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Evening All

Tonight Richard, G0RPH/P (Harpwell) and Barry, G8AGN/P (High Bradfield) had a Hellschreiber contact using nanowaves over a 66km path.

We started proceedings about 19.45BST and were able to see each others Phlatlights very quickly despite very misty conditions with estimated visibility of no more than 30km at each end. As the sky darkened, our cw idents became audible but there was severe scintillation both visible (twinkling street lights over Sheffield from the HB end) and on the received signal. We decided to standby until the sky darkened more; as it did so, the visibility seemed to improve, scintillation lessened and signals came up. Eventually we were able to have a good voice QSO with signal reports of 5/6 both ways (would have been even better if we had waited even longer for a fully dark sky but it was past 21.00 by this stage).

Gordon G0EWN and John G8FDJ were also at the HB end. Gordon had brought a new Rx to test and John was there to witness his first nanowave QSO. Richard's wife Monica G0VCS was with him at the Harpwell end. While Gordon was doing his Rx test with Richard's transmission, I was setting up the computer for the Hellschreiber test using IZ8BLY's software. Neither Richard or I had ever used this software in anger before but after a few minutes of finger trouble, readable signals were transmitted and received both ways and information exchanged.

By 22.00 ish, the wind chill at the HB end was becoming too much so a halt was called to the proceedings but all in all another worthwhile evening.

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