

Organisers Comments

An Organiser's biggest hurdles are obtaining permissions and finding space for Assembly and car parking.

[Judy Woods - Bradford District Parks](#) and their multi partner process (the Safety Advisory Group) required up to 12 weeks' notice including the impact on local streets. Once obtained I was referred to the Woodlands Management team and then to the "Friends of Judy Woods." Both were helpful as I tried to explain what competitive Orienteering involves to people more used to requests to hold Forest School.

Since our last event multi -academy trusts have grown, and the absence of a central letting's agent meant our former assembly area was not available. After much searching of satellite maps, I approached the nearest space with a sizeable car park: Wyke Community and Children's Centre. They proved a joy to work with, welcoming us to use their foyer as an event centre, and allowing access to the playground to open up the field gate as a short cut to the start. They were excited to learn about orienteering and now have some yellow maps of Judy Woods to add to their Fun Care activities. They are also very surprised to learn that their car park can actually hold over 100 cars!

Storm Babet threw a spanner in the works, wiping out any preparation on Friday and it was a relief on Saturday that our 4pm visit showed water levels were falling and we could go ahead. Many thanks to those helpers called in at very short notice to marshal areas where we felt competitors might need some reassurance. The cake stall proved a great place to socialise and raised over £300 for the YHOA Junior squad.

LOST PROPERTY

A pair of black gloves were accidentally picked up from cake stall/download. If yours are missing, please contact me to re-unite them with you.

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