

Organisers Comments for SinS day 1 – Telford Town Park & Randlay

Well the weather certainly gave us concern until a couple of weeks ago , when very luckily we were blessed with a dry spell and sunshine which dried up the grassed car park , though maybe the odd cloud on the day might have helped with some shade ! Thanks to all competitors for being sensible with hydration in those conditions. Despite an early problem getting into the Car Park, all worked well on the day thanks to our fantastic helpers and the rugby club staff.

As an Organiser you are always grateful when you have a Planner and Controller who you can totally rely on to plan and provide governance over the courses, which after all can make or break an event, with no hassle from me. For that I give thank Kerstin and Clive my sincere thanks. I have also been grateful for the experience and help of our SinS Co-ordinators and Club members behind the scenes.

Now in true Oscar acceptance speech tradition, after the “Thank You”s comes the sting in the tail, though this is more by way of an explanation!

Unfortunately I failed to mention in the Final details that the landscaped area adjacent to the Start had been opened only a couple of weeks before as a Covid Memorial garden, and despite it not being located in the best place for quiet contemplation (!), was land which I had agreed with the authorities should quite rightly not be used, hence being out of bounds on the map and the reason I had to ask people to stay out. I hope you understand, and that your enjoyment of the day was not diminished by a slightly grumpy Organiser!

My smile returned at the end of the day when I scoured the parking areas for rubbish and found just a single bottle, and the rest of the site and park looked as if we had never been there. This is exactly how it should be and a good reason why Orienteers should be welcomed anywhere – Thank You.

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