



County Scout Night Hike 2017

14th March 2017

We had a very full site at Boidier Hurst with over 250 scouts and leaders camping over night. Unfortunately the event did not have the outcome that was anticipated. Halfway through the Exercise, with teams moving round the course, we found that an increasing number were going spectacularly off course after one checkpoint. This caused an absolute nightmare at Boidier Hurst base as teams were disappearing off the master time sheet and we didn't know why. Eventually all teams were safely returned, with only 4 teams completing the course.

It transpired that a leader/leaders were directing the teams in the wrong direction, including those who had the right route worked out. The clear instructions, honed over the years, is that teams make their own route decision with those at a checkpoint only suggesting that they may need to be aware of certain features. It was suggested at the meeting we had after the presentation that putting a GLSW marker peg at a critical path junction would be useful, but inevitably, some team would turn the marker round after they have been through.

All those taking part enjoyed their time out and leaders were very supportive.

1st Place - 13th Wimbledon B

2nd Place - 3rd Hampton Hill A

3rd Place - Ham Scouts

4th Place - 13th Wimbledon

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