

Manchester 17 Fisher trial held Sunday 13th January 2013 - report and results

Snow started to fall as the last of the trial's officials left Sunday's Manchester 17 MCC Fisher Trial but fortunately the weather held for the duration of the event.

In sunny but below freezing temperatures, an entry of 98 riders tackled two laps of 20 sections per lap centred on the famous 'Hawks Nest' venue in the White Peak area of Derbyshire.

As well as being the first round of the 2013 Cheshire Centre Trials Championship the Manchester 17 Fisher Trial was also the first round of 2013 Edgar Series. Now in its 5th year the Edgar trophy and prize money is awarded to the rider with the best overall performance in the four road trials run by the Manchester 17 during the year.

Riders had a choice of three routes - hard route, 50/50 route and clubman route. This three route format being required for all Cheshire Centre Championship events.

On all three routes the winner's score was only a few marks ahead of the runner up spots, with only one mark separating first and second for both the 50/50 route and the Easier route.

Winner on the hard route was frequent visitor to Manchester 17 trials - Dan Thorpe finishing just ahead of Chris Pearson and veteran Tony Scarlett, only 4 marks separating the three of them.

However, Dan must think himself lucky that his five marks lost on the penultimate section didn't lose him the trial as this section was cleaned on both laps by all the other leading expert riders.

On the 50/50 route Darren Wasley and Billy Craig couldn't have been closer with only one mark separating them at the end of the trial, though Darren had two fives whilst Billy managed to do the whole trial with no failures, third on this route being Sheffield's Katy Sunter.

The Easier Route attracted the most entries and again marks were very close, only one mark separating the first three riders with Northamptonshire visitor Ian Watts coming out top followed by Dan's dad Dave and Wrexham's Tony Gush.

So the weather was kind for the duration of the event, there were very few retirements, no one was injured, the trial finished before it went dark and nobody suffered frost bite, thought to hear the moans you would have thought they had!

Hard Route

Dan Thorpe	12
Chris Pearson	15
Tony Scarlett	16
Andy Cripps	21
Joshua Woods	24
Brad Bullock	30
Dec Bullock	31
Phil Houghton	33
Iain Robinson	40
Harry Harvey	42

50/50 Route

Darren Wasley	19
Billy Craig	20
Katy Sunter	26
Phil Scott	42
Carl Baker	42
Richard Plant	46
Pete Ruscoe	48
Paddy Edwards	49

Andy Turner	50
Mike Leddy	52

Easier Route

Ian Watts	18
Dave Thorpe	19
Tony Gush	21
Andy Hipwell	25
Scott Rowland	25
Rob Bowyer	27
Andy Downham	32
Steve Davies	33
John Fearn	33
John Walker	33