

The rescheduled Bath Classic trial was warm and sunny with very dry ground, what a difference from the original date in April when the parking field was unusable. We were running alongside the Bath scramble which was on Sunday. A nice mix of regular competitors and some new faces which hopefully we will see again. Some of the scramble riders also brought a trial bike with them to get a full weekend of competing. There was the usual mix of climbs, cambers and roots to take marks. The only clean sheet of the day was John Cull riding his BSA on the B route. Tim Wheeler headed up the A route with 1 mark lost and Alan Hicks took the honours on the C route with 6. It was entertaining to watch number 19 John Adam's on his Honda, not sure of the type but not blessed with much power on my section 4. It ended with a run up a hill and he held the throttle wide open and had to slip the clutch all the way, to his credit he had 4 cleans. When marking out we are always trying to place flags to keep the competitors on the intended route, however Martin Hirst's section 7 saw most of the A route competitors ride down a bank turn on the flat and ride back up to avoid a tricky off camber uphill turn across some ruts. Definitely not what was intended and we will do better next time. It has to be said Martin was extremely generous with his scores not all observers would have allowed it. At Bath Classic we have an observers draw and sections 3 and 10 were the winners taking home a sign of our appreciation for the work they do. As always thanks to all the helpers that make our trials possible.