

Manchester 17 MCC Ltd – Fisher Trophy Trial Report

Highly unusual for the area and time of year (normally snowing), the sun shone down on 77 riders who turned out for Man 17's Fisher Trial held at the famous Hawks Nest Venue for the first round of the C&NW Centre Championship where Mike Roberts gained full championship points in the Expert Class, Brad Jones in the Inters, Colin Sagar in the O/40's and Chris Allison in the Novices. Even more amazing was, we had a full compliment of 20 observers all willing to stand out in the cold, biting wind. Apologies had to be passed on to those that came on the off-chance and did not get a section to observe. The section marking teams excelled, especially one who found the graded climb. I won't say any names, but if you saw someone grinning like a Cheshire Cat, that was him. This section was the talk of the day, only one rider to clean it twice was Chris Pearson who won the trial overall dropping only 8 marks. Other riders to clean the graded climb was Richard Timperley, Dan Farrer and Tim Pearson. As usual, a section like this tends to attract a large queue and a few spectators, so in order to prevent boredom setting in Dave Thorpe (unintentionally) abandoned the queue and went for a swim in the rather icy-cold water. Richard Timperley got wind of this and tried to go one better, parting with the bike and going for a swim on the section before. Joking apart, to sum it up, the trial was "a good day had by all" and for those of you that missed it, well, there's always next year.

Hard Route

Chris Pearson	8
Richard Timperley	23 (most 0's)
Craig Robinson	23
Dan Farrer	28
Mike Roberts	32

50/50 Route

Darren Wasley	16
Stu Day	35
Paul Boam	37
Mike Edwards	40 (most 0's)
Dave Knaggs	40

Easy Route

Colin Sagar	27
John Hulme	36
Tim Morris	41
Henry Rosenthal	42
Phil Turner	48