

Cracken Edge Fell Race 2017 report

On Wednesday August 2nd Kinder Mountain Rescue Team was host to the annual Cracken Edge Fell Race, welcoming runners from across the region to an evening of mixed weather - we were watching the forecast change frequently between torrential rain and sunshine in the days leading up to the race. In the end, the weather was mostly kind during the race, with only a short squall about a third of the way through, but marking the course earlier in the day proved to be a wet experience. Consequently the ground was wet, muddy and slippery; perfect fell racing conditions!

Once again, there was a great turnout of 192 runners and the event went almost without a hitch. Prize giving in the George Hotel was the usual crowded, slightly steamy, event:

Category	Position	Time	Name	Club or MRT
First Male	1	45.13	Peter Bray	Chorlton Runners
Second Male	2	46.46	Mark Burton	Pennine FR
Third Male	3	47.11	Ben Hobson	Chorlton Runners
First Woman	25	52.57	Caitlin Rice	Ribble Valley
Second Woman	58	59.05	Ingrid Storm	Chorlton Runners
Third Woman	61	59.28	Kathleen O'Donnell	Macclesfield Harriers & AC
M	1	45.13	Peter Bray	Chorlton Runners
M40	2	46.46	Mark Burton	Pennine FR
M45	9	49.50	Gareth Briggs	Dark Peak FR
M50	5	49.07	Mike Nolan	Dark Peak FR
M55	35	54.41	Julien Minshull	Glossop MRT
M60	92	63.42	Ron Rees	Pennine FR
M65	75	61.38	Frank Fielding	Pennine FR
M70	158	75.50	Jeffrey Norman	Altrincham & District AC
W	25	52.57	Caitlin Rice	Ribble Valley
W40	61	59.28	Kathleen O'Donnell	Macclesfield Harriers & AC
W45	99	64.13	Judy Howells	Wharfedale Harriers
W50	80	61.51	Andrea Frost	Macclesfield Harriers & AC
W55	62	59.41	Abi Keates	FRA
W60	84	62.04	Ann-Marie Jones	Unattached

A special prize was awarded to Holly Eadsforth who, in the opinion of the race organiser, was the muddiest at the end of the race. Good effort Holly!

Pennine retained the team prize with Mark Burton, Tom Bush and Andrew Holmes coming 2nd, 7th and 8th.

The best ladies team was Chorlton Runners, with Ingrid Storm, Alice Swift and Fiona Leslie coming 58th, 70th and 153rd.

The Mountain Rescue Team prize was retained by Glossop with Jonathan Penny, Julien Minshull and Jonathan Penny coming 17th, 35th and 190th.

Well done to all involved, see you next year.



