

Run #2103, Tuesday 26th August 2025, The Quart Pot, Wickford

Hare:- Fourplay & Fag After

This evening, yours truly was laying the trail. So at about 5.15, I parked up at the Quart Pot (who were still expecting us!) and set off around the streets of Wickford, trying to lay a tricky trail for the Essex Hashers! I was accosted by one dog walker – who ran after me to ask what I was putting down – and I explained the hash to him – and he was quite interested!

I got back at 6.30, had a quick sandwich – and the car park started filling with 20 or so enthusiastic hashers – it was a lovely warm evening – and the sun was setting at 20:01 – so we had to get on! The GM called us to order – and we set off along the road, before heading into Wickford Memorial Park.

At the first Check the Count unfortunately found the BS (I knew I shouldn't have marked that so early!) – but as there was only 1 way in and out of the park near the pub – it was tricky to mark-up! Anyway – once we managed to persuade him that the beer wasn't there yet – we set off around the park – through some woods and along by the river. There was a bit of a check-back for the runners – so the walkers got a bit of a head start towards the beer stop – which we finally did get to – to meet Sooty & Fag-After.

The runners were then set off down a false trail – so it was a while before they caught back up with the walkers again. Through the last section of the trail – with a few checks before going across the playing fields back to the pub. The runners arrived at 20:00, with Blowdry and AGO arriving at 20:02 – perfect! (Torches will be required next week!)

The pub had reserved a section for us (no food unfortunately), and we had a good old chatter going on, and then it was time for the down-downs. It was Congratulations on being grandparents again to Pulled Out & Sucked In, AGO & Tiny Tears for going 'off-trail' a few times, Fag-After & Fourplay for being excellent hares, and also Zipper & Frogman! Sludge also got a down-down after it was discovered that there was a spelling mistake on the website – which meant that the GM had been missing out on loads of emails from prospective hashers!! (Shame the GM didn't even notice!)

On! On!

Fourplay