



# 1.3GHz UK ACTIVITY CONTEST

Tuesday 16th June 2015

G6KWA was operating on his own as G2XV/P



*G2XV/P setting up the beam ready to start*

*Pictures and Report - thanks to Dave G6KWA*

35 QSOs gave 5249km which with 18 multipliers yielded 94,482 points total.

Best DX was GI6ATZ at 457km.

Really interesting conditions as the band varied from almost no propagation at the beginning of the contest, just 2 stations very local, to opening up nicely to IO82 and 83.

Signals remained generally poor from the Southwest through to East, with 4 or 5 pockets of noise as the 24 element Parabeam aerial was swung round. These noises appeared to be point source, wideband and strong enough to mask DX stations which could sometimes be heard. Interestingly, the interference was not from the Sandy Heath TV mast which could be seen from the site, so did not seem to be caused by our own local oscillator in combination with very strong signals, since it was present all the time. Possibly the interference was from cellular masts but more research is required to be sure.

1296 is certainly a very interesting band. The usual severe QSB was present throughout, which meant that one had to work very hard for a lot of contacts.