

Wombourne Easter 10 Time Trail

Talking of simple routes, this 10 mile run was also an out and back course (5 miles out, 5 miles back). This time though the course was on a dirt path that used to be railway line (now disused); just like the Test Way near Stockbridge etc. What was unusual about this run though was that everybody was sent off in numerical bib number order, which itself was based on your name (alphabetically), not your expected finishing time, plus there was also a 10k run as well (5km out and 5Km back), which started and finished at the same place as the 10 miler. I say unusual as about 6 people set off before me and I soon overtook them putting me in the lead! But this wasn't because I was being particularly quick and this 'lead' was short lived as the truly faster runners starting after me, soon caught and passed me. In fact I wouldn't pass anyone else until on the return leg I find myself amongst the 10k runners who incidentally had started later. This in some respects was quite uplifting, since despite having been running a bit more, I was still able to give a few of the 10k runners a decent challenge to the finish line. My finishing time was 1:16:30, netting me 36th of the 82 finishers in the 10 mile race with a further 99 people finishing the 10k.