

## **Torbay Event – National Qualifier Report**

### **RSGB Direction Finding Event – 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2024**

Well, this year Dick welcomed 7 teams at the start to try and find Matt and me.

There was a welcome surprise with a visit to the start from Graham Jones.

Graham is sadly calling it a day due to health and family commitments. He donated all his DF bits and bobs to people at the start, and took his final bearings before donating his receiver to Colin and Rosie. Thanks Graham and best wishes for the future.

Competitors at start

Team	Name
1	Justin Snow and navigator
2	Geoffrey Foster and Phil Arnold
3	Dave Ryan and Graham Phillips
4	Bill and Doreen Pechey
5	Colin and Rosie Merry
6	Alan Simmons and navigator
7	Justin Oldham and Alan Pearce





Graham taking last bearing

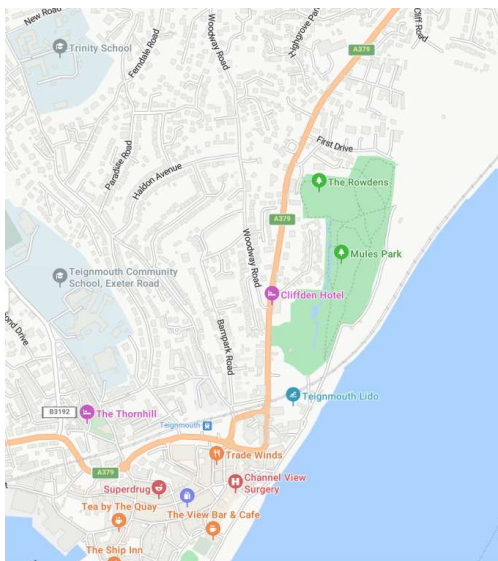




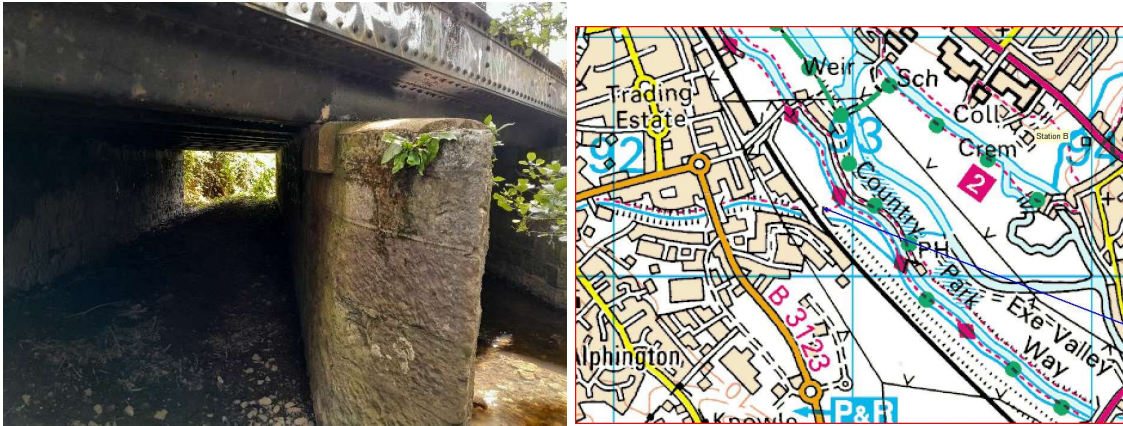
Bearings to stations from start. A 210 deg, 15.3km. B 288deg 11.1km



Station A was positioned at Teignmouth in Mules Park, which doesn't show up very well on the OS map but is clearer on the Google map below. I was hidden on the eastern edge of the park where the P of Mules Park is with the antenna going north / south up and down the lane. Righthand picture is erection of ~300m antenna on Saturday.



Matt's Station B was a good find. He found Alphin Brook went under the railway near the new Marsh Barton Railway station and, at the moment, the lefthand tunnel was "dry".



With wellies we crossed the stream and went to the far end to shoot an antenna over the dense brambles to the large amount of waste land south of the canal. A "quick" walk around and the antenna wire was picked up, extended, and put high into the trees.

## Event

Both signals heard at the start and DF'ers left the start happy with their bearings to find the hidden stations.

Five teams went to station A and two to station B.

Lying in wait at station A I heard activity from about 14:30 but it came and went as the teams chased up and down the park.

Justin came in first (14:38), but admitted at the tea that he only went into the hole from the lane to get into the park as he heard DF voices in there. Luckily for him he found the station operator.



the hole from the lane

Some time (18mins) went by before the second came in and then another 19mins for the third.

Meanwhile, Matt at station B and I were keeping in contact and Matt still had no one in (I had four in) so we were worried about the signal, but it seemed fine to Matt.

Then Geoff got into Matt at 15:33:28 by passing the key over the brambles and went off to find station A.

The winner, Justin Snow, came in to station B at 15:48:07 by spectacularly bursting through the brambles and ending up in the stream.



Well done Justin.

He had been at the easy way in 20mins earlier as Matt had seen him running away from the other end of the tunnel.

### Final positions / times

Posn	Team	Name	Tx A	Tx B
1	1	Justin Snow and	14:37:42	15:48:07
2	6	Alan Simmons and	14:55:18	15:51:49
3	2	Geoffrey Foster and Phil Arnold	16:17:05	15:33:28
4	5	Colin and Rosie Merry	15:16:36	16:22:00
5	3	Dave Ryan and Graham Phillips	15:14:13	-
6	7	Justin Oldham and Alan Pearce	-	15:41:58
7	4	Bill and Doreen Pechey	-	-

## Tea held outside the pub for most of the teams

Sadly, results and discussions held outside the pub due pub imposed changes. A month earlier the pub did not want booking, but when we checked Saturday they had changed their minds which was too late for us. They were defined not full but wouldn't budge.

Justin chose the cans of beer for first place and Alan took the wine. Well done both.

We will use another pub next year!

A winner before 4o'clock – we must be loosing our touch.