

Wincle Trout Run 2024 Senior Race Report.

The Trout Run is held in conjunction with Wincle Fete. The fete's location moves between three local farms. The main race route is the same but the start and finish sections differ

This year's rotation saw the start at Tolls Farm adjacent to Wincle Brewery. A favourite of many as the last kilometer is downhill (or it could be because there's a brewery)

After several weeks of unseasonal rainfall on saturated ground it looked like we might need to run an alternative route without the customary river crossings. However, three rare dry(ish) days allowed the Dane to subside to a crossable depth.

The first river crossing is broad and shallow. The second, a mere 100m from the finish line proved a little more interesting. Those who were looking for a last-minute advantage and chose what looked like the direct route, instead of the roped option, slipped between the slabs and submerged themselves to the amusement of the spectators on the far bank.

The senior men's race was won by Simon Harding (Macclesfield Harriers) who retained the trophy (metaphorically, as it still hasn't been returned by the 2022 winner) having also come first in 2023.

Billy Hicks (Macclesfield Harriers) held off Laurie Luscombe (Liverpool Harriers) in a furious sprint to the line to take 2nd place.

Kate Davies (Staffordshire Moorlands) took the ladies' trophy for the 4th consecutive year ahead of teammate Amy Neill and Macclesfield's Alannah Birtwistle.

Simon and Kate also took the V40 honours. The V50 prizes went to Lee Ashwood (Disley Runners) and Elizabeth Batt (Dark Peak). First M60s home were Mow Cop's David Brearley and Staffs Moorland's Jocelyn Granger.

Inspirational performances from Mick Moorhouse, first M70 (Matlock AC), finishing well within the first third of the field and Ann-Marie Jones, first W70 (Macclesfield)

Thanks to the race committee, the very accommodating local landowners, the numerous marshals and volunteers from Macclesfield Harriers and Wincle, Raynet and Buxton Mountain Rescue for their safety back-up and Wincle Brewery, Topspeed Couriers and Running Bear for their generous sponsorship.

Race photos were taken by Ann Jones and Frank Golden and are available on the link below

http://www.racephotos.org.uk/WincleTrout2024/wincletROUT2024_1.htm

Steve Felstead captured the atmosphere at the second river crossing!

<https://www.facebook.com/steve.felstead/posts/10161359235877770>

Next year we'll be back at Burnt House Farm on 14th June – the one with the uphill finish!