Gledhow Valley Score 9th Dec 2020

When the 2nd lockdown in November was announced, I didn't think there would be an event held this evening. Fortunately it was and thanks to everyone who came – hopefully you enjoyed it.

There were a few tweaks to the Gledhow Valley map that I made and I added the urban section around Gledhow and the south end of Roundhay to make it both sufficiently big enough to enable to those who wanted the challenge of the woods to be able to have that and for newer competitors, whom still getting to grips with reading a map and running at the same time (especially at night), the opportunity of some easier controls around the streets. I still tried to make it interesting – a few people definitely fell into the "trap" controls (e.g. #15) that were away from the main control flows.

Well done to Alice for winning – 330 in 45mins is a very good score I think. It would be interesting to see if it's clearable in an hour…. Most were on time, although it seems a few of you were enjoying yourselves so much that you were a couple of mins late and so had some penalties.

It was also good to see some new faces and I'm most impressed that most of you seem to have ventured into the woods and successfully located controls –very impressive! The sites in the woods, whilst not designed to catch you out, were definitely tricky at night. I hope you all enjoyed it and please do come next week or to other future events!

A few people asked me for the full correct answers to the numbers on the controls, including the long number underneath on the lampposts. You can find these below the results.

I'll put the course and results onto Routegadget (https://www.aire.routegadget.co.uk/rg2/) tomorrow (Thur), please do fill in your courses. If you've not used Routegadget before, it enables you to draw your routes and compare to others who've also done the same and is really useful for seeing where you went wrong! (It's also good fun for the planner to see what you all actually did!) If you're new to it, there are some really good video intro guides here: https://screencast-o-matic.com/channels/c2e22vhJZ that take you through how to draw a route and also how to upload a GPS trace – the map is geo-referenced, so this should work reasonably well (may need a little editing in the woods!)

Finally big thanks to Leon for doing the finances and Leon, Ian, Al and Jake for collecting controls. It really is a big help for the organiser/planner when people collect controls when we've used flags, as it means it doesn't take the planner hours to collect them all in again after spending hours putting them out! It's also great training as you get to attack controls from different angles and directions, so if you want to be a better orienteer (maybe…) – collect controls!

Thanks again and I'll stop typing now! Questions, comments, queries and corrections to foster.richardjohnATgmail.com

Results below….

Results

Pos	Name	Score	Time	Pens	Final Score
1	Alice Leake	330	44:50	0	330
2	Al Powell	300	44:01	0	300
3	Martin Shaw	300	44:16	0	300
4	Ian Furlong	310	45:05	-10	300
5	Andrew Stemp	290	45:59	-10	280
6	Fay Walsh	270	44:25	0	270
7	Leon Foster	280	45:32	-10	270
8	Rebecca Gray	260	43:53	0	260
9	Jake Powell	280	46:26	-20	260
10	Robert Gatenby	250	44:31	0	250
11	Rob Groves	220	44:39	0	220
12	Steve Mead & Mark Beecher	220	46:59	-20	200
13	Ian Marshall	180	42:48	0	180
14	Robin Culshaw	180	43:18	0	180
15	David Shelley	170	43:00	0	170
16	Joyce Marshall	160	44:39	0	160
17	Lindsey King	150	37:34	0	150
18	Emily Gibbins	180	47:50	-30	150
19	Robert Calver	130	44:16	0	130
20	Janet Leake	170	48:55	-40	130
21	Rob Greenland	130	45:59	-10	120
22	Mike Lister	110	44:42	0	110
23	Alex Dhawan	100	43:17	0	100
24	Judith Powell	100	44:10	0	100
25	Peter Jones	Retired			N/A

Solutions

Control No	Answer	Control No	Answer	Control No	Answer
1	4 A173	11	No Num	21	54
2	6 L99	12	14 T499	22	66
3	1 N397	13	2 S112	23	42
4	8 C1119	14	5 P458	24	65
5	118 R401	15	10 D104	25	70
6	3 ?209	16	52	26	43
7	6 O135	17	46	27	44
8	3 R41	18	40	28	62
9	6 O67	19	55	29	47
10	4 L282	20	63	30	51