



Hash 149 - The Rose & Crown, Highworth, 5th October 2003

Yet another glorious warm, sunny Hashing Sunday - this summer seems to be lasting forever! A goodly crowd of runners & walkers congregated outside the cunningly-hidden pub, and Mike gave crisp and clear instructions on the cardinal, channel and isolated danger buoys we would encounter on our passage round Highworth.

We set off across the cricket pitch - the scene of several of my more notable failures - and then round (or in Ian and Laura's case - across) the golf course, and down a gentle slope into the open, beautiful North Wiltshire countryside. Katrina was running for the first time, putting up a strong challenge to my rightful place at the rear of the field.

I didn't have a clue where we were going, but the front and middle runners had for once remembered to scuff out the circles and we were able to follow the well-laid trail without difficulty, Mike popping up from time to time to give us encouragement. We skirted a field occupied by an enviably-endowed bull, before a long haul up a modest incline leading to a lovely avenue down a bridle path. We emerged onto a road which seemed vaguely familiar. We chugged up the hill to a pub which turned out to be the Freke Arms, the site of a Hash a couple of years ago.

Crossing the Blunsdon Road, we were soon back on the golf course - no doubt giving Ian and Laura another opportunity to aggravate some golfers. With military precision we passed the walkers just a few hundred yards from the pub, and were back in only slightly over Mike's statutory hour.

For reasons which are not entirely clear, we sat in the pub instead of the sunny garden, enjoying a few beers. As usual our gracious lady GOM bellowed out a vote of thanks to the Hare, and I presented the horn to 'never-again' Katrina to ensure that her first run was not her last. Many thanks, Mike, for an excellent and very lovely trail.

WEBSITE

Well, it's there, up and running for the benefit of all us silver surfers, and you can find it on <http://kvhash.mysite.freemove.com> - or through the national Hash website on <http://www.hhh.org.uk>. This is *our* site, and any contributions will be gratefully received. Mike has vowed to write a brief history of KVHHH for starters. Just tell me what you want on it - our wish is my command! E-mail contributions to me at the address below.