

Controllers Comments

I am glad that Wrekin managed to "put on" this event and to have been a part of the team which did so. From my perspective, it was a successful event which engendered just the sort of friendly competition and inter-club rivalry which I have come to associate with the WM Relays.

I hope that the Planner and Organiser (Mike and Cadi Price) won't mind me commenting on their relative inexperience in these positions, because this reflects even more credit on them for achieving what they did in the short time between the team being established to run the event, and the day itself. I thought the choice of assembly area giving panoramic views of much of the competition terrain, as well as a spectator control visited by every course, was inspired. I heard much favourable comment about Mike's courses, which accorded with my own assessment when I received the first drafts in August. The one thing we could not do much about was the hard going through the heather, since it covered so much of the area. I did, however, persuade a squad of Wrekin gardeners with strimmers to clear the paths for the mini-relay, which had threatened to make that course totally impossible for little legs. Apart from that, I had only needed to recommend some minor adjustments to the courses.

The main problem seems to have been a mismatch in the issue of "Leg" maps to some runners and their corresponding entries on the computer. I am not sure how this had happened, but am assured that corrections ensured that every runner was assessed on the leg they actually ran, and that every team had the same "set" of legs. I apologise for any confusion which this may have caused.

My overriding impression is of the enormous efforts which so many members of Wrekin made to get this effort off the ground. They are a small club, and the way they all worked together to run the show was a great credit to them all.

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