**Alderley Park Closed Urban / Sprint Orienteering Event**

This is a closed event for MDOC and DEE members only

Date: Saturday 5th September 2015

Location: Alderley Park, Cheshire, SK10 4TD

**Travel Directions:** Turn Right at Traffic Lights 400m North on A34 of the A34/A537 Junction (Monk’s Heath) **– clearly signposted Mulberry’s,** then left into obvious Car Park after 80 metres (GR844745). Please use RH (East) side of Car Park (leave LHS for Cricketers). Registration, Start and Finish all within 100 to 200m walk of Car Park, SK10 4TD.

This is a pilot event so that both MDOC and the owners of Alderley Park (and in particular the Site and Estate Manager) can assess whether an open Orienteering event would be viable.

**Terrain:** Alderley Park is a mixture of Research Buildings, Farmland and Woodland. There are two main areas of buildings, in the South featuring the old walled gardens and former stable blocks of the original Alderley Estate, and to the North are modern research facilities next to an artificial mere. At this time of year the woodland will have quite extensive undergrowth.

**Start times:** 10:15am to 11am (Registration from 9:45am – ish)

**Courses:** There will be 4 courses, 2 Sprint courses (~2km) and 2 Urban type courses, with a 12:30pm course closing time.

**Classes:** There will be 6 classes, so that competitors can run courses appropriate to their abilities.

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| A | Ranking above 1125: | Run Longer Course (~4.5km) + 2 Sprint Loops |
| B1 | Ranking below 1125: | Run Longer Course (~4.5km) + Sprint Loop |
| B2 | Ranking below 1125: | Run Shorter Course(~3km) + 2 Sprint Loops |
| C1 | Ranking below 1000: | Run Shorter Course(~3km) + Sprint Loop |
| C2 | Ranking below 1000: | Run 2 Sprint Loops  |
| D | Ranking below 875: |  | Run 1 Sprint Loop  |

**Important Notes:**

Since this is a ‘pilot event’ there are several important notes all competitors need to be aware of:

1. There are several areas of construction on site, which will be clearly marked on all maps as Out of Bounds, **and must not be entered**
2. Similarly, there are a couple of sensitive areas due to the native flora and fauna, which must not be entered
3. There are several artificial ponds (Mere’s) on site, and there will be route choice legs around at least one of the Mere’s, and the route choice is which way round!
4. There will be a few cars on site, so take due care crossing the main site road (urban courses only); similarly there will be some limited use of all Car Parks, so take care crossing them.
5. There is a cricket match (1pm Start), so do not cross the main cricket pitch – also clearly marked on the maps, hence early course closure time (and parking request).
6. There may be a football match (assumed 2pm kick-off), so do not cross the main football pitch
7. Do not attempt to enter any buildings whilst competing
8. No Head Cameras, or other visual recording devices, to be used
9. Enjoy yourselves

There are toilets (and changing facilities – which may also be used by the footballers) at Mulberries and we should have use of either the bar (or another inside room) for Registration and results.

The event is being organised on a minimalist basis, so please be considerate.

Any volunteer to organise catering?

Pre-Entry greatly appreciated (and any queries): Mike.Greenwood@AstraZeneca.com