Hallam Chase Report 2021

After missing last year, it was good to be back. We had lots of extra marshals to make sure the evening went well. Without the marshals the Hallam Chase could not happen and it was really positive to see so many volunteering. With fewer residents being on holiday, the crowds were out this year cheering on the runners, notably on Den Bank and at the Rivelin Hotel. It is good to see so many supporting the race.

Well, what an evening; warm, clear and dry. Den Bank was a little slippy, but the rest of the course was very runnable, and we had some fast times.

Helen Elmore (Sheffield RC) came in first in the handicap, taking the Ladies trophy with Chris Horsfall (Handsworth Roadhogs) close on her heals and taking the Mens Trophy.

Jane Cockerton (Penistone) set off first in the handicap and held this to the turnaround at Stannington Church, so takes the Lewin Trophy.

Keith Holmes (Dark Peak Fell Runners) has taken part many times but has never won a trophy and this year takes the Novice trophy. This is given to the first runner who hasn’t won a trophy before and didn’t place in the top 3 of the Mens or Ladies race.

Our Youngest runner was Ellie Crownshaw (Hallamshire Harriers) taking the David Bones cup for the third time, and our oldest runner was Jeremy Brayshaw (Totley AC). Two thirds of our runners are over 40 and several over 70. Hallam Chase runners seem to be built of stern stuff and keep coming back.

Hallamshire Harriers had 6 runners this year. Rachel Lundgrer was the first Hallamshire runner back soon followed but her teammates, Nicola Squires (fastest lady) and Andrew Heyes who was the fastest runner on the night in 21m:46sec.

Thank you to Taylor and Emmet Solicitors for their continued generous sponsoring the prizes, to Intrepid Brewing for supplying a treat for all the runners, to the Cricket ground for allowing us to use their facilities, and to all the officials and helpers without whom this event would be impossible.

For your diaries, the 2022’s event will be on Tuesday May 31st.