

CHARITY TRIAL, HEATON HOUSE FARM, RUSHTON SPENCER, MONDAY 26TH AUGUST 2013. ORGANISED BY MANCHESTER 17 MCC, AND MACCLESFIELD, STAFFS MOORLAND, WINSFORD, CONGLETON, AND NDYMCC.

REPORT : Roger Townsend

August Bank Holiday Monday saw the running of the annual Charity Trial at Heaton House Farm, Rushton Spencer. It is organised by a number of clubs, Manchester 17 MCC, Macclesfield, Staffs Moorland, Winsford, Congleton, and North Derbyshire Youth.

It is run in conjunction with the local Country Fayre and any profits from the trial go to benefit local charities. It helps to promote the image of motorcycle sport generally and puts something back in a positive way in to the local community.

The trial itself was based around one of Manchester 17 Club's Dead easy formats and attracted a very healthy entry of 84 riders of all ages and a wide variety of machinery.

The course was back this year on the same side of the road as the Country Fayre instead of the steep hillside that has been used away from the show itself for the last few years. This was to avoid a clash with a wedding at a nearby wedding barn and also the organisers of the show felt it would be of benefit if the trial was more accessible to show visitors.

This meant that the eight sections, lapped five times, were mainly laid out in copses, turns up and down banks, over roots, with the odd log and rock thrown in for good measure. Perfect for an easy trial.

The weather on the day was hot and sunny and the full complement of Observers appreciated being in the shade for once.

Sections six and seven were the ones that were the trickiest. Running side by side they were climbs up bankings with tight turns and cambers around trees. Right amount of throttle and speed, they were straightforward, lapse of concentration and down went the feet.

On the hard route there were no less than twelve clean rides, well done as although it was an easy trial, concentration has to be maintained.

On the easy route, it was a different story with only the one clean ride. Phil Granby showed how it should be done keeping his feet up all day. Hard on his heels were Robert Jackson and Steven Rodgers who lost two apiece.

Mention must be made of the Shepherd brothers, Morgan and Ryan, who rode their Osets around the harder route and didn't disgrace themselves at all.

Everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves, no doubt helped by the brilliant weather.

Thank you to all who helped run the trial, and of course the Observers.

Next Dead Easy trial 14th September, watch TMX for details.

RESULTS

HARDER ROUTE

Matt Morton (Beta) Cedric Spivey (Beta) Joe Spivey (Sherco) Andrew Slack (Fantic) Martin Evans (Gas Gas) Robert Mycock (Bultaco) Paul Mountford (Gas Gas) Terry Harvey (Gas Gas) Mark Waterworth (Gas Gas) Jason Morris (Montesa) Merco Ferrenco (BSA) Andy Acton (Gas Gas) , all clean
EASY ROUTE

Phil Granby (BMS Scorpa) clean, Robert Jackson (Gas Gas) 2, Steven Rodgers (Beta) 2, Jim White (Gas Gas) 3, Martin Birks (Gas Gas) 4 Stephen Simpson (Montesa) 4 Wilf Couldwell (Beta) 5