

Helsby Running Club – AGM – 28 June 2020

Sandstone Trail Challenge 2020

Event Report

The event was scheduled to take place on the 6th June 2020 but due to advice from CWAC and the developing COVID 19 situation the event was cancelled in April.

Fortunately Nifty were managing the entry/registration system and they quickly advised as to the best way forward regarding refunds and voluntary donations to our chosen charities, the Trussell Trust and Mind.

At the time of cancellation, we had 125 runners (plus 45 on the waiting list) and 80 walkers. We anticipated that the race would have been full by the close of entry date.

The event was organised similar to previous years, but with some minor alterations, such as “race” numbers being worn by entrants to aid registration at checkpoints.

The “cut off” time was reduced to decrease the amount of time volunteers were needed, particularly at the community centre.

The successful running of the challenge is very much dependent on volunteers including members of Helsby Running Club, local scout and guide groups and some local running groups. This year we were struggling to “man” the kitchen at the community centre. The catering and providing of a hot meal for participants is a key part of the event. Anybody who is interested or knows of anybody who would support this please let us know.

We would like to thank everybody who had volunteered to support this event, entered the event or had been involved in the organisation.

David and I really value and appreciate the work of the event committee and thank them all for their time, advice and support.

Next year’s Sandstone Trail Challenge will take place on Saturday 22nd May 2021.

David and Lesley Feakes