

Gest Club Trial

Little Holmstead

Report Gest Club Secretary

Photographs courtesy of club members

With better weather approaching, Gest Trials Club made early preparations for Sunday's trial with a working party on the Saturday to clear the top and bottom woods. It turned out to be a productive day with a huge amount of logs, hanging trees and wood cleared in the top and bottom woods with two bonfires being managed to help clear the site. Thanks to all those who helped on site Saturday namely; Steve Jones, Roger Strudwick; Frank Puttock; John Moore and Matt and Ollie Goodsell. The regular Gest Team were also on site to clear and set up the trial; Paul Chapman, Simon Gibb, Chris Exhall, Glenn Baker and Brian Thompson. Special thanks

to Gloria (Land owner) for the venue and access. With clearance complete, the Gest Team managed to set up 13 sections making for a 3 lap trial with mainly dry sections. It proved to be a busy trial entry with 54 entries (12 Blue, 33 Red, 9 Yellow). The Little Dough Company van was on-site early Sunday morning to provide refreshments. Sadly it will be the last time we see the Little Dough van for a while due to other commitments they have over the summer.



Ollie Goodsell getting the hang of his new bike





Grant McKenzie

The trial started at 10.00am time and we were lucky to have a few volunteers who helped with score recording. A special thank you to Pat Puttock who stayed on Section 5 for the whole trial and observed all riders. We had 44 riders complete the trial with some very close results especially in the Red (Novice Class) with many scores tied leading to count back of cleans achieved. In the Intermediate (Blue) class, 8 riders finished with Ben Kingdon achieving an excellent score of just 5, Ben closely followed in second place by Jack Vinall with a great score of 7. Oscar Kirkin followed in third place with a commendable score of 15. A close group of strong riders then followed with Steve Jones, James Hutton, Simon Gibb, Ian Cole scoring 22,29,35 and 45 respectively. Drew Lane also had a good trial in this challenging category and finished with 64. The Novice (Red) class result proved to be a very tight result with 22 riders finishing and 8 riders being tied on similar results. Paul Warwicker rode an excellent trial with a score of just 2, followed closely by Gary Crane and Geoff Muston both on 5. Frank Puttock came in next with a solid score of 7 followed by Dave Riley on 8. There then followed a three rider tussle with Tim Archer, Roger Vinall and Nigal Hains all on a score of 9. Ryan Ide had a great trial with 10 and then a further three rider tussle occurred with Ian Mortimore, Ian Cheshire and David Hobbs all

sharing a score of 11. All tied positions went back to a count back of cleans and the final positions are in the table below. There then followed 11 red riders with scores ranging from 13 to 25 with strong rides from new red rider Brad Lane on 13 together with good rides from Adam King, Steve Wadey, Neil Spencer Grant McKenzie and Leigh Wright. In the Sports Person Class (Yellow) 7 riders finished (including 2 juniors riders). The ever efficient John Moore had another amazing trial with all sections clean (a move to reds soon John). Glenn Baker also had a very smooth ride in second place with a score of 2. An excellent third place was achieved by ever improving junior Jake Hutton with a score of just 3. Derek Strudwick came in next with 5 followed by Tony Booth on 29 who is getting to grips with his new Mecatecno trials bike. Richard O'Sullivan came in next on 50. It was another fabulous result for 4 year old Ollie Goodsell who finished all 39 sections on his junior Gasgas petrol bike. Well done again Ollie ! All in all a fabulous trials day and we look forward to seeing you at our next Gest Trials Club meeting at Chapmans Town on 10 May 2026. Our on-line entry form is already open on our website www.gest-club.co.uk.



Frank Puttock



Gest Trials Club Results

Name	No.	Overall score
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INTERMEDIATE CLASS

Ben Kingdon	7	5
Jack Vinall	12	7
Oscar Kirkin	8	15 Under 18
Steve Jones	6	22
James Hutton	5	29 Under 18
Simon Gibb	4	35
Ian Cole	3	45
Drew Lane	9	64

NOVICE CLASS

Paul Warwicker	32	2
Gary Crane	16	5 37cln
Geoff Muston	24	5 35cln
Frank Puttock	26	7
Dave Riley	27	8
Tim Archer	13	9 34cln
Roger Vinall	13	9 32cln
Nigel Hains	17	9 32cln
Ryan Ide	19	10
Ian Mortimore	23	11 35cln
Ian Cheshire	15	11 34cln
David Hobbs	18	11 30cln
Brad Lane	21	13

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NOVICE CLASS cont.

Adam King	20	14
Steve Wadey	45	15
Leigh Wright	35	16
Neil Spencer	28	17
Robert Taylor	29	20
Grant Mckenzie	22	21
Brian Thompson	30	22
Chris Exall	57	25
Mark Stevens	46	69
Richard Potts	25	Retired
Mark Worsfold	33	Retired
Charlie Worsfold	34	Retired
Roger Strudwick	44	Retired

SPORTS PERSON CLASS

John Moore	39	0
Glenn Baker	36	2
Jake Hutton	37	3 Under 18
Derek Strudwick	42	5
Tony Booth	14	29
Richard O'Sullivan	40	50
Ollie Goodsell	53	142 Under 18
Keith Strudwick	41	Retired