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Orienteering successes

ORIENTEERS from Beverley have enjoyed success in the final round of Orienteering East Yorkshire Short Race Series which has taken place at the University of Hull.

The area, not the conventional forest or moorland more commonly associated with orienteering, provided some technical orienteering challenges.

Planner Ken Hutson, of North Ferriby produced two testing courses around the buildings, dead-ends, underpasses and open gardens that constitute the campus. Organised by Humberside and Lincolnshire Orienteers (HALO), the event consisted of two races of 2km with a handicapped start calculated for the second race.

There were some last minute panics for the organisers though, as a lorry load of construction fences arrived the day before the event which resulted in K Hutson and event controller Helen Smith having to hastily re-arrange some of the courses.

The Men's Open was won by South Cave's Brian Ward and Ellen Watkins won the Women's Open in only her sec-

ond ever orienteering event.

The only category where the series leader had not been finalised was the Women's Veteran class.

York's Christine Roberts gained the initial advantage with an eight second margin in the first race, but it was her close rival, Wawne's Mary Carrick who took the series prize with a conclusive six minute margin in the final race of the series.

Following the final race, HALO Chairman John Butler presented the series winners their shields in the University's Sports Centre.

The overall category winners were as follows: Men: Open, Z Field, of Beverley; Veteran, P Bradbury, of Rotherham; Junior J Field, of Beverley. Women: Open, H Crutchley, of Skidby; Veteran, M Carrick, of Wawne; Junior, Y Field, of Beverley.

The next Orienteering event in East Yorkshire will be at Driffield Airfield on September 25 with courses for all abilities. HALO also runs a weekly club night at Beverley Longcroft School on Mondays from 6.30pm to 8pm during term-time.

New members are always welcome.