

# The 2024 CQ WW DX SSB Contest

The final weekend of October is always a busy one for those with an interest in contesting as the extremely popular CQ WW DX SSB event takes place filling the bands for 48 hours. This year, with the absence of the G5O superstation the focus turned to our members taking part from home or elsewhere.

With the dust having now settled we are pleased to report we are aware of nine stations taking part with eight submitting entries to the "DX clubs" section on the society's behalf. These included those casually spending a few hours "giving some points away", a couple of stations operating from Walthew House (G6UQ & G3LX) and serious entries by Stephen M0RDN, and Andrew M0AQM (operating as G1D) both challenging themselves to improve their previous best scores. In all cases, the added bonus being to boost their SRS HF Ladder scores.

G1D	SINGLE-OP (A)	ALL	LOW		STOCKPORT RADIO SOCIETY
G3LX	SINGLE-OP (A)	ALL	LOW		STOCKPORT RADIO SOCIETY
G6UQ	SINGLE-OP (A)	ALL	LOW		STOCKPORT RADIO SOCIETY
M0DCG	SINGLE-OP	ALL	LOW		STOCKPORT RADIO SOCIETY
M0RDN	SINGLE-OP	ALL	LOW	ROOKIE	STOCKPORT RADIO SOCIETY
M0UNG	SINGLE-OP	ALL	LOW		STOCKPORT RADIO SOCIETY
M5KJM	SINGLE-OP (A)	ALL	HIGH		STOCKPORT RADIO SOCIETY
M7RJL	MULTI-ONE	ALL	LOW		STOCKPORT RADIO SOCIETY

Prior to the event both Stephen & Andrew reported on the preparations being made. In Andrew's case a 6BTV vertical antenna plus Cushcraft D3 had been mounted in his garden (Below left), whilst Stephen had taken his XeiGu X6100 plus battery kit up into the hills to his partners parents QTH at Hawkshaw, near Bury where he'd mounted a homebrewed Rybakov 806 to a fence post in free space (Below right).





With the event underway regular progress updates were posted and, in both cases, it would seem that thanks to good conditions, especially on 10 Metres their targets would easily be achieved. Come the final whistle that prediction was confirmed with Andrew scoring 427K points from 1,374 QSOs, whilst up in the hills Stephen netted just short of 195k points from 601 QSOs. Congratulations and well done to both.

Score - 427,314 Points					
Contest: CQWSSB					
Band	QSOs	Pts	ZN	Cty	Pt/Q
7	106	146	12	46	1.4
14	129	209	14	53	1.6
21	163	275	18	59	1.7
28	362	744	27	82	2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>1374</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Score: 427,314					
1 Mult = 2.4 0's					

Score - 194,956 Points					
Contest: CQWSSB					
Band	QSOs	Pts	ZN	Cty	Pt/Q
3.5	34	44	5	17	1.3
7	110	159	15	44	1.4
14	122	181	13	47	1.5
21	237	289	13	49	1.2
28	98	126	8	33	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Score: 194,956					
1 Mult = 2.5 Q's					



Elsewhere, Ron & Tracy operating as M7RJL, Farid M0UNG, Tom M0DCG and Kieron M5KJM all took advantage of the favourable band conditions to score a few points and again adding to their ladder totals. Kieron whilst scoring well from over 100 QSOs lamented there was no operation at the farm.

Meanwhile, down at Walthew House two stations were activated, in the shack the Icom IC-7610 operating as G3LX stuck to 10 metres making just short of 50 contacts whilst down the corridor G6UQ made a similar number using the Yaesu 897 attached to the Comet rotatable dipole.

As usual this popular event in the calendar brought many stations on to the bands and those taking part, whether seriously or casually were able to take advantage of the good conditions to have fun.



The next big event is the CW leg of the annual DX series of contests taking place over the weekend of the 23rd & 24th November. G5O will be back in action so please watch out for regular updates.

Finally, thank you to all who took part and submitted entries on our behalf and once again, well done Stephen and Andrew.

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