

## “Copeland Chase” Report – November 2018



Congratulations to all the competitors who took part in this year’s “Copeland Chase” in the forests and fells around Whinlatter, which looked simply stunning in the sunshine this weekend. Thank you for continuing to support this event (and for returning within time – which is always a huge relief for the organising team).

The courses were planned once again to offer a range of challenges which could include tough climbs, detailed navigation and in places challenging terrain. The weather was just superb - which always makes for a more enjoyable day for everyone involved.

### **Results and Prizes:**

The complete results are listed on the WCOC website ([www.wcoc.co.uk/results](http://www.wcoc.co.uk/results)), along with Routegadget for those who want to analyse their runs.

The 4 hour course was won by (ex-WCOC junior) Lewis Taylor (M21 - FVO) who cleared all 1000 points on offer with nearly 20 minutes to spare! Karen Parker (W55 - BL) demonstrated excellent stamina as she collected 830 with a well-judged 1min 22 secs to spare) to come home as first lady.

First place on the 3 hour course went to Simon Hunter (M50 – WCOC) who managed an impressive 870 points with just under 5 mins spare. First lady was taken by Rebekah Beadle (W55 – LOC) – 620 points with a 15 minute margin.

The 2 hour course was won by local junior Zac Hudd (M18 - WCOC) who earned 660 points. Pippa Archer (W40 – CLOK) was first lady with 400 points.

On the 1 hour course, Chris Heaton (M35 - LEI) took the honours, beating impressive local junior Hiroki Holmes (M10 – WCOC) by just 5 points (before taking over baby-minding!). 3<sup>rd</sup> place / 1st lady went to Christine Robinson (W60 – SLOW) who equalled Hiroki’s score but took slightly longer.

Spot Prize Winners: Tracey Murray, John Nash, Howard Leslie, Mark Graham, Roger Smith, Sam Stead, John Worth, Nick Ray, Mark Clarkson and Tom Barkas - *if you did not collect your prizes, they will be available this Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November at Leaps Beck Galoppen.*

*Winner of the 4 hour score course – Lewis Taylor (on the right) with the “Joe Long” Trophy.*

*Note: to see results from “Copeland Chases” and to see who has won the Joe Long Trophy in the past few years, see the WCOC Results page:*

<http://www.wcoc.co.uk/results>

*If you would like to go further back in time to see winners from 1991 to 2000 and then from 2007 to 2013, click here:*

<http://www.wcoc.co.uk/content/copeland-chase>



### **A few planner’s notes:**

“I think it is pleasing to produce one map with one set of controls to satisfy all ages and abilities. The real problem is how to keep the 4 hour elite competitors out there for something close to the maximum amount time. Hence I planned it so that the best 3 hour people might just about get them all and the 4 hour people needed the compulsory 4 control “line event” to start with before the score challenge. I was very impressed that Lewis managed to clean up the 1000 points with so many minutes to spare. Thank you everyone for turning up!” (Mike Pearson – planner)

### **To conclude:**

If you enjoyed this event (which has been held since 2007 at this time of year), or having read about it now wish you had taken part, keep an eye on the WCOC website for other events, and in particular the Allerdale Chase (held each June / July in West Cumbria) another Long O event.

Many thanks also to the following individuals who all helped in different ways with the planning, organisation and on the day help; Mike Pearson (planning, control hanging and collection), Jane Hunter (starts), Steve Breeze (permissions), Pete Nelson (mapping, control hanging, parking and control collection!), Barbara Nelson (parking and refreshments), Simon Hunter (first aid), Lynne Thomas and Andy Bradley (control collection) and Vanessa Brierley (public relations, kit check and refreshments). Another great team effort! Finally, thanks to the Forestry Commission (in particular Sonia Dryden) for use of their room and access to their land and for the parking, and to the tenant farmers for their continued support of WCOC.

*David Spencer (organiser) – November, 2018*