

## **Planner / Organiser Comments**

### **Eliburn Parks Event – Saturday 9 May 2015**

Thank you all for coming to Eliburn Park for the launch of our new permanent orienteering course. I hope you enjoyed the event, even if it was slightly unconventional and lacks some results.

The new map, permanent course and event were part of a development project between West Lothian Council and Interløpers. The remit was to launch the new facility by providing free courses for beginners (yellow, orange and light green courses), using the permanent orienteering course map. The event had been widely advertised, so we anticipated significant numbers of beginners, but they did not materialise. There was also a lack of SI timing cards available for hire this weekend, so we considered manual timing for the yellow, orange or light green courses, but did not manage to achieve it in the rain (sorry).

However, we did record electronic times for the green course (results on the Interløpers web site), but that was because we knew the competitors would have their own SI cards and we had to charge them, so we could cover the BOF levy and other expenses. Sorry about the missing timing units early on.

We also recorded times for the maze, which will be added to the web site very soon. I hope the maze made up for the lack of yellow, orange and light green results, although I am not sure George will ever be the same again.

Next Saturday (16<sup>th</sup>) there will be an event at Almond Park to launch the second new map and permanent orienteering course. Please come along and have fun on another set of courses and a new maze.

The development project has delivered three new maps with two new permanent orienteering courses (Eliburn and Almond permanent courses, plus the Howden map last year). It is being backed up by a refresh of the Dechmont Law and Polkemmet permanent courses, so please do come out to Livingston to use these new permanent courses.

The project will also deliver more orienteering at the local schools, which links well with the Scottish Schools Orienteering Festival coming to Dechmont Law, Livingston on Friday 6 June 2015 (has your school entered?).

I regret not being able to provide full results, but hope you enjoyed the day.

Ken.