

Event report

Another successful event. It was cold but thankfully dry. Thank you for the appreciative comments. The two housing estates provided plenty of route choice through the streets and alleyways. I opted for short legs to keep you twisting and turning. Unfortunately there was a dead run for the long course to link between the two estates (the short course only visited the first estate). Apologies to those who tried to go across the open and encountered a high fence. I hadn't realised you could get into the open area. I only saw the track!

Galleywood Common is hard enough to navigate in daylight so we did try to discourage direct navigation across it advising runners to stick to the outside tracks. Looking at the traces in maprun, it appears that most people took the advice.

It was great to see a number of new faces. Some of the less experienced got value for money in the time they spent out on the course but all came back with smiles. I hope you did enjoy your run and will be back for more. I think for the first time on the night, we had more runners on the short course than the long. The Horse and Groom is a familiar venue for trail runners and as always they made us very welcome.

Congratulations to Marc Owen and Seb Parris who posted fastest times on short and long respectively and also scored the full 100 points. On the short course, defending champion Dave Game has inched clear with Mel Sirett in 2nd place having dropped a few points and Joe Harwood in 3rd. Seb is top of the table on the long but less than 10 points behind are Lyn West and Simon Fowler. With 7 events still to go, there is all to play for.

Thank you all for coming.

Lyn West