

LDMT 2021 Controllers Report 19-09-2021

Pete was an excellent planner to work with and my role as controller very straightforward this year. Reading Pete's planner's detailed report shows how thorough he was with all aspects of planning the courses. His analysis of the lengths / climbs and difficulty of the courses and comparing these to previous years was very useful and would be worth passing onto future planners.

In advance of the event I visited most of the controls on one long day in the area and was happy with all the sites chosen. The sites were all obvious features easily identified on the ground and on the map.

Pete did a great job with getting Harvey's to customize the map, doing some map corrections and sorting out logos etc. I think the final race maps were excellent.

It was difficult for me living 100 miles away to spend a lot of time checking the courses but with Pete and Andrew being local and very familiar with the area from lots of previous event planning / organizing this was not a problem. The rest of the checking was done over email and Zoom.

The day before the event I checked all the control placements. Finishing with a very pleasant jog along the Whiteside ridge as the sun was setting over the Irish Sea.

The ideal weather on the day of the event meant that my concerns about the courses being a little too long did not materialize with the short and classic winning times being about right with only the medium being slightly long. Looking at the routes chosen by competitors showed that Pete was successful in providing some great route choice legs especially on the classic course with many different options being used.

Overall, from a controller's point of view a very successful event.

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