



# Orienteering on Cannock Chase

## West Midlands League and Regional Event Sunday 23rd October 2022 Haywood Warren, Cannock Chase

### Organiser's Comments

Thank you to everyone who came despite the amount of rain in the morning. At least it was relatively mild and the rain eased off towards 11am as forecast.

Thanks to all the teams who made the event work despite the weather, and to Kerstin as controller and Ray as planner.

Despite the dry summer the parking field was always going to be affected by the rain on the day. However, with two entrances, two exits and a sloping field we hoped to manage the parking safely. Cars mostly got off the field ok with only a handful needing a push or tow. The professional first aiders were particularly helpful in this respect in changing roles and helping to get cars off the field.

We have had reported that someone by the entrance gate told some cars that the event was cancelled and so they turned round and went home. We don't know who this was as we didn't post any team member by that gate and we didn't consider cancelling the event as it was well underway and we were managing ok. So, my apologies if this affected you and you didn't get a run but we don't have any explanation of how this happened.

One other incidence was where a competitor out on his course was asked for help by another adult but suggested that the person should navigate themselves. The initial competitor was then verbally abused and followed to the extent that he felt physically threatened. When he spoke to me, he was obviously upset but couldn't identify the other person. This is clearly unacceptable so I hope that this person will reflect on his behaviour and how he views his future participation in orienteering.

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