

Gunpowder Plot Scatter - 13th Dec 2024

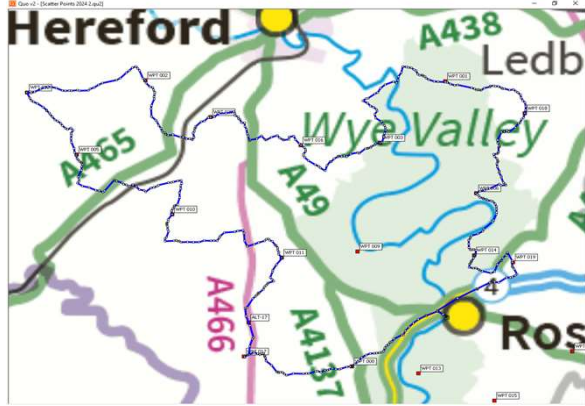
Car Number	Driver	Navigator	Car	Class	Plot Start	Plot Finish	Plot Time	Plot Rank	Road Penalties	Clue 1 - Haugh Wood	Clue 2 - Clehonger	Clue 3 - Bolstone	Clue 4 - Lulham	Clue 5 - Banases Wood	Clue 6 - How Cople	Clue 7 - Wharton Lodge	Clue 8 - Bernithan Court	Clue 9 - Kynaston	Clue 10 - Allens Hill	Clue 11 - Pencoyd	Clue 12 - Holstry	Clue 13 - The Callow	Clue 14 - Hill of Easton	Clue 15 - Great Howle	Clue 16 - Wallbrook Wood	Clue 17 - Llantynwau	Clue 18 - Marcle Hill	Clue 19 - Goyton	Clue 20 - Blakemore Hill	Clues Visited	Total Points	Overall Position	
1	Alan Morgan	Matt Rogers	Swift Sport	Expert	19:20:00	19:32:10	12:10	3	1	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	13	129	2
2	Richard Austen	Simon Harris	Legacy	Expert	19:20:00	19:28:08	08:08	1	0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	14	140	1
3	Phil Bridgewater	Andrew Warren	MX5	Semi	19:09:00	19:17:52	08:52	2	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	11	100	3	
4	Max Bird	Josh Seymour	C2	Novice	19:09:00	19:24:15	15:15	4	0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	7	70	4	

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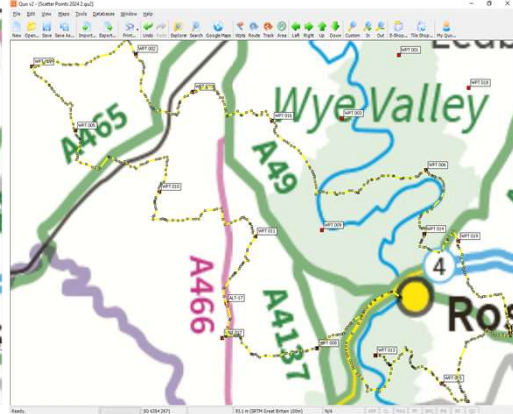
Routes found by organisers (these shown clockwise, but work in either direction)

Route	Missing	Clues	Points	Overall
The North West Route (Richard/Simon)	Missing 7,15,13 (south of Ross), 9 (Kynaston), 4 (Lulham)	8 17 11 10	5 12 2 20 16 3 1 18 6 14 19	62.4 miles
Circuit of Ross	Missing 2,4,5,12 (North West points), 9 (Kynaston)	8 17 11 10 20 16 3 1 18 6 14 19 7 16 13	65.3 miles	
North West with Kynaston	Missing 7,15,13 (south of Ross), 4 (Lulham), 12 (Holstry)	8 17 9 11 10 5 2 20 16 3 1 18 6 14 19	65.6 miles	
North West with The Callow	Missing 7,15 (south of Ross), 9 (Kynaston), 4 (Lulham), 12 (Holstry)	13 8 17 11 10 5 2 20 16 3 1 18 6 14 19	68.3 miles	
The Narrow Route (Alan/Matt)	Missing 1,3,18 (to the North), 9 (Kynaston), 4 (Lulham)	8 17 11 10 5 12 2 20 16 6 14 19 7 15 13	70.0 miles	
The Far Reaches (with clue 4)	Missing 1,18 (to the North), 7,15,13 (South of Ross)	8 17 9 11 10 5 12 4 2 20 16 3 6 14 19	70.2 miles	

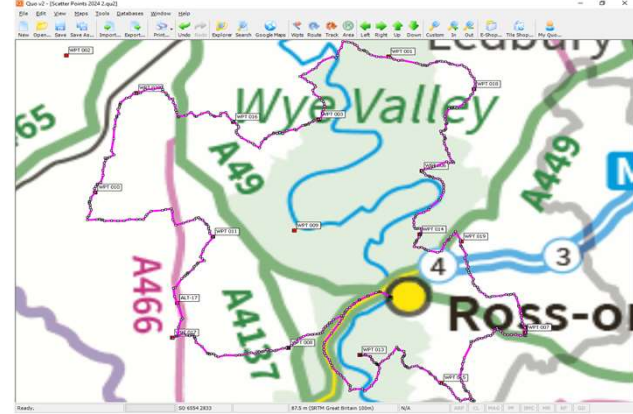
North West Route - the shortest route around 15 clues (mostly taken by Richard & Simon)



The Narrow Route (mostly taken by runners up Alan and Matt)



Circuit of Ross - 2nd shortest that I found



Friday 13th December saw the opening round of the Ross and District Motorsports Navex Championship – the “Gunpowder Plot Scatter”.

The event started with some plotting against the clock to act as a tie-break in the event of a points tie. Everyone seemed to manage this well, with Simon Harris just pipping Andy Warren by 40 seconds for the fastest plot time of the first 12 clues. The herringbones, tulps, grid square finding, and grid line navigation was seemingly dispatched with ease by Novices and experts alike. It was then onto the lanes to try to choose the best route around up to 15 clues before returning to the finish.

The weather was kind on the evening, but even so the lanes were small and with a lot of run-off from recent bad weather. Last year's winners Phil/Andy found ground clearance to be a problem, doing a fair bit of ploughing of the mud from the centres of the lanes. Despite their ride height issues, their clever use of the A49 to traverse the geography helped them collect 11 clues helping toward a nice round score of 100.

Max and Josh were making good progress until Josh took a breather from looking at the maps to recover his composure, which unfortunately let Max off the leash a little too much resulting in half an hour stuck in a Kilecrop ditch! Even so, they still managed to visit 7 clues resulting in a score of 70. We were glad to see them make it to the finish, although the car is apparently a little more sick than it appeared at the end.

A very solid run from 2020 runners up Alan and Matt saw them collect 13 clues. Shame they didn't have time to pick up the two clues to the South West of Ross or they'd have been heading for a really high score. A very commendable 129 points.

Maximum points were elusive this year, but Richard and Simon came closest with 14 clues visited, even without the assistance of the 2nd turbo on the Subaru. They did choose the shortest route that I had found, just skipping the loop via Orcoop Hill. The 140 points were plenty good enough though, adding to their tally of Ross Scatter wins – well done both!

Thanks to Stuart and Owen for the scrutineering and bar keeping, to both Eddie and Elle for helping find the clues, but especially Eddie for doing the navigation and pushing my stricken car out of the River Wye (while clue finding...).

We hope that everyone enjoyed the event and that we'll see you out on some Ross Navexes in 2025.

Rich and Eddie.