

## **Controller's Comments**

Thank you to everyone who attended the event on what proved to be a fine day for it. The early low fog could have provided an extra challenge, and looked spectacular from the top of the moor first thing.

I enjoyed working with the planner, Peter, who diligently planned and revised his courses to try and provide the appropriate challenge. Not easy with such an extensive path network! Therefore I supported his view that long legs would encourage path running. Also he decided to avoid the worst bits of the area in the north east, covered in much undergrowth, when it would have been easy to use the features in that area to gain extra distance.

I don't think either myself or Peter would class ourselves in the top tier of AIRE officials, so there were a few hiccups with control descriptions and the lack of blank maps, for which we apologise. The finish was 20 metres short of where it was marked on the map, but I felt this was a more sensible place for it on the day and with everybody (hopefully!) coming at it from the same direction, it shouldn't have been cause for complaint.

The main issue was with control #170. The control flag was in the correct place. What has confused some competitors is an unmapped feature some 30-40m away of the same nature, which had the planners tag in it. I double checked the control was in the right place when collecting it in. I am not sure I ever spotted the tag in order to remove it and avoid the confusion. Hopefully this area will be remapped for the next event as there are additional ditches which have been cut as well.

As usual, the AIRE band of helpers swung into action with aplomb and all entrants should offer their thanks. It is always useful to work behind the scenes at these events to be reminded of how much work and effort goes into the event. One area where more help is always required is control collectors. This is very much a 'many hands make light work' job.