

Motorcycle Trials in Surrey

Thames Valley Trials Combine Group trial

Hosted by Crowthorne CTC

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Report ; Graham Tickner

August TVTC Group Trial (Round 8) at Brackendene, Addlestone Moor. Sunshine greeted the adult and youth competitors to tackle the banks, Cambers, fallen trees and rockery of the gardens of this formerly picturesque venue even Huppy hill was also used for this event. Eight sections were laid out in the early hours of Sunday..

Section 1 and plenty of spectators as was laid out at the top end, near to the entrance and featured the remains of the water fountain, with riders dropping down the rockery a tight turn down the concrete steps with a little ride in the mud before going up the bank of exposed tree roots. Nick James (Pre 67 Dot) after a perfect ride on his first attempt his second and third was ridden too tightly and marks lost, riding partner this time Neil Osman on his third ride out on the AJS 410 a former Crowthorne youth just the 1 mark lost here. The yellow route did not have the riders dropping down but they did have to tackle the rockery which had all 3 riders taking the same amount of dabs. Section 2 was situated at the top corner of the BMX track three routes were to go up the high bank and around a tree, the top was taped so it was just go for it once completed there was a series of bends and cambers easy to lose marks on. Jimmy Connor (Oset) just the slack 1 the first time but his next attempt was faultless. HUX rider Andrew Earnshaw (Beta) on the inter route had a clean sheet here and would just loose the 12 marks on the day. Normandy rider Simon Shaw just the one each time A fair ride around the outskirts of the racing track and a left hand turn for the next Section 3 observed by first timer Alex Franz who would pick up scoring very easy, rocks basically here to tackle and a concrete spiral staircase all to be ridden nonstop not a very nice exit gate for the whites as they would have to tackle two drop down boulder steps, then a pivot along the bank before getting lined up for more concrete steps a turn up the top and to jump the last obstacle. Tom Hinkley (Montesa) would have a fall first time and would go for safety dabs next time. Hook Woods rider James Connor dropped marks here but after tuition from dad Jim he was delighted with his perfect ride and the only Expert to clean it.

Section 4 and was maybe a little long but was able to incorporate the big fallen tree that rarely gets used observed by Alicia Tickner. Inter blues and Expert whites were to ride over it Novice red and beginner yellows avoided it before going through the trees which had a log placed to make a little tricky. James Guy (Oset 20) dabbled through going close to the brickwork and around to laurel trees, the Novice riders had a difficult tree stump and a turn through the trees so this gate was taken out after they had completed their first lap. The rocks near to the end gate had the remains of a fallen tree and a few riders had a fall here including Paul Jay who would clean it last time around. Daniel Dabreo (Youth Novice) was having trouble getting it right but Tim Connor helped him to see the a line over a boulder and was well happy when he got his zero just 14 marks lost on the day and taking the win from Casey Moore. A nice little ride around the outskirts of the venue to Huppy Hill where Richard Thomas was doing the marking up and down the hill and over the tree trunks. Yellow route had a different first gate so they could tackle the hill another way as long as they saw it. Candice Wastell turning too sharply going down the slope incurred her to dab to

avoid the tree. This was not a section for an older bike as Neil Osman bottomed out every time and tried everything to get over the peak he lost the majority of his marks here but in the end pipped Nick James with 1 mark. Steve Moore had a faultless ride on the Inter blue route with daughter Hannah dropping just 8 marks to take the win 3 in front of Daniel Walsh who incurred a 5 on section 4. Elliott Tickner tried the expert route but found it difficult on a Twin shock Fantic. Witley rider Terry Tidbury got Novice second place with John Seward first on 6 Marks lost and Robert Seward third just 1 mark behind Terry
. All in all a very good challenging trial by the Crowthorne club.

Results.

Expert

James Connor 21 marks lost Tom Hinkley 44 Elliott Tickner 93

Inter

Steve Moore 0 Andrew Earnshaw 12 Paul Jay 15 Neil Walsh 33

Novice. Red

John Seward 6 Terry Tidbury 22 Robert Seward 23 Dave Palmer 34
Nick Thomas (T/S) 64 Matthew Price 75 Simon Shaw 106

Sportsperson

Candice Wastell 76

Pre 67 Red Route

Neil Osman 27 Nick James 28

Youth Novice

Daniel Dabreo 14 Casey Moore 29

Youth Inter

Hannah Moore 8 Daniel Walsh 11