

## 25TH Hutton Roof Craggs race 29/05/10

The only wet and drizzly day this year threatened to put a dampener on this year's race. By 2:30pm, however 239 stalwarts had lined up on the start line. Conditions were generally good for running, the ground was hard as we have had so little rain but the limestone was very slippery and the wet grass made progress even more hazardous at times.

After the start, a mass of runners motored round the first bend and out of the field. Spectators watched as this field of runners sped across Hutton Roof Crag on route for Farleton Knott and our famous Scree slope climb.

At the front the good local runners battled it out over the grass and limestone outcrops that make up our beautiful landscape. Some even commented on the numerous early purple orchids that they tried to avoid trampling. As the weather worsened with more rain and stronger winds the runners began to suffer and struggled to run as fast as in previous years but only 2 suffered injuries and had to pull out. Tom Addison Helm Hill, still recovering from a virus, seemed to relish the conditions and pushed hard to win in 48:50. Then Kendal's Craig Roberts 49:23 and Paul Dugdale 50:22 packed tightly to produce an exciting finish to the team event which was one by Helm Hill's Tom Addison, Mark Addison and Billy Proctor. Adrian Pickles, Settle pipped Billy Proctor by just 2 seconds for 1stV50 and Mike Meckenna continued his good form in this race with 1stV60 in 1:01.

There seemed to be more ladies racing this year and six teams entered with Settle emerging as winners: Carol Evans 63:57, Jill Robinson 66:37 and Sharon McDonald 67:31. Laura Bestow 58:52 West Cheshire AC was 1st Lady ahead of Dawn Atkins 61:33 Chorley Harriers and Tamara Hird Wharfedale in 62:13. 1st LV40 was Carol Evans Settle 63:57 followed in by Jacky Casey Black Coombe 64:02. Next was 1st V60 Jan Atkins Chorley Harriers 81:56.

Unfortunately the junior races were poorly attended because of the weather. This was a shame because Simon Schofield our course builder had put a lot of hard work in trying to make some new and exciting courses. The youngsters that took part enjoyed the new event and Simon has said he is thinking about the possibility of U10's and even U8's next year. The U12's race was won by Joshua Newbold, Wharfedale 10:14 from Robert Lambert 10:45 and Joe Alderman 10:55; Ellie Lambert, Wharfedale won the L12 race. The Cup for First Local went to Sam Schofield 14:55 in the U16 race. The U14's race was won by Callum Lambert Wharfedale 14:00 from Daniel Whitlock Preston Harriers 14:23. The U16's race was won by Nathan Milligan 13:35 Bury AC from Sam Schofield 14:55 Hutton Roof Harriers. Lucy Alderman Pendle AC was 1st finisher in the L16 Race. In the main Race from 365 entries we had 347 runners completing the course, more than a hundred up on last year.

We have some new houses in Hutton Roof and the fell race with its country fair raises proceeds to maintain and insure our village hall where we have a great community spirit. This was very much in evidence as all our neighbours new and old mucked in to help make the event a success despite the weather.

Don't miss next year's 'cake race' on the 28th May 2011.

For any more information or to see the results and photos from this year's race, log on to [www.huttonroof.org.uk](http://www.huttonroof.org.uk)

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