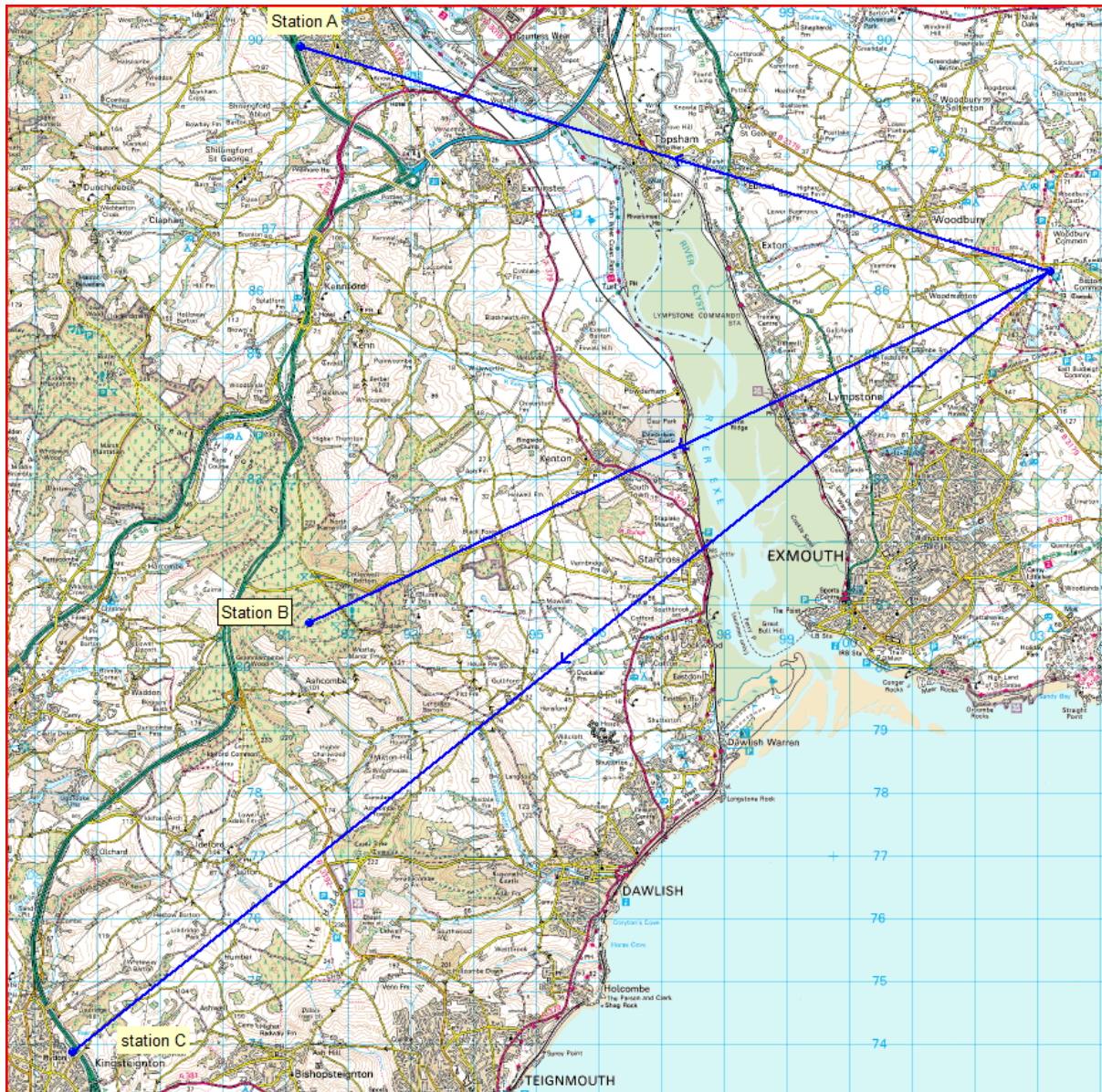


Torbay 2019 Organiser's report

Ten teams for this years 2019 TopBand DF Final set off from Woodbury common on a blue sky day.

Dick was station A, I was station B and Matt was station C

Bearings that should have been measured at the start



A bearing 283deg @ 12.4km, B bearing of 240deg @ 13km and C bearing 228deg @19.9km.

Most heard all three at the start, but Justin was unhappy with his receive signals and waited for two approximate bearings.

Others had a mix of bearings – I saw some showing station C having bearings in the sea south of Dawlish!

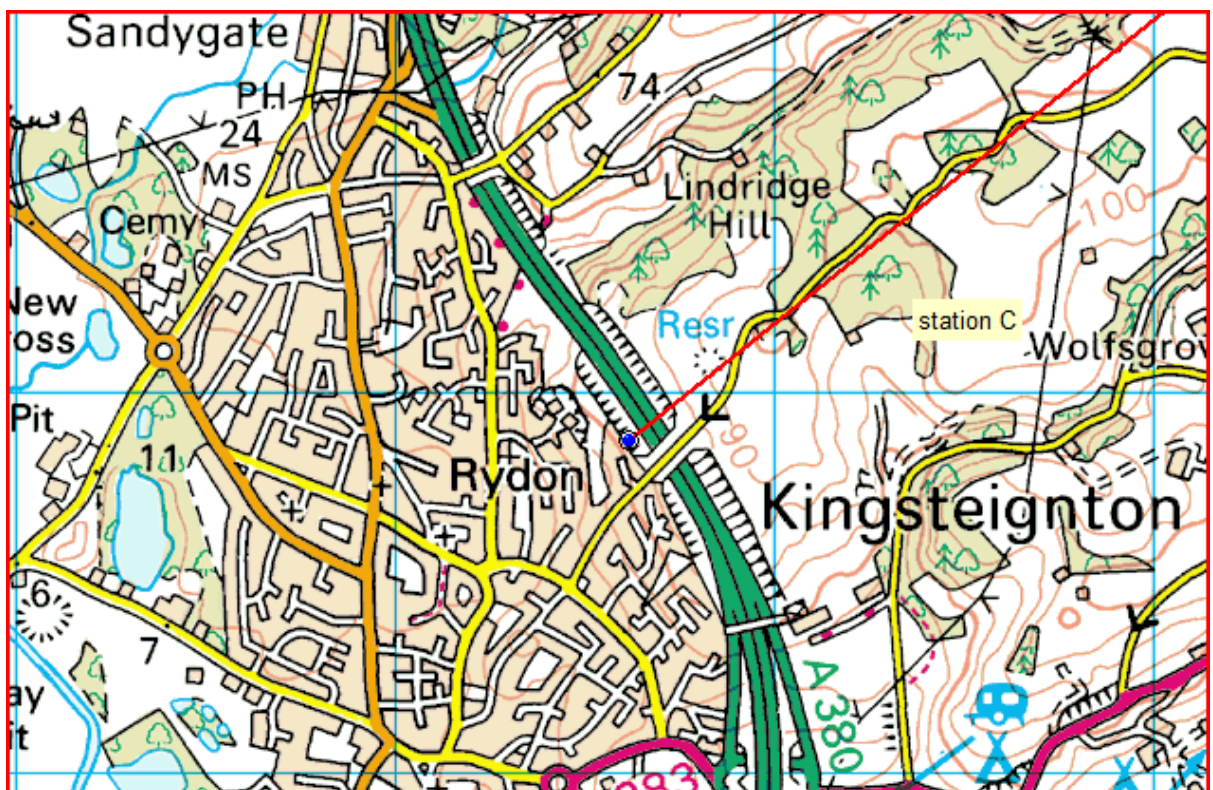
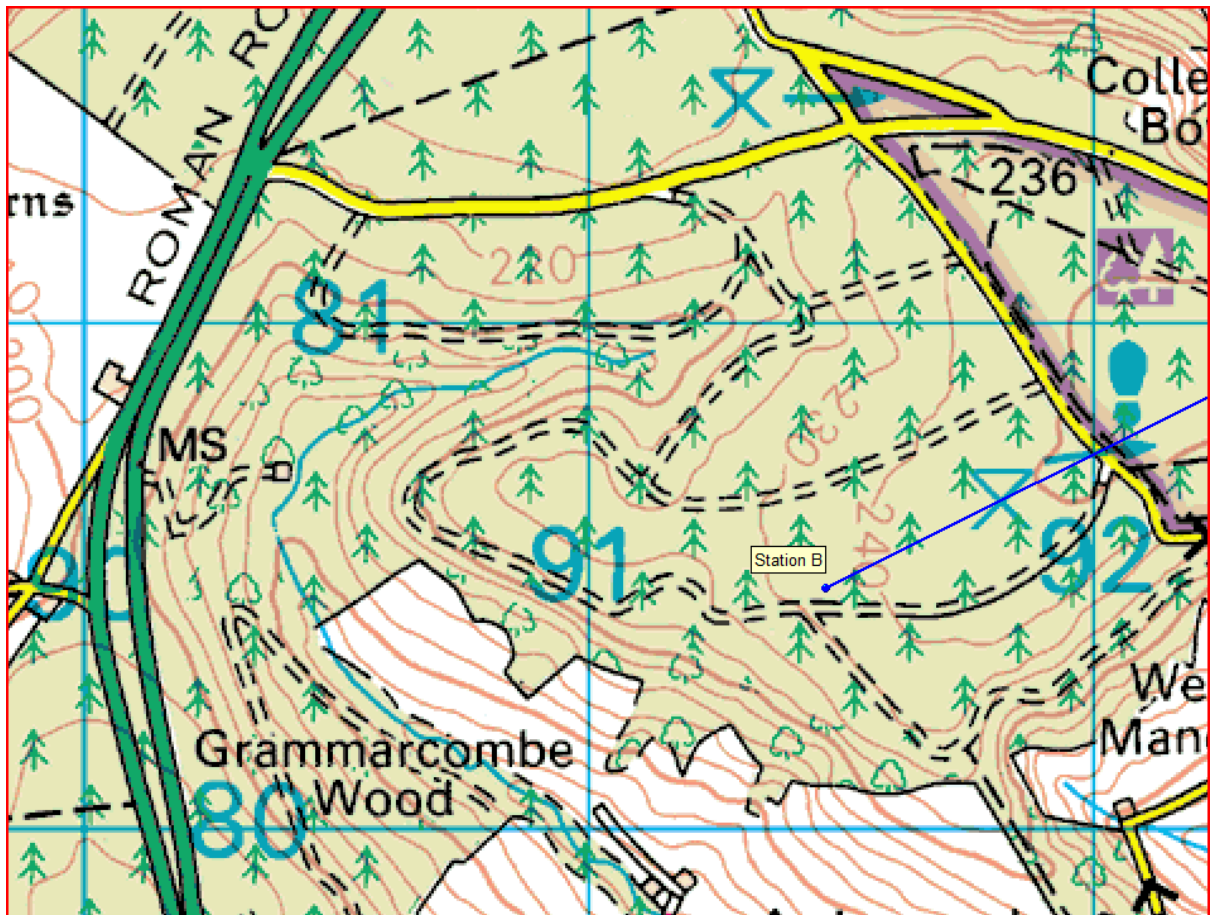
All three stations had simple half wave dipoles (40m both ways from transmitter at about 20ft high) aimed broadside to the start.

Two of the stations A and C were only 50 to 100m from where you could leave a car, being urban sites. These caused much difficulty as peoples bearings did not pinpoint the site easily.

Unfortunately station C had two public ways in that were hard to find on the housing estate and caused much difficulty.

Detail of transmit sites





The Tx crew kept in touch by whatsapp. It was soon realised that people were having a hard time so we upped the transmit putting in a transmission every 4 to 5 minutes and as time went on every 2 to 3 minutes to help get people in.

Thanks to all who attended.

Paul, Dick and Matt