

SPRING TOURIST TRIAL - 17TH APRIL 2011

It's all about planning and organisation really!



Janet started last year: updating the data base of previous year's entrants and advertising the event in as many places as possible. Entry forms were available on line and at the Eureka.

Then came many hours on the computer **preparing paperwork.**

Lists and more lists were produced at meetings of **the small organising committee.**



Nearer the date, the **entry forms** began to arrive, enabling us to **put riders into groups**



and to prepare the pre-printed certificates.



Posting out the **route sheets and start details** was the usual major task, needing over 150 envelopes. (Not all legibly addressed or stamped!)

Certificates had to be in alphabetic order to simplify the system on the day.



Kinnerton - REGISTRATION

Fortunately, the 17th dawned a beautiful day, and we were at the Scout Hut Kinnerton by 8.30am to open the hall and organise the car parking at the school next door.



Car parking, tea and energy drinks



Tea was soon available to greet the early arrivals and the free energy drinks were mixed for riders.



Tables were set out for the registration of 176 entrants, the first of which left at 9.20am.

Extra hands at all points were proving that this was the secret of the smoothly running system.



Leaving Kinnerton

1st check point



What a resplendent lot in their marshalling jackets - pens at the ready - and very grateful for the sunny weather they were.

The waiting was soon over, as riders came first in twos and threes, and then in larger groups.

The **marshalls** had organised an efficient system to get riders through the checkpoint quickly.



The **first man and first two women riders through** the checkpoint are pictured above.

The riders were clearly enjoying the ride and the excellent weather.



Lunch & check point OVERTON



Initially, the seating and table layout was totally inadequate for the numbers expected.



Over 60 more chairs and several tables had to be quickly added.

Registration went smoothly and the **food** was very good, according to many riders.



(The marshals ate nothing. They had paid no entry fee!)

Bike parking was improved this year thanks to the free loan of some racks from Chester Cycling Campaign.

Coming and going at Overton

Kinnerton – FINISH and REGISTRATION

Booking in and working out total riding times, 4 or 5 hours - went very well, and the much sought after certificates were soon distributed.

Friends old and new enjoyed a chat with their tea and biscuits made available by our hard working kitchen staff.



All in all – it was a very successful day, due primarily to the help given by all the marshals and all who helped in any way on the day.



Checking in, chatting and well-earned certificates

Thanks and congratulations to Janet and all who helped with the event.

Bob Witton

