

Wincle Trout 13.06.26

Race Report

We were back at Mellor Knoll Farm this year and for the first time since 2000 we didn't cross the River Dane. A week of constant rain resulted in water levels still 50cm above normal on Friday lunchtime which meant the contingency plans were activated - over the bridge and down the Dane Valley Way.

311 runners lined up for the cruel ascent of the knoll before a rapid downhill charge to the bridge. There were inevitable queues at the gate into the woods before the field spread out along the 9km route (400m of climb), over a mixture of fields, forest track, ridge and moorland and a scramble through the chasm of Lud's Church.

The prize for finishers this year was a bottle of excellent beer from Wincle Brewery.

The Senior Race was won by, Chris Lehocski (Macclesfield Harriers) in 38:40, almost 2 minutes clear of James Bannister (Sale Harriers), 40:34. Billy Hicks edged past Macclesfield teammate Simon Harding in the final 50m to take third.

The Ladies' race was won by Joanne Mosley (Pennine, 18th overall 45:26), with Grace Webb (City of Stoke AC) in second and Hollie Wall (Staffordshire Moorlands), third

The Ladies' age group honours went to Hollie Wall, W40 (Staffordshire Moorlands). Nicola Taylor, W50 (Staffordshire Moorlands). Jane Mellor, W60 and Rosemary Simms, W70 (Chester Tri Club)

The Men's age group honours went to Simon Harding, Macclesfield Harriers, M40. Tim Greenald, (Altrincham and District) M50. Julian Beattie (Alton RC), M60. M70 was won once again by Mick Moorhouse (Matlock) in a creditable 59:01

Macclesfield Harriers took the male team prize with Bollington Harriers and Didsbury in second and third.

The ladies team prize went to Staffordshire Moorlands, just 2 points ahead of Macclesfield Harriers, with Sinfin in third

The Junior race is a 3km route, this time without the river crossing.

The race was won by Macclesfield Harriers Oscar Furness (U16B), in a 13:10, closely followed by his brother Lewis (First U14B) in 13:25 and just 2 seconds behind Max Tideswell (Staffordshire Moorlands) came in third (Second U14B) in 13:27.

Under 12 honours in the boy's race went to Quentin Bentley (Macclesfield Harriers)

First girl home was Lucy Barr (U12G) with Alice Harding (U12G) in second and Martha Drinkwater (U12G, Macclesfield Harriers) just 3 seconds behind.

Thanks to team behind the Fete, the Wincle Trout committee, the landowners along the route, all the marshals (both local and from Macclesfield Harriers), safety support from Raynet, the first aid team and Buxton Mountain Rescue.

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[https://www.racephotos.org.uk/Wincle%20Trout%20Run%20\[2026\].htm](https://www.racephotos.org.uk/Wincle%20Trout%20Run%20[2026].htm)

Additional photos by John Dawkins at:

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The 2027 race will be from Tolls Farm (by the Brewery) – the one with the downhill finish. Hopefully the river crossings will be back!

