

Hens Wood

We were delighted that so many came today to our event and hopefully enjoyed orienteering in this small but I think rather attractive wood. I am very sorry that for a period there was a long queue at registration and that for a short time we had no hire EMIT cards (although this was soon remedied as competitors started coming in). We appreciated everyone's patience and tolerance, and I am sorry that a few of you had to run without EMIT cards. We clearly need to review our procedures and probably ensure we have more EMIT cards available to prevent this happening in the future. There were about 130 entries today (about 140 individuals) – a big increase on the 55 entries we had at our previous event in Hens Wood in 2013.

As many of you will be aware, a number of vehicles slipped off the track as they tried to pass parked cars when exiting, and this created some quite long delays for those who were leaving the event. Our thanks to many who helped push cars and the minibus back onto the track – no mean feat! – and to everyone for their patience and good humour over the delay. We clearly need to rethink parking at Hens Wood if we are to use it again.

Finally – many thanks to Alistair Ewing and Ramsbury Estates for kind permission to use Hens Wood for Orienteering, and to all the helpers who made the event possible: Liz Yeadon (SARUM, Controller), Alan Yeadon (SARUM), Andrew Law, Becca Jackson, John Weyman, Ken Stimson, Martin Light, Martin Selby, Nina Stimson, Rich Jackson, Steve Davies (all NWO).

So thank you all for coming today, and best wishes

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