

Smith Farm Top Yard: 18th Jan 2026.

Thank you to the 74 riders that signed on for our first Trial of 2026 weather conditions were to say the least “Murky” we had set 10 sections to be ridden over reduced laps, and during the Trial we decided to reduce the total to 3 laps making 30 sections in all. All 9 class winners returned very low scores in what was very difficult going, it’s a credit to all finishers.

The Trial was set out on Friday by Erroll Gowshall, Rob Gowler and me, with the trial being the forerunner of what was a busy day for us at Poachers we had previously decided that it would be a reduced lap to give us all time to attend the lunch and presentation at Cadwell Park Clubhouse.

We thank every body for their help, David Hird and Harold were in hand to organize membership renewals, Ian Wilkinson had done a great job to co-ordinate the observers, Diane Guy helped with the signing on and made sure all the riders received their correct lunch voucher, Errol was in charge of getting the observers down to their section’s using the Quad from Smith Farm, Dave and Brenda had the responsibility of getting Ruby and Jess to sections 7 and 8 and the girls had the added job of clearing the sections in their group. The rest of the Trial was taken down and collected by Nick Neave, Steve Manning and Rob Gowler....all in all, a total team effort! Observers on Sunday were in section order: Diane, Sharron, Harold, Jeanette, Bill, Rose, Jess, Ruby, Dace and Brenda.

Observers prize of £56.75 was won by Rose on section 6 😊

We built on the success of our Christmas Charity Trial with the presentation of £2000. donated to our Charity Partners, St Andrews Children’s Hospice and Prostate Cancer UK, John Wilkinson was with us to record the proceedings of the day, and the awards presentation followed the lunch at Cadwell which we hope you all enjoyed.

I hope to have the permit for our next event on the 22nd of Feb at North Ormsby Quarry and the entry should be open by the end of this week.

Thank you all for giving up your time for our presentation, I know many of you have a long drive home; to think about our presentation for 2026, I would welcome your thoughts on how things went? Did it work being after a Trial? Was lunch to your expectation? What could we do differently to improve the day? Please email me separately at enteries@belton-4.co.uk with any feedback. Your continuing support of our events allows us to do what we do with charity donation and award presentations. We would like to know if what we do meets your expectations. Please take 5 minutes to send us your thoughts....negative or positive. MG