

## Woolbridge Motor Club 4x4 Trial Hogcliff Bottom - 13-November-2016

Two trials in and we have perfect weather again, rain the day before and sun during the event: this sort of luck will not last! Twelve drivers turned out with the usual mixture of makes of vehicles. The rtv class of nine drivers goes from strength to strength. Mike Gill came out to play with a fully caged Range Rover, nice to see his return to trailing, Jes turned out in the fat Landy which we renamed big foot! Because of the 37" shoes so it now towers above everything else, unlucky for him Garry Arnold had set out the sections!! Hope he likes side slopes.

The first sections were at the top of the field through the chalk pits, and they both started with sheer drops into the holes. The axle twists through the holes and the angled climb out caught out quite a few. Even the flex of the Land Rovers couldn't help! Hard right foot did though!!

The two ccv v8 Land Rovers seemed to be acting up all day most of the time firing on six cylinders, I think the problem was John swapped his plugs with Simon in the morning and Simon spent the rest of the day fitting Johns duff plugs, but at least they managed to finish the day.

The next two sections were through yet more axle twisting holes the sort that put the Shoguns almost to the point of rolling and then they drop down with a bang, annoyingly the Land Rovers barely lift a wheel, but it does make an enjoyable section to drive and watch.

The twists and turns on the main bank were very slippery the final turn was impossible until someone in the rtv realised if they took a shunt at the right point they could clear the section. This led to everyone doing the same.

The two sections at the bottom had another slippery twisted start, it caught out quite a few, the rest of the section twisted through more holes with a nasty climb to finish. The final section was yet more slippery banks with the final climb crossed the existing ruts and it took some driving to keep the vehicle moving forward over the ruts on the side slope, only two drivers cleared the section all day.

The sections were driven twice during the day some were reversed second time round, the final scores were a shock; when somehow I managed first overall in the Shogun.

Simon aka Jimmy won first in the rtv class in his Jimny, followed by Paul Johnston in the Land Rover. The ccv class was won by John Tite in a Land Rover followed by Simon Crook in the Range Rover hybrid,

Thanks to the cane collectors at the end and Sharon for score keeping and Garry Arnold for setting out with David.

Next event at Simon's Quarry Crossways on the 11<sup>th</sup> December.

There will be a setting out/ wood clearance for new sections Saturday afternoon 10<sup>th</sup> December, if anyone is available.

J kirby	rtv	6 pts	1 <sup>st</sup> overall
S Kirby	Rtv j	60 pts	
A Lee	rtv	56 pts	
G Morris	rtv	48 pts	
S Webb	rtv	23 pts	1 <sup>st</sup> in class
J Sides	rtv	81 pts	
M Jubb	rtv	97 pts	
M Gilly	rtv	43 pts	
S Crook	ccv	40 pts	
B Crook	Ccv j	53	Best junior
P Johnston	rtv	27 pts	2 <sup>nd</sup> in class
J Tite	ccv	34 pts	1 <sup>st</sup> in class