

MANCHESTER 17 MCC LTD

Dead Easy Charity trial run by Manchester 17 MCC on behalf of Macclesfield, Staffs Moorlands, Congleton and North Derbyshire Youth motor cycle clubs.

REPORT : Roger Townsend

Bank Holiday Monday saw the annual running of the Charity trial by a combination of clubs with all proceeds going to local charities in the Rushton Spencer area.

The trial was held at Heaton House farm, Rushton Spencer, and was held in conjunction with the local Country Fayre. Fortunately the clay pigeon shooting was far enough away to avoid pot shots being taken at stray riders!

A bumper entry of 97 turned out to do battle over the four laps of 10 sections on offer, with 57 opting for the harder route and 40 on the easier version

The sections ranged from turns around trees and grassy banks to a few rocks, and a bit of mud for good measure.

Following the recent heavy rain, the course soon started to turn greasy and if the promised rain had arrived it would have made matters very interesting. Fortunately, it held off.

As ever in these trials, there was an interesting variety of machines on show. Mention must be made of the lovely sounding and prepared, Triumph Twin piloted round the hard course by Roger Bowyer for a loss of only 13 marks. Also, David Watson rode a 500cc rigid Ariel round the Easy course for a very creditable loss of 15 marks. Well done to both and great to see these machines ridden in anger.

All the lady riders in the trial did well but special mention must be made to Jessica Brown who won the Youth B class on the Easy route.

Sticking with Youth, Gareth Salt had a cracking ride on the Hard route to go clean and win Youth B.

Also on this route, well done to Youth C rider Callum Cocker who rode the harder sections with real determination and ability.

Youth D on the Easy route turned into a battle between the Frost brothers, James and Jordan, with young James coming out on top this time.

As ever at these trials there was a wide range of marks lost, from a few clean rides from the more experienced rider, to some for whom it was their first trial and obviously had their feet on the ground more often. The common denominator was enjoyment and there certainly was plenty of that.

An added bonus for many was a visit to the Country Fayre after the trial.

Thank you to Steve and Callum Cocker and Roger Townsend for setting out the course, plus Ken Roberts on strimmer!

Thanks also to the Observers and all who helped on the day without whom the event would not have been possible.

RESULTS

HARD ROUTE

OVER 40: David Matthews (Sherco) clean, Tony Hutchinson (Scorpa) 3, Keith Shenks (Gas Gas) 3, Tony Pratt (Beta) 3,

NOVICE: Andy Downham (Gas Gas) clean, Will Tyler (F. Barnett) 2, Mark Tushingham (Beta) 3

TWIN-SHOCK: Michael Heath (Honda) clean, Robert Mycock (Bultaco) clean

YOUTH A : Sam Atherton (Sherco) 11

YOUTH B: Gareth Salt (Gas Gas) clean, Michael Vennard (Gas Gas) 6, James McCann (Gas Gas) 7,
YOUTH C; Callum Cocker (Gas Gas) 75

EASY ROUTE

OVER 40: Wilf Cauldwell (Beta) clean, Rodney Howarth (Scorpa) clean, Roger Townsend (Scorpa) 1 mark lost

NOVICE: Robert Jackson (Gas Gas) , Ian Edwards (Scorpa) both 1 mark lost, Martin Vennard (Gas Gas) 5,

TWIN-SHOCK: Chris Atherton (James) clean, Rob Goodwin (F. Barnett) one mark lost, Edd Hibbert (Honda) 2

YOUTH A: Jonothan Cropper (Gas Gas) clean, Lewis Edwards (Scorpa) 18

YOUTH B: Jessica Brown (Gas Gas) 12, Dan Watson (Gas Gas) 24

YOUTH C: Jake Machin (Beta) 2

YOUTH D: James Frost (Beta) 14 , Jordan Frost (Beta) 29