

Thank you all for coming along to race 7 of the winter series in rural Chipping Ongar organised by HAVOC. Famed for its vintage railway line that visits Epping, as well as being a through stop on the Essex Way walk, this town gave us a varied area of dimly lit streets, tarmac alleys, muddy footpaths and a few hills!

The conditions were standard for February - 5 degrees centigrade with grey skies threatening rain. Under foot it was wet. Best shoes were not advised! Ongar is really only made up of a spine road, but I managed to get both courses off the main drag for most of the way in figure of eight routes. The east of the map had a lot of route choice using muddy footpaths or dry single track roads depending on your daring choices. Well done to all of you who managed to navigate the 50m stretch in what we call 'cow pat' field. A treat!

On the night, 11 people opted for the long and 8 people tackled the short. A warm welcome to new comer Isabel Howe who got into the spirit of things and challenged herself to the long course on first go, excellent work. Well done to Chris Prince for zipping around the long course quickest and congratulations to Justin Ruggles for rocketing around the short course for the win. Stamina award goes to David Game who tackled first the short then the long, all on the same night. He covered an impressive 14.6 km!

The handicap results show David Game winning the Short, and Chloe Fowler the long course. With this being the 7th race of the series and the league scores taking best 6, runners now start to drop their worst scores. In the short course league standings David Game continues to lead the way. Tight for second with just one point separating Colin Jackson, and Marc Owen, who can still count another score. In the long course table, the extra on-the-night bonus scored by Chloe leaves her just four points ahead of Seb in second. Not far behind is Lyn West in third. Still all to play for in the last three races of the series.

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

Details of the all the results in the series can be found on the series [homepage](#).

The next event of the series is in Silver End, on 26th February. Details on the SOS [website](#).

Thanks and well done.

Seb (Organiser)