

Shillington Shuffle – 16th November 2014

The Marshal's Walk took place on a fine day for a change, which left us worried that the main event may get the grotty weather. Dave F-H & I provided some support. 19 people did the marshals' walk, on the day, or thereabouts.

On the day of the event the weather was not so good, with poor visibility all day (hiding the good views normally seen in this area) and rather muddy underfoot. However, the turnout was good, having reached "Event Full" before the event but with some non-starters (see figures below). Prior to the event repairs had been made to improve the route - i.e. bridge replacements and steps added at a kissing gate – many thanks to Central Beds ROW team.

This year the 26m route was considerably different from that of 2011, but there were 2 people who had printed off the 2011 route description by mistake (they eventually made their way to Shillington via the old route and then safely back to HQ). Apart from this there were no other problems and feedback about the route, checkpoints and catering have been very good.

For checkpoints we used Cassel Memorial Hall in Lilley, Pitron Village Hall, Stondon Village Hall, Shillington Village Hall, plus HQ in the Village Hall, Barton-le-Clay. Many thanks to all those who manned checkpoints & HQ, 31 people at various times. Finishing times, photos and feedback are on the Shuffle web page.

	Entries	Starters	Non-starters	Retired	Finished
12 mile	81	65	16	1	64
18 mile	52	42	10	0	42
26 mile	192	162	30	0	162
overall	325	269	56	1	268

Accounts will be brought to the AGM in 2015.

Twenty eight people qualified for their S-S-S triple certificate and badge.

Thanks to all on the SS committee, and all the marshals, who helped to make it a jolly good event.

Merrian Lancaster
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