

## VHI Relay Planner Comments

Speaking as Chairman I'd like to thank the huge number of NGOC members, and the significant number of people from BOK, who stepped up to help at this complex 2-day event. Special thanks are due to those who gave up their runs to help, and to the two people who had to abandon their runs to help an injured competitor.

As VHI relay planner I'd like to thank Pat Macleod for his usual efficient organisation, Greg Best for the complete revision of the map which made planning easy, and Charles Daniel for detailed but fair controlling. The best bit of the day for me was seeing a pack of 5 runners coming in to the changeover right on schedule after 29 minutes - I breathed a big sigh of relief! It's a great shame that the problem with the relay timing has prevented us putting up Routegadget for the relays, as it's always interesting to see how competitors actual routes compare to those expected by the planner. I'd like to have known whether those who braved the (starting-to-decline) bracken did better than those taking longer route choices? And whether the gaffling led anyone astray? I was pleased to see that none of the competitors was disqualified for punching a wrong control - well done all!

PS I hope you all liked the cairn that Ros & I built? I was quite proud of that!

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