

## Planners comments

I was very pleased to see so many come to the first SOC Sprint event.  
Thank you for all the complimentary comments that the team and I received.  
I hope you all enjoyed the area which is a bit different from more usual sprint venues.  
The variety of the area made for an interesting event, especially from a planning viewpoint.  
The ability of being able to add the physical challenge of the steep slope in the woodland area is unusual for a sprint event.

However, there are still some people who need to brush up on the sprint map spec. and what it actually means when running.

The hedge is a case in point. Whereas in traditional orienteering a gap found in a hedge is regarded as a bonus and use can be made of it, in sprint orienteering if the hedge is mapped as the darkest green, indicating impassable, it means it is not to be crossed (especially where olive green settlement is on the other side of the hedge). A number of competitors were spotted breaking this rule from the sunken lane, having taken the wrong route from the small nature reserve after exiting the woods. An apology to the landowner whose wooded garden you went through was necessary. She took the illicit activity in good part - this time. But please be aware of what you are doing, when the red mist of competition descends!

Thanks on your behalf to Simon Bevan and the organising team of helpers, especially Peter Stewart for all things EMIT, and Robert Jackson for controlling.

I hope you took advantage of the 10% discount offered at the cycle centre, cafe and bar on the day.

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