

THE MUDSTUFF

BEDS, HERTS & CAMBS LAND ROVER CLUB

RTV TRIAL, WATERBEACH

RESULTS

Driver	Points	Position
Ed Lee	4	1st
John Ralphs	7	2nd
Andy Restall	11	3rd
Russ Brown	12	4th

This trial on the 12 November nearly didn't happen. But fortunately Steve Gowing and his daughter Harriet jumped in at the last minute to set out an outstanding RTV. Because the land used is part of a land management site, there were plenty of surprises in store for the healthy turnout of competitors.

Initially I was having an outstanding day, testing out some new Diamond tyres and a modified exhaust system on my V8 Land Rover 90. After seven sections, and an ongoing battle with Range Rover driver Ed Lee, I was winning on three points, while he was on 6. Unfortunately, on section eight my new tyres collided with the exhaust and pop went the rear propshaft, breaking at both ends and costing me nine points. However, I was still in contention, so drove the last section in front wheel drive as fast as I dared and succeeded in scoring a clear.

Overall, I managed to come in fourth on 12 points, following third place Andy Restall who drove like a star in his Disco, second place John Ralphs who probably had his best ever drive in his Series II and deserving winner Ed Lee. Another notable performance came from novice Gillian Cook who was revealing her newfound talents in the mud.

Russ Brown

