Thank you to everyone for coming out to Hornchurch on what was an absolute scorcher.

The 6am run of putting out controls was already 20 Degrees! So running later in the day in the sunshine was an impressive feat.

A big thank you also goes to the wider team for sharing their knowledge in all things O related, as well as Volunteers who not only ran but gave up the time on the day setting up enquiries, download, start and finish and then also collecting controls.

Unfortunately, due to some vandalism a control has made its way to the bottom of an inaccessible pill box, so there are some rescue efforts still ongoing. It didn't however affect the results as all runners had been through this control already (Yellow Course only).

A faulty control on the GLOSS course did however have an impact as mentioned by Colin in his organiser notes already.

This was my first time planning an offroad course and I thoroughly enjoyed the challenge; diving into the unknown with a GLOSS event was a far less daunting task than delivering a full colour coded suite. Learning the nuances of the courses makes you realise how much work goes into each individual course and especially the larger scale events.

It will definitely improve my orienteering as well, taping control sites was a first, having never been to a control without a kite on it before! The element of trusting yourself and not having a check to make sure you're in the right place or making it a bit more obvious in the final 10-15m of final navigation was a challenge.

Some of the ethos behind the course was to try and get runners to the southern end of the map where the woods are more open and runnable, so I hope you enjoyed this venture! To get there and maintain the course length this meant having the start a greater than ideal distance from the car park.

The same can be said for the finish. Again, this was positioned so that any extension runners would have a completely new challenge on the area to the east which was not utilised in the GLOSS course.

Further that that I tried to keep the courses challenging and visiting the various parts of the park, including passing a pill box and some other lumps of concrete hinting at the previous life as RAF Hornchurch. More of these features were available on the Yellow course.

Further considerations were required when they cut the grass in a lot of the meadows in early June making a lot of the park more runnable, but then also more visible removing the possibility of using the shallow depressions adjacent to control 4 as you could see a kite from 200m+ away!

Collecting control 5 was a particular highlight of my day where the elephant tracks in the long grass could be seen dispersing in 3 different directions, all viable route choices; something that never quite shows up as well in pictures.

I look forward to seeing how people navigated the course on Routegadget and how this compares to where I envisaged people would go.