

Organiser's comments

Organising a large event in 4 weeks after permissions were granted late was a bit of a rush but possibly it concentrated the mind to get it all done.

The Caddihoe was supposed to be WIMs 50th birthday event in 2020. It was delayed, so this year, once permissions were granted, we had 1 week to try to do as many map updates as we could before the finalising of the courses. One of our WIM members, Brian Johnson, who was one of our main mappers, sadly passed away earlier in the year. He had previously updated the areas so before the event, we concentrated on updating along the courses expected routes as best we could. Orienteers however, being what they are, often choose routes that no one expects them to take, even if it is not the best possible route and time choice. We are sorry if you were one of those people where we hadn't updated your route. It is a good learning experience for us all.

However, we hope that as well as the courses, a good car park, lots of toilets (ladies even had specially laid carpets in theirs), great refreshments, a pub opposite the event and lots of smiling competitors in lovely sunshine made it an enjoyable event for you.

Thank you for all your kind comments and thank you to all the help we received from the officials, WSX and WIM members and the Royal Signals, some of whom enjoyed extra time at the pub as they locked their keys in the car and had to spend extra time waiting for replacement keys.

We look forward to hosting you again at an event in the New Forest.

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Caddihoe 2021 Organiser