Hanbeck Woods

Round 9 of Club Championship: 1st November 2026.

Defiantly Autumnal! A drive from the coast to Sleaford in early morning fog, which cleared as the 60 riders arrived and signed on at our first visit to Hanbeck Woods. A wooded bowl of a venue filled with Rocks and Climbs that holds great potential for further visits, its already pencilled into next year's fixtures!

The trial was set out by Carl Smith, Nick Neave, John Guy and Alan Woodward, and they did a great job in finding 10 sections that extracted marks from the majority of riders with the exceptions of 6 very good clean rides, spread across all 3 routes, like wise our observers were kept busy all day with not one section returning "No Marks Lost"

Section one was perhaps the biggest mark taker on all the 3 routes; riders entered the section over logs with a deviation for the Expert riders up a cambered wooded bank before a tight left turn up to a steep climb to the Ends Cards. Inter and Clubman route riders had an easier start to the section but still had to contend with the left turn and climb, the section was observed by Bill Kirkwood, and he recorded almost one third of the marks lost on all the Trial! So, he will be delighted to know that he won the observers draw.

Diane Guy was also a busy lady on Sunday, with her signing on duties before observing on section 10, again a tricky section for the Clubmen and the hardest test for the Inter's that had to contend with riding the Expert route on this section.

Brenda McGregor on section 9 was happy to have an interesting section to observe, Expert route riders had it all to do on a loose rock and rubble climb out to the Ends Card, John Wilkinson was on hand so I'm sure we will get a good set of pictures from this location.

When I get the permit for our next Trial at Thoresway, I will post on the WhatsApp group that entries are open, again its only 3 weeks away so if you could enter as soon as you can it helps.

Thanks again to all involved within the Club for their help with our events, and to all our riders for their support of Poachers pre65 Trials Club. Hope to see you all on the 22nd of November. MG