

## New POC Launched in Ollerton Pit Wood

The Ollerton Town Mayor along with local Councillors, council representatives, community groups and some local schools, took part in the formal opening of the new Permanent Orienteering Course (POC) at Ollerton Pit Wood on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022.



*Opening ceremony of the Ollerton Pit Wood POC – 28 June 2022*

The POC starts and finishes at the main noticeboard area and has 22 controls spread throughout the Wood. Four routes are suggested for newcomers ranging from the Very Easy (1.6km) to the Long (3.6km).

For the launch event, everyone completed the Very Easy route so that they could become familiar with the detail of the POC map as well as understand the process of finding control sites and capturing the associated codes.

In a first for NOC, an all-weather information panel has been produced and affixed to the main notice board for the Wood.

The panel shows a map of the POC along with a QR code for users to download a digital copy.

Other QR codes point users to the *Go Orienteering* website for other POCs nearby as well as the NOC site for details about upcoming events.



The new POC is also available as a Maprun course. From the Maprun app home page, type “Select Event” and then >UK>Nottinghamshire>Ollerton Pit Wood > [select option].

All four POC courses are available as well as a 90 minute Score option.

The terrain consists of tracks, paths and runnable forest. It also has an impressive view of the surrounding area at control #5! The leaderboard is only revealed once you have completed a course option. The Very Easy and Score options are already known to be active!

A big thank-you goes to David Olivant for map revisions and stakeholder liaison and to Robert Parkinson for planning the routes. Both were present at the launch as was Richard Llewellyn and Vic Knight who both helped on marshalling duties.

This is a great addition to our portfolio of POCs. Make a point of visiting Ollerton Pit Wood soon to try one of the courses, and don’t forget to try Maprun too!

Watch out for two other POCs that are in the pipeline, Vicar Water and Sconce & Devon Park in Newark. They should come on stream from September onwards.