

Thank you all for running in the South Woodham Ferrers event on Wednesday. We had 23 runners on the Long and 15 on the Short. If you didn't make it to the event on the night, then catch up is available via Anytime for the next two weeks to score in the league. See website for details.

Firstly, apologies for the slight delay to the results production. It turns out that MapRun has a few gremlins, which primarily affect people running on Garmin watches, whereby certain controls don't register and the software assumes a default time of 15 mins in some places and 0 in others! This tends to work itself out on a standard control, but if the problem is with the finish then the time shown in the results table is inaccurate. This affected two runners on the Long course this week, so I have gone back and added in a time that seems fair given their position at the final control and the length of time others who were running at a similar pace recorded from that control to the finish. If you want to query this given a Strava or Garmin actual time then please do.

I didn't make the event this week (injury) so am going to struggle to comment too much, but the weather held and the courses, though potentially a little long, gave some close and competitive racing. Thanks to first time planner, Simon Fowler, for creating some good courses, making use of the area and adding in a bit of route choice.

The short course had the top four all within a three minute span. Joe Harwood got the fastest time on the night, 40 mins exactly for the 4km course. On handicap, David Game top scored, with Melanie Sirett in second and then the next six runners just separated by 4 points.

It was 7.1km for the long course, and Chris Prince just edged out Seb Parris for the win. They headed the top 6 who were all round within the hour. After handicaps are taken into account the top two places flip, with Lyn West rounding out the top 3. Close again after that with 5 runners separated by 3 points.

In the Short course overall, the top two – David Game and Melanie Sirett have opened up a small lead, and there are 7 runners who have taken on both courses so far.

It couldn't be closer at the top of the Long course after two races. We have 16 runners who have run in both races and have the full complement of on-the-night bonuses. Our first two race planners, Jackie Sibthorp and Simon Fowler both scored 91 points in the other race and share the lead, one point ahead of Seb Parris and three ahead of Chris Prince. Lyn West and Chloe Fowler are with on event on the night bonus of the lead as well.

Details of the event scoring can be found here:

[https://www.orienteering-havoc.co.uk/results-archive/South Woodham Ferrers 2024 results.pdf](https://www.orienteering-havoc.co.uk/results-archive/South%20Woodham%20Ferrers%202024%20results.pdf)

The series webpage is here:

<https://www.orienteering-havoc.co.uk/havoc-sos-midweek-winter-league-2024-25>

The next event is hosted by SOS, at Galleywood on Wednesday 27th November. Details are on the SOS website here:

<https://www.stragglers.info/events/galleywood-2024-11-27>