Course Maintenance – John Britton

The 181 Park Reports submitted in 2021/2022 is noticeably down on the 240 of last year. And of those 181, 58 were from Sue Birkinshaw, on her single-handed mission to keep on top of everything.

Phil made us 41 posts and 43 plaques, in 9 batches. I made 73 visits and installed 42 posts and 29 plaques – last year my numbers were 119 visits, 44 posts and 68 plaques. So, less reports may well mean we find less things to do, but that may well not mean there is nothing to do. Many thanks to Phil Ellis for his continued work on making these. I suspect it is still true that, typically, hardware reported missing is replaced within about 6 weeks.

Note that my stats tend to overlook/undercount contributions from Stephen Richards, Peter Hayes and Lee Ward.

Noteworthy achievements have been:

- Installation of QR plaques on every control everywhere possible. Next year I'll be trying to get every post freshly painted, if I can, but as always, the top priority is maintaining a complete set of posts and plaques.
- Using half-width wooden plaques for re-fronting posts which have become unpaintable. These look great, are better for screwing in, and save wood.
- Revising the Lyme courses to avoid the seasonal out-of-bounds on Drinkwater Meadow – 9 posts shuffled around the park.
- Getting complete sets and replacements for all the plaques we use, to avoid dependencies on assorted rangers – so we are now completely self-sufficient at Alderley Edge, Macc Forest, Clowbridge and Lyme. At Burrs, we replaced the unloved MOBO plaques with new generic ones (all 78 of them !)

Map Library

Keeping maps up to date keeps on keeping on, and Eddie is now rolling out the latest ISOM symbol set (which includes a nicer OOB cross-hatch). Many of Sue's reports comment on the map, and most of my trips come up with something, so there's been lots of small changes, plus some major updates from Stephen Richards for SELOC events,.

Web sites

No known problems with either web site, though maintenance of some sort is needed a couple of times a month. There's a couple of harder-than-usual changes (to name servers and paypal gateway) pending which hopefully will go OK.

Social Media

I still try to post a News item on the GMOA web site every couple of weeks or so, to show external observers that the organisation is active. I post very similar things onto the GMOA Facebook page, for the same reason.

Course Maintenance – Lee Ward

I look after a total of 10 parks within Trafford and Salford .
John has taught me how to do the maintenance and given me a template on what equipment is needed to complete my tasks (which I have purchased).
I have repainted all the posts at Dukes Drive, Kersal Moor, Kersal Dale, Longford Park and Princes Park.
Also:
Urmston Meadows 2 new posts and 1 horizontal plaque. Repainted some posts.

Sale Water Park	Replaced and moved 3 new posts. Relocated into new positions.
Blackleach	Moved posts and put a new one in.