



## **Tri-Adventure Race Report**

### **Tyler Hill (Canterbury) 19 November 2017**

Virtually one year to the day after the idea of a Tri-Adventure event in Kent was first discussed (with Simon Chapman in the Land Rover Dealership Reception area in Canterbury), it all came to fruition at Tyler Hill on Sunday. We had recc'd the area a couple of times over the last few months, and then spent Wednesday setting out the course – what a beautiful part of the country for a fantastic show of Autumn colour.

Being in a different part of the country, the event attracted more than our usual number of first timers, and it was a real pleasure to welcome you all to Tri-Adventure. We had some really good feedback, including from the three dogs who took part, and we'll definitely organise another event in Kent next year. In the meantime, I hope all you "newbies" will come over to our events in Surrey, the next of which is in Shere on 3 December.

The rain the day before the event, made it quite a muddy course in places, which made it quite tough going. There are many trails in this area that aren't marked on the OS Maps, so I had to use my GPS and mapping skills to add some of them on to the maps we gave out at the start to link the checkpoints.

After a horribly wet and miserable Saturday, we woke to a beautiful, frosty Sunday morning, which provided a great day for our event. By the time the race got under way, the sun was making a determined effort to warm us all up, and the results would suggest that the layout, and location of the CPs, were just about right.

Given the fact we were putting on an event for the first time in Kent, we had a really good turnout, with nearly 80 people taking part, and lots of first timers again. All in all, the large number of entries in the different categories ensured some keen competition during the race, and some great banter afterwards. Unfortunately, some mindless vandal decided to break the wire on CP2, and remove the control box. Here is a photo I took when setting out the course.



This is something that, fortunately, doesn't happen very often, and there is very little we can do about it. So, sorry about that, and I hope it didn't spoil your enjoyment of our event.



We love seeing dogs taking their owners for a run in the Trail event, so it was good to see several taking part this time. Do, please, spread the word that our events are Canicross friendly, as we'd like to see many more dogs taking part.

The Hall was full to bursting as people studied their maps and planned their routes, and there was a great atmosphere all the way through the event. The flexible start time for the **Experience** racers seems to be growing in popularity, and we had quite a number who went off early. As the start horn for the massed start went off at 10am, people set off in different directions, following their various strategies. [Facebook link to aerial film.](#)

We had a couple of youngsters taking part this time, with both telling me they loved the experience, and that they would be back again and in Tri-Adventure colours. We want to see more youngsters coming with their parents and taking part, as they'll grow into our next generation of Tri-Adventurers. We don't charge for youngsters and, if they want their own map and dibber, we just make a £5 administration charge.



I'm really encouraged to see so many first timers trying out our events each month. We've recently started listing our events on various race listing sites, and it seems that the wider publicity is having a positive impact on the numbers. Yesterday was no exception, and the new Kent location resulted in half of the people on the Start Line being first timers at a Tri-Adventure event. We hope all you "newbies" enjoyed the kind of events we put on throughout the year, and that you'll spread the word to your friends and family. You've got your first Tri Point, and you're on your way to getting a discount.

Please also remember that, every time you recommend someone who comes along and takes part, you also receive a Tri Point.

Quite a number of the participants realised during the event that their navigation skills weren't quite as good as they had initially thought, and this slowed them down considerably, even though they still enjoyed their race. I run one day Navigation Courses for groups of any size (up to 8), and more details can be [found here](#).

All the events were keenly contested, and there were some outstanding performances. 4 of the participants in the **Men's Trail** finished with the same number of checkpoints, so finishing times were the deciding factor. Their rivalry epitomises everything Tri-Adventure stands for; they didn't all select the same route, so they probably didn't see one another during the entire two hours, yet they finished with little between them!



The **Men's Experience** was hotly contested and it was one of our regulars, Daniel Murphy, who came out on top this time, with an excellent 25 CPs. The small time penalty he incurred in collecting these points did not prevent him from beating another of our regulars, Sid Hardy, into second place, who finished with 23 CPs.

Caroline Wharton, another familiar face at our events, won the **Female Experience** with 19 CPs, finishing within the time limit, and ahead of second placed Charlotte Lane on 15 CPs.

Nicola Waters and Ashley Beevers had a great **Pairs Experience** race, finishing with 31 seconds to spare with 180 points. Great navigating and timing, guys!



For the first time ever, we didn't have any individual racers in the **Solo Sprint** event, but the **Pairs Sprint** event was keenly fought over, with Samantha Prior and Andrew Derrick finishing with 9 CPs. We last saw Sam and Andrew at our 12 hour Night & Day event earlier this year, and it was good to see you back, racing with us. I know you are very active in Orienteering events in Kent, but it would be great to see you at one of our events in the Surrey Hills.





As mentioned earlier, there was a very keen contest in the **Men's 2 hour Trail**. Four runners collected 11 CPs, and the finishing times meant that Tom Iwasyszyn succeeded in winning the race, coming in just 31 seconds ahead of Colin Woolliscroft

The **Ladies' 2 hour Trail** was well won by Laura Stevenson who collected 2 CPs more than second placed Lisa Blair.



With so much interest this month in the Experience and Trail events, there was a smaller turnout than usual in the **MTBO** category. Wendy Hardy had another successful race in the **Female MTBO**, and the **Male MTBO** was won by Mark Tuson.



### Experience (4 hour event)

Male	Points/Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Daniel Murphy	244 04:02:55
Female	Points/Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Caroline Wharton	190 03:58:02
Pairs	Points/Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Nicola Waters/Asley Beevers	180 03:59:29

### Sprint (2 hour event)

Male	Points/Time
1 <sup>st</sup>	
Female	Points/Time
1 <sup>st</sup>	
Pairs	Points/Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Andrew Derrick/Samantha Prior	86 02:01:50

### MTBO (2 hour event)

Male	Points/Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Mark Tuson	130 01:55:17
Female	Points/Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Wendy Hardy	90 02:09:59

### Trail (2 hour event)

Male	Points/Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Tom Iwasyszyn	110 01:56:43
Female	Points/Time
1 <sup>st</sup> Laura Stevenson	85 02:02:25

Congratulations to all our worthy winners!

The full race results, with splits and transition times, are available on the Tri-Adventure website [here](#).

Photographs can be found and tagged/shared in our Facebook [album here](#).

If you have photos to add from events, please do [email](#) them, tweet them to [@tri\\_adventure](#), or post them on [Facebook](#).



As usual, thanks to those who shared their thoughts and made suggestions on the day. I am always open to suggestions to improve and expand the Tri-Adventure experience for more and more people. If you have had a thought to add since Sunday, please pop it in an [email](#) now! Thanks, also, to my band of volunteers who, this month, included Chris, Leszek, and Ed.

A special thank you to Simon Chapman for helping me turn the idea of an event in Kent into reality. Simon is based locally, and often comes along to our events in the Surrey Hills. He gave us the time to show us round the area, and to advise on routes and locations, and also helped with promoting the event around the various clubs and bike shops.

## NEXT EVENTS

Our next event is at **Shere in the Surrey Hills** on **Sunday, 3 December**. Online entry is already [open](#).

The dates and locations through to February next year are now confirmed, and can be found on our website [here](#), so please put them in your diaries. There will be trophies and prizes at the end of each series.

Once again, thanks for coming along to Tyler Hill on Sunday. I know I say this in every Report but, quite simply, without you, there would be no Tri-Adventure. Please help us to spread the word about these great weekend events so that we can get the numbers up, and I look forward to seeing you again in December.

Finally, please use Social Media to tell others about Tri-Adventure – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. We want to keep putting on fantastic events, which challenge people whilst making them feel good (as those of you who take part will confirm), and we need to keep increasing our numbers to make this happen.

Yours in Adventure,

Adam

