

Bath Classics Mendip 2 day was a great success despite the mixed weather on Saturday. A total of 91 riders came to Lambs Lair for 2 laps of 20 sections on Saturday and 3 laps of 12 on Sunday. Saturday started off warm and dry until about an hour after the start when monsoon like conditions arrived. The rain only lasted a short while but it produced streams running down all the ruts on the hillside. However it made very little difference to the available grip and didn't noticeably change the results on the second lap.

We had quite a few younger riders both days who were riding very well, always nice to see and something we are keen to encourage. On Sunday we upped the game a bit on the A route and watching the sections it was obvious the riders were working hard. Victoria Payne went through the tough section 12 only dropping 1 mark riding very well, the other hard section number 8 took a few marks from the experts as well.

Fighting hard and a man not to be rushed Graham Wignal was the only clean sheet on the A route. On the B route Nigel Smith lost his 1 mark on the slippery section 8 just behind David Gollicker the only clean sheet on the B route.

The C route was taken by John Foot with Tony Gray and Mike Hann close behind. It was interesting to watch Brian Ayres doing his best to launch the Bantam skywards off a large rock in section 8, it didn't end that well, However he didn't stop smiling.

Saturday night saw all the campers congregated in the barn for sundowners drinks and chat, a very pleasant way to end day 1.

Thanks must go to the observers for all their efforts, 3 of which gave up their ride. Also to the Bath trials team who put in so much work before, during and after the event

Our next trial is July the 24th at Emborough Ponds, a Wednesday afternoon / evening trial.

A small coat was left at section 6 which I have so please contact me for its return.