

## **PC Meeting - 5 March 2024 - Events Group Report**

A quick summary of the Easter Egg Hunt 2024 (EEH24)

We have a month to go and the planning is going well - we are about 2 weeks ahead of where we were last year.

A key thing in terms of event safety was obtaining permission for the temporary closure of the parking area on Oliver's Battery Road South. This is for increasing visibility of various smaller height people in particular crossing in front of St Marks.

Giving more choice of routes to make it more inclusive has given a few organisational quirks, which now are largely ironed out.

PR wise, the Event has been advertised on the Parish Council (PC) Newsletter and website, BFOBCRA Newsletter and website, locally in Alexandra Sports, the New Forest Butchers and Post Office. Also, in Pitt Village, Winchester Village, Oliver's Battery Road North and Southampton Orienteering Club (SOC) newsletter.

We have put together a team of 22 people to run this.

The response via the email list requests for gardens has been outstanding and the routes for the various courses have now been able to be chosen (with gardens to spare).

Producing the final mapping (all the overlays for EEH24 and sponsorship etc) will be carried out week commencing 10 March and then these maps will be sent to Sarsen Press for printing.

Our local Alexandra Sports has kindly offered to provide £200 sponsorship for this event and they will BACS this into OBPC accounts shortly. This will cover most of the map printing costs plus provision of the Alexandra Sports Junior Trophy.

We are in the process of purchasing 250 Easter Eggs. Last year the entry fees largely covered this cost.

St Marks Hall is being provided FREE again for this event and our thanks go to Rev Marianne Foster, who is also part of the team.

The various trophies will be presented at 5:15pm on 31 March, in St Marks Hall:

- PC – Urban Trophy (the '3k')
- Oliver's Battery WI – Phone App FUN course
- Oliver's Battery Community Films (OBCF) – Phone App 30 minute Score Course
- Alexandra Sports – Junior Trophy
- Winchester Rotary – Urban and Rural Trophy (the '5k')

The Trophy presentations will be MC'd by the EEH24 Event team.

We would appreciate a representative of OBPC to present the OBPC trophy. Also, we would appreciate an A4 OBPC promotion so we can do some PR, as last year. (Other trophy providers being asked the same).

And stating the obvious (!) the weather to suit...

Colin Stride (On behalf of the EEH24 Events Team)