

## Organisers Comments – Rams Combe, February 1, 2015

Yet again the weather forecasters were somewhat adrift in their forecast and all of the competitors had the pleasure of running through a sunlit forest.

Ashley Combe and the surrounding area provide some of the more runnable forested terrain on the Quantocks as shown by the winner of the Brown course (7.3km / 385m climb) who took only 58 minutes.

Andy Rimes demonstrated his knowledge of the area with carefully planned courses that proved a challenge to many and enjoyment to most, this was clear from the range of positive comments at the download.

I have to thank our Controller Alan Simpson (Devon) who wisely travelled north early and thus avoided the snow in Devon by staying overnight locally.

Thanks also to all of the QO members who volunteered to help. I ended up with more of you than I needed and some had to be stood down. Thanks again and please volunteer again next time.

Despite catering for more competitors than normally expected at a QO event we were caught out by the numbers who decided to run the Brown course. We had judged the number exactly but all of the best plans were upset by one competitor who registered for Blue and then by mistake ran Brown – he did say on returning that he thought it was a rather long course! Apologies to the last competitor on Brown who used a recycled map but it did not seem to hamper his performance at all, and thanks also to the competitor who generously gave up his map for reuse (if he would like a copy sent, please email me).

Lost property: One RH black glove 'Hilly MAXDRY'

Steve Robertson