

Controllers Comments

Pontefract as an event was planned way before Covid and Richard had done most of the mapping. As lockdowns commenced, I stepped in as Controller because I could travel from home to Pontefract as it was the same LA area. Once we got the final go ahead, Richard began planning from a mixture of memory and Goole Earth / Street View with me checking the sites on foot. Richard is an extremely experienced and able planner so my input was very limited (mainly - you can't use that tree, it has been cut down since Google last flew over / drove around). The comments at the finish showed that I had been right not to meddle.

Were the courses too short? I think not, early on we determined that we did not want runners to have to cross the main East West road more than once. All the course used the complex town centre. The mix of broad pedestrian precincts, narrow alleys and modern buildings placed at haphazard angles was quite a test straight from the start and all but the 2 junior courses had controls in and around the castle. Even the simple controls in the park caused a few hiccups. Two days before it had been 30+C!

My thanks to Juliet for helping to hang and check the controls south of the road with David Harrison.

Thanks as ever to the EPOC stalwarts who hung around. All the controls were collected, checked and all the kit packed away by 2pm.

David