

Northants Hash House Harriers

Sun 19/Oct/08

Run: 1516

The Bourne Rec Ground

Hares: Old Thumper & Jolly Green Giant

The usual mob, totally about 40 participants, gathered at what seemed like a sensible place to start, the very convenient car park by the pavilion. However, it was clearly too obvious a place to start for the hares, so we all had to trudge over to the diagonally opposite far corner to meet the hares, on the grounds that “that’s where the grid reference is”. Eventually, some sort of order was achieved so that Old Thumper could give the customary briefing, and then, finally, we were off.

The early part of the trail wended its way around the numerous footpaths for which this area is well known, including the delightfully named “Granny Cook’s footpath” and the “Millennium Walk, just one of a variety greater than that to be found in the Hampton Court maze. A check just the Farnham side of the Fox pub split the pack, but it was Goofy who eventually found the trail up a well disguised footpath back towards the Rec. We soon passed Firework’s parents home, but Firework could not offer an acceptable excuse for having failed to organise refreshments.

Inevitably, we found our way up into the Bourne Woods, and the anticipated hilly bits made their presence felt. At a final re-group, before the decent back down onto the plains, Growler put in an appearance with Scrappy, having turned up late (what a surprise!), and being unable to find the start of the trail had decided to take Scrappy up into the woods for a walk anyway.

We finally returned to the car park (which would have been the natural place to start from in the first place), when it became apparent that we had picked up Fruit ‘n’ Nut somewhere around the course as well as Growler. Down-downs were duly dispensed with the required amount of ritual humiliation, but I can’t for the life of me remember to whom, other than the hares (good effort, chaps – thanks), and someone’s mother.

See y’all sometime soon - **Bidet**