

Ilkley Riverside 16th June 2021 – Planner's Notes.

Thanks to everyone for coming to Ilkley Riverside and a pleasant warm evening. This event was meant to take place last year at the Cow and Calf but having been delayed to this year the area is now embargoed due to the British Night Champs so I will finally get to use the planned courses next year. The Ilkley Riverside area was selected as a replacement as we already had a larger map from a few years ago, it still needed a bit of updating and resizing, many thanks to Tony Thornley for doing this at short notice.

It was great to see the five groups of scouts enjoying the evening sunshine and competing on the Yellow course which was a fun lap of the park.

The Orange course ventured out to the East via the tunnel to keep things safe and had similar controls to the start of the Sprint course, with mid-section in the park and then a similar finish to the Sprint as well.

Please can you add your routes on to Routegadget as it will be interesting to see the route choices, there wasn't a lot in it, more about making quick decisions and whether to play it safe or not. There were at least three options on many of the legs.

My apologies with No. 9 on the Sprint course, I should have checked the permissions on this area more closely and we will make sure it is marked out of bounds on any future maps unless permission is sought and approved.

Some runners had issues with SI 1 which was sited on No. 4; in the end, after consultation with Liz we decided not to waive it. There were reports that the SI had slipped down the tree but others said it was clearly visible and there was no pattern to finishers missing it after a certain time.

Then we come to the TRAP! No. 8 on the Sprint course. (SI 2) The build up from 5 – 7 was all designed for this and I'm sorry so many of you fell into it... (snigger, snigger) All I can say is think 'planner' and check your control descriptions. There were a few who even ran past it on the way from 5 to 6 who still made the error. I'm glad most of you could see the funny side of it. I checked in PP and perhaps the centre point of the control should have been more to the right so I will give you that.

Advanced warning, my next urban course, watch out for the double bluff just to keep you on your toes...

Thanks to Liz for dealing with all the SI, numerous questions and for taking payments, it really makes the organisers job a lot easier and less stressful on the day. Thanks to Alice and few other people (apologies can't remember names) who collected controls: Hope to see everyone at Little London next week.