

MANCHESTER 17 MCC Ltd DEAD EASY TRIAL SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2022 BODKINS BANK MOW COP
REPORT: Roger Townsend

Bodkins Bank Mow Cop was the venue for the latest Dead Easy Trial run by Manchester 17 Mcc, a high piece of ground affording splendid views over the Cheshire Plain.

Nice to see 26 Youth riders amongst the 75 solo entrants proving once again that these trials are well suited to younger and inexperienced riders.

Ten sections had been set out to be ridden four times with the six sidecars riding six sections, one shared with the solos with the remainder sidecars only. The sidecar entries are holding up nicely with a view that generally there aren't many trials now catering for this once very popular branch of the sport. The sections were a mixture of turns in and out of ditches, a couple of hill climbs including cambers, and shale banks, with a few rocks thrown in for good measure.

A couple of day's rain before the event had made the sections more interesting as reflected in the scores which usually are low scoring events.

This time there was only one clean ride on the Easy route, Andrew Millar keeping his feet firmly on the pegs all the way round. There were some higher scores further down the field which makes veteran Ray Critchlow's ride even more remarkable to finish sixth with a loss of twelve marks.

Only two riders went clean on the Harder Route, Andrew Richardson and Kevin Hart claiming top spot. On the sidecar route, Andy Ingleby with Nicola in the chair lost forty seven to claim the Easy Route, with experienced Stu Riches and Sophie Hall tops on the Harder Route on forty.

An enjoyable event, sensible sections made trickier by the weather before the event, but nothing silly and perfect weather on the day.

Final round in the series coming up in November.

RESULTS

EASY ROUTE

Andrew Millar clean ride, Phillip Aucott (Beta) 6, Henry Hardman (Oset) 10, Dougie Greenall (Bitsa) 11, Michael Mead (James) 11, Ray Critchlow (Triumph) 12, Tom Wheatley (Fantic) 12

HARDER ROUTE

Andrew Richardson (TRS), Kevin Hart (Scorpa) both clean, Michael Critchlow (Vertigo) 1, Ethan Richardson (Sherco) 6, Mark Tagg (TRS) 6, Margaret Carter (Gas Gas) 6, Pete Weston (TRS) 6, Nathan Manzano (Gas Gas) 9

SIDECARS

EASY ROUTE

Andy Ingleby/Nicola Ingleby (Scorpa) 47

HARDER ROUTE

Stu Riches/Sophie Hall (Gas Gas) 40