

Controller's report

Dave Robertson (CLYDE)

I hope everyone enjoyed their adventures on Edinchip. It is an excellent area for orienteering, with a large variety of terrain, some of it quite physical. I thought Vicky and Heather's courses made excellent use of the area, not an easy task with the constraints of the gorge, fields and railway embankments. Many courses had various loops, crossovers and map flips. This was all to keep you in the good terrain and avoid dead running, and didn't seem to cause any issues.

I was delighted to see so many happy faces around the assembly field.

One excitement you didn't see was caused by the Royal Mail who completely failed to deliver any of the maps for the event (they may still be at Heathrow!). A last-minute hand-carrying relay across the country saved the day. The replacement maps arrived on site less than 20 hours before the first start.

On the Brown and Black courses there was a route choice that crossed the Kendrum Burn in the NW part of the map. I had checked the return crossing higher up the burn, which I thought was OK, but not the lowest permissible crossing. The lowest crossing was rather too exciting and I should have had the courses changed to avoid it. My apologies to those affected.