

Controller's report.

When I first saw Dan and Karen's courses back in June I almost wished I was going to be competing. After all what does one look for in a good Mountain Trial? A good lot of route choice and some interesting control sites to visit and some decent terrain. So we got all that and more - not only a huge number of possible routes but also a huge amount of choice between **good** routes. My role was essentially redundant! All I had to do was checkout the control sites and make a very few minor amendments where I thought the controls would be too visible from a long way away if it was a clear day.

As events on the day transpired almost every possible route was put to use by the competitors such that a look at Routegadget show a morass of coloured spaghetti to the point where the map is almost invisible. We were all slightly surprised that only one competitor on the short course chose to go up the valley and then climb up Grunting Ghyll rather than up the Band and drop in but I guess the lure of following is too strong.

All in all a very good set of courses and a good day out for all our competitors. A real pleasure for me to work with Karen and Dan and be able to spend some lovely days out on the hills.

Mike H