

Windgather Fell Race 2022 – Event Report

Thanks for turning up for our race today, in what looked like typical Buxton conditions, but in the end picked up a bit: no lightning fortunately.... we had runners from Lancashire, London, Hampshire and even Holland ! Hope you all had fun, and helped us raise what should be a substantial four-figure sum for good causes both local and further afield.

A record field with 175 finishers, we nearly ran out of race numbers, my fault, I will get more for next year !

We had a few scrapes but no serious injuries, and similarly a few mishaps on the navigation front (happens to us all...) but no one got too seriously lost.

A great run by Jack Scott, only a few minutes off the record (on a longer course in worse conditions than when the record was set), and a few minutes clear of Lucas Parker and Spencer Shaw.

The ladies race was a lot closer: with Macc H's Faye Sharpley - 4th last year from memory - this year's winner: but less than a minute clear of Imogen from Pennine and Samantha from Buxton.

Just a couple of retirements, everyone else finished in good style, with our last runners surprisingly still inside the time our last PM was in charge for, and with mostly a grin (grimace? relief ? thought of cake?) at the finish line.

Big thanks to Andrew, and all at Buxton Rotary, all the marshals out on the course and at the start/finish, the Inner Wheel for the post race tea and nosh, to Accelerate Running <https://www.accelerateuk.com/> in sunny Sheffield for the race numbers and for much supporting of us generally over many years, to our sweepers Rob, Dennis, Neil and Barrie (and to Rob for helping me mark the course as well !) and to Den and Jo for results running, and much helping out at the start and post-race.

We have more than a little lost property, which is quietly festering in my hall: if you would like to let me know what you've lost with a brief description, we'll do our best to reunite you.

Preliminary results are attached, and will be on the Macc Harriers website just as soon as our webmaster/sweeper has dried out and warmed up with couple of glasses of red. Please let me know of any errors.

With a decent tail wind we'll be back again at 'about' the same time next year: it'll be on the FRA calendar just as soon as we sort out the date. And we'll also post up how much we made for charity, and where it's going.

Thanks again, all the best
cheers Julian, Macc Harriers, and all at Buxton Rotary and Inner Wheel