

The 20th Wharfedale Trail Half Marathon Saturday 3 June 2023

This was the 29th year that we have organised a fund raising walk or run for WRUFC and the 20th year of the event in its current format as the Wharfedale Trail Half Marathon.

It was another lovely day for us, weather wise, again this year, we were a little worried that it might be too sunny and hot for the half marathon but we reinforced the message to all competitors to remain hydrated throughout.

It was hot throughout which probably accounted for neither of the course records being broken this year. Many of the competitors were glad to have finished.

We had a larger percentage of men (194) entering this year, only (135) women and 2 non binary entrants.

Joe Hudson from Keighley & Craven led from start to finish and was never really challenged throughout the race. He came in more than 7 minutes ahead of the 2nd placed man in a time of 1:27:30. Places 2nd to 5th finished in more regular intervals with Matthew Thackwray, Ilkley Harriers finishing 2nd in 1:35:22; Jake Stephenson, Richmond & Zetland Harriers 3rd in 1:36:12; Stephen Hall, Blackburn Harriers 4th in 1:37:54 and Matthew Cox, Ilkley Harriers 5th in 1:38:24.

The women's race was similar in that Jenny Roberts, Ilkley Harriers led all the way and finished in 1:49:48, 6 minutes ahead of the 2nd placed woman. Jenny finished in 23rd place overall and just less than 30 seconds ahead of her time in 2021. Sarah Shanks, Valley Striders AC finished 2nd in 1:55:48; Sarah Bevan UA finished 3rd in 1:56:54; Rachel Carter, Ilkley Harriers finished 4th in 1:57:04 and Lucy Mallinson, Wharfedale Harriers 5th in 1:59:28.

We would like to thank everyone for entering this year and helping us to raise funds well needed funds for Wharfedale Rugby Club. The date is already set for 2024, Sat 1 June 2024 and we hope to see as many of you as possible. Entries will open in Jan 2024 so be ready to enter early for the 'early bird' prices.

We would especially like to thank everyone else who helped make the event a success. Our sponsors and supporters: Hill Top Farm bunk barn & holiday accommodation, Malham

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Thanks also to WRUFC for the use of the Clubhouse & grounds, all our volunteer checkpoint marshals, our team of helpers at the Clubhouse & car park, the U15 rugby squad who helped with the gates and of course all the Committee members, who ensure the event runs smoothly on the day.

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Up & Running

Women	Voucher	Name	Time	Club
1st	£100.00	Jenny Roberts	1.49.48	Ilkley
2nd	£50.00	Sarah Shanks	1.55.48	Valley Striders
3rd	£30.00	Sarah Bevan	1.56.54	
4th	£20.00	Rachel Carter	1.57.04	Ilkley
5th	£10.00	Lucy Mallinson	1.59.28	Wharfedale Harriers

Up & Running

Men	Voucher	Name	Time	Club
1st	£100.00	Joe Hudson	1.27.30	K&C
2nd	£50.00	Matthew Thackwray	1.35.22	Ilkley
3rd	£30.00	Jake Stephenson	1.36.12	Richmond & Zetland Harriers
4th	£20.00	Stephen Hall	1.37.54	Blackburn Harriers
5th	£10.00	Matthew Cox	1.38.24	Ilkley

Age Categories Women

35-39	£15.00	Ilze Skujina	2.15.29	
40-44	£15.00	Sarah Shanks	1.55.48	Valley Striders
45-49	£15.00	Rachel Carter	1.57.04	Ilkley
50-54	£15.00	Sarah Bevan	1.56.54	
55-59	£15.00	Gail Barber	2.17.54	Maltby Running Club
60-64	£15.00	Helen Shaw	2.26.37	
65-69	£15.00	Hazel Ives	2.21.56	Skipton AC
70 +	£15.00	Hilda Coulseay	2.42.29	Ilkley Harriers

Local

1st	£15.00	Sarah Bevan	1.56.54	
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Age Categories Men

35-39	£15.00	Matthew Thackwray	1.35.22	Ilkley
40-44	£15.00	Gary Rowling	1.44.15	Queensbury
45-49	£15.00	Stephen Hall	1.37.54	Blackburn Harriers
50-54	£15.00	Chris Gibbins	1.40.16	Harrogate Harriers
55-59	£15.00	Stephen Pope	1.42.10	Totley AC
60-64	£15.00	Jonathan Sinclair	1.56.40	Ilkley Harriers
65-69	£15.00	Peter Ferguson	2.20.51	Ilkley Harriers
70 +	£15.00	Jeffrey Pickup	2.14.22	Clayton-le-Moors

Local

1st	£15.00	Joe Hudson	1.27.30	K&C
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