

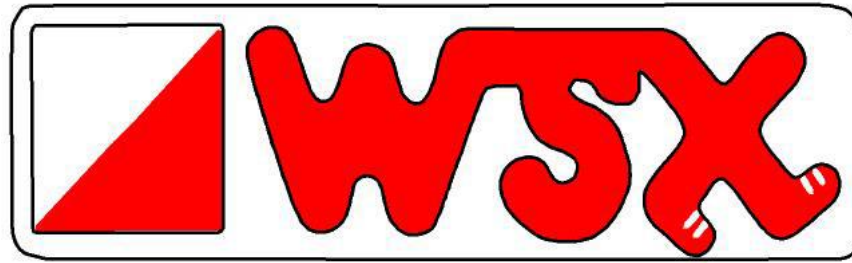
Wessex Orienteering Club

Returning to delivery of a Traditional Orienteering Event

How we kept members orienteering throughout June – Aug with a series of weekly MapRun courses in partnership with WIM

Our experience of delivering our first big traditional event post lockdown – at Goldlingston and Agglestone Heaths (National Trust site).

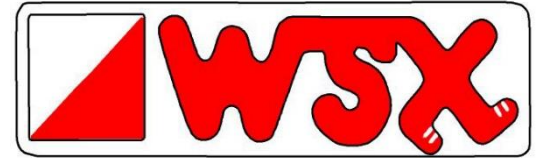
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Organisation & on the day Experience

- Securing permission
- Managing pre entry
- Start areas
- Numbers = ~240
- Positive feedback



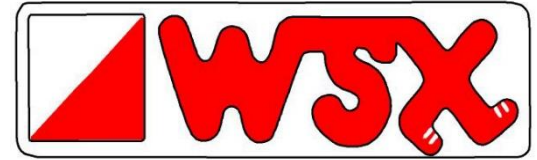


This is just a quick email to thank you and the team for yesterday's event at Agglestone – it was great to be competing in the South West again after a near total absence of orienteering recently. We travelled down on the Saturday and stayed locally; next time I'll book a glam-camping lodge on the campsite!

The assembly area location and walk to the start where the perfect warm-up to an excellent course. I appreciated that whilst physical at times, the Brown gave us good options to get to a path or power through the heather. Personally, I used the minor paths, rides in much of my route choice but went direct where I thought it necessary, which seemed to pay off for me given the results.

Please pass on my (and Laura's [Short Green] thanks to Roger, Linda (I did speak briefly to Linda yesterday) and helpers. It was Laura's first outing for quite a while so she walked her course as she is not yet back to competitive running – like me, she was admiring the fantastic views.

We'll be looking out for the next Wessex Regional event.



A big thank you and congratulations to the team for today's event!

Hard work, skills, attention to detail and persistence in the face of the weather - I know all these were involved. But the event also had all the right things including challenging terrain, good planning and deserved luck with the weather on the (final) day, as well as the boring covid stuff.

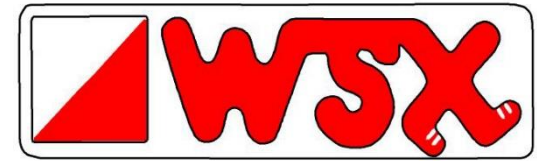
Your landowners need a hug. In our club we've been wading through mud trying to get some cooperation from the desk-jockeys. After much delaying they opt out with pathetic excuses. (You can imagine the thought processes: "A gang of us did orienteering when we were in Brownies, giggling in the park. No, it involves the paths being clogged up with hordes of geriatric weirdos with their hobnail boots, bulging rucksacks and surveying poles - at least that's what is says in the Mail. We don't want that.")

Instead today we could drink deep from the cup of real O!!

Just hoping that it won't be another long time before the next opportunity.



Lyra Medlock winner on Green
WSX SW junior squad



Many thanks for all your hard work in organising the event today. I think you did a brilliant job, and everything appeared to go really smoothly, despite the difficulties you had to overcome in terms of both Covid precautions and dealing with storm Alex – it must have meant a lot of extra work.

Despite coming last on the blue course, and being absolutely exhausted by the time I'd finished, I thoroughly enjoyed it – so good to be doing some real orienteering again on proper terrain.

Please can you pass on our thanks to the planner and controller and all the members of the team.

Well done.

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Future Plans

