

Hobble Feedback

Entries: We had 194 entries with 160 turning up on the day. Of these 118 were on the 26 mile route and 42 on the short. The Hobble always attracts a mix of walkers and runners, and it was good to see entrants from east and mid Essex as well as the more local area. We knew of two walkers on the shorter route who were attempting a challenge walk for the first time.

Parking: The car park at the rear of Tesco's proved more than adequate for our needs. If we use the same venue again, we need at least four parking marshals to direct drivers into the car park and then to the start. The managers on duty at Tesco's weren't aware that we had been given permission to use the rear car park (a Tesco's communication problem).

Despite the parking information on SI Entries, our website and the final instructions sent to all entrants re parking, some people still parked in the streets surrounding the Scout Hut. One local resident did come in to (politely) ask if a car that was blocking them in could be moved

Route and route description: Nothing but praise for the route and route description

HQ & Checkpoints:

Baldock Scout Hut: good sized hall and the kitchen facilities were OK for providing a cold meal.

Wallington: very busy for a while

Ardeley: no issues

Graveley: Excellent hall, with good facilities, including Wi-Fi. Carpeted steps to toilets would have been a problem in wet/muddy conditions.

Catering: Excellent feedback received. Another hot Hobble with relatively little demand for tea and coffee. Cola and Ginger beer popular (but not 'diet' varieties). Suggestion that we have E&H catering guidelines being carried forward.

PACER: WiFi at Baldock, Wallington & Graveley. Early arrivals at CP1 & CP3 - slight adjustment to start time and CP opening times needed. One suggestion that we don't allow runners on the shorter route not favoured by organisers.