

The 18th Wharfedale Trail Half Marathon Saturday 10 July 2021

This was the 27th year that we have organised a fund raising walk or run for WRUFC and the 18th year of the event in its current format as the Wharfedale Trail Half Marathon. Most races were cancelled last year due to coronavirus and many this year have been amended. We moved the date into July hoping that many of the restrictions would have been lifted but it was not to be. We made the decision to reduce the capacity of the race and to have a staggered start so we could make the race as covid safe as possible but still in a race format. This meant that the stewards around the route all had to be in place an hour earlier than usual but from what I heard they still managed to cheer you all on your way.

We could tell that you all just wanted a good day out with a great run in the hills and this is, hopefully, what you all experienced. There was a real buzz to the day.

The weather was overcast early in the day but then came out a little warm and humid with the sun coming through as people were finishing.

We had similar numbers of men (121) and women (100) starting the races.

It was difficult to judge who were leading the races due to the staggered starts but the first 2 men to finish, Ben Chown & Matt Livesey, finished very close together and there was only 19 seconds separating them. As the remaining runners continued to finish it became evident that these were the 2 fastest men, Matt Livesey, Pudsey Pacers RC finishing first in 01:32:57 and Ben Chown, 26.2 Road Runners Club finishing 2nd in 01:33:16. Ali Burns, Wharfedale Harriers 01:37:02 came in 3rd, Joe Edge 01:38:05 & James Eaton 01:38:30 both unattached came in 4th & 5th.

The women's race wasn't quite so close in time but the first 3 women came in 17th, 21st & 25th overall. Claire Jones, Harrogate Harriers & AC won the women's race in a time of 01:48:35 with Jenny Roberts, Ilkley Harriers AC in 01:50:23 coming in 2nd. Kiri Wood, unattached 01:54:39 finished 3rd, with Rebecca Cesar de Sa, Skyrac Athletic Club 02:00:54 in 4th and Julia Say, Roundhay Runners 02:03:03 in 5th.

Although the times were competitive the course records are safe for another year.

We would like to thank you all for entering this year and for being so willing to go with the staggered start and for making the event so enjoyable for all of us who were organising the event. The date is already set for Sat 4 June 2022 and hopefully we will be able to go ahead with the race more like we have previously. Entries will open in Jan 2021 so enter early for the early bird prices.

We would especially like to thank everyone else who helped make the event a success. Thanks to WRUFC for the use of the Clubhouse & grounds, all our volunteer checkpoint marshals, our team of helpers at the Clubhouse, and the Committee who ensure the event runs smoothly on the day.

Thanks also go to our main sponsor Hill Top Farm, Malham, Bunk Barn & Holiday Cottage accommodation and thanks to our valued supporters Up and Running, Brook Taverner and Oldfield Electrics.

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Women	Up & Running Voucher	Name	Time	Club
1st	£100.00	Claire Jones	01:48:35	Harrogate Harriers & AC
2nd	£50.00	Jenny Roberts	01:50:23	Ilkley Harriers AC
3rd	£30.00	Kiri Wood	01:54:39	Unattached
4th	£20.00	Rebecca César de Sá	02:00:54	Skyrac Athletic Club
5th	£10.00	Julia Say	02:03:03	Roundhay Runners

Age Categories

35-39	£15.00	Suzie Richards	02:06:27	Unattached
40-44	£15.00	Sara Abbott	02:03:27	Keighley & Craven AC
45-49	£15.00	Rebecca César de Sá	02:00:54	Skyrac Athletic Club
50-54	£15.00	Patricia Gill	02:12:43	Skipton AC
55-59	£15.00	Gabrielle Jagger	02:04:05	Unattached
60-64	£15.00	Fiona Murphy	02:30:58	Halifax Harriers & AC
65-69	£15.00	Shirley Oglesby	02:39:08	East Hull Harriers & AC
70 +	£15.00	N/A		

Local

1st	£15.00	Kiri Wood	01:54:39	Unattached
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Course Record Last awarded by Oldfield Electrics to Zante Wray 2019 01:35:36

	£100.00	Not awarded 2021		
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Men		Name	Time	Club
1st	£100.00	Matt Livesey	01:32:57	Pudsey Pacers RC
2nd	£50.00	Ben Chown	01:33:16	26.2 Road Runners Club
3rd	£30.00	Ali Burns	01:37:02	Wharfedale Harriers
4th	£20.00	Joe Bridge	01:38:05	Unattached
5th	£10.00	James Eaton	01:38:30	Unattached

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45-49	£15.00	Matthew Cox	01:39:32	Ilkley Harriers AC
50-54	£15.00	Paul Crabtree	01:40:34	Bingley Harriers & AC
55-59	£15.00	Simon Brady	01:53:04	Queensbury Running Club

60-64	£15.00	Ian Simpson	01:58:22	Harrogate Harriers & AC
65-69	£15.00	Mark Jordan	02:02:14	Harrogate Harriers & AC
70 +	£15.00	David Leslie	02:25:59	Abbey Runners

Local

1st	£15.00	Gavin Smith	01:47:26	Unattached
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Course Record Last awarded by Brook Taverner to Kyle Greig 2017 01:24:38

	£300.00	Not awarded 2021		
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