cases the controls appeared to be where indicated on the maps! So well done to all.

On the Long course Alan Smalls and Dean Pepper recorded fast times, Alan winning by just 9 seconds. On the Short course an exceptional run from John Allen gave him the honours followed by Colin Jackson, Colin Matheson (Forth Valley Orienteers) and Sarah Mansel. Local knowledge may have been a factor in some cases!

With one more event to come in the series things are hotting up in the leagues. On the Long course Jackie Sibthorp sits in pole position but could still be caught by Keith Bennett. On the Short League it seems to be going down to the wire between Chris Childs and Colin Jackson while Veronica and Alan Sibthorp are battling it out for third place.

So our last event is at Dagnam Park on 22nd July. Full details on [HAVOC's website](#).

Hope to see you then.

Chris & Tim