

Planners Comments

The challenge with Wind Down was to plan courses that avoided the thick bramble growth that covers much of the area and had increased significantly during 2015. Some compromises were necessary on the courses to avoid the worst of the bramble and the minor tracks that were knee deep in mud as a result of horse traffic. However, the comments at the finish were generally positive although the number of unmarked rootstocks, some of which materialised the week before the event, were not helpful to some competitors. Clearly a need for further map updates before the next event.

My thanks to Graham Hartley for his helpful comments and feedback as Controller and to Jeff Pakes for his seamless organisation. Also thanks to the other members of QO who volunteer to help, often without being asked. In particular, thanks to the 'control collectors' who went back out into the forest as the next Atlantic storm swept in on Friday afternoon.

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