

Round Ripon 2014 Race Report

A Great day out on the moors



For those people paying too much credence to the weather forecast and choosing not to race – they must have been rueing that decision because apart from a some light drizzle just after the start it was a perfect day for

trail running in the North Yorkshire moors.

The course was running fast too with many regulars setting PBs and with some very competitive running at the front of the field a new and impressive course record was set.

Paul Nelson from Weatherby Runners was running off of the front for most of the race and setting a fast pace from the start with Robin Carter, Alex Fawcett and Neil Mc Nish hanging on to his shirt tails. This pattern continued and while Neil fell back a little, previous race winner



Paul Peacock had moved up into 4th.

Coming into the Deer Park Alex led Robin from Rolls Royce Harriers; the two of them had pulled away significantly from the rest of the field. After over 34 miles it came down to who wanted it the most and Robin just had more of a sprint left in his legs and passed Alex in the run through the Abbey grounds to win by a mere 13 seconds for the third year in 4:25:30. Both runners took around 17 minutes off of the old course record and finishing over 20 minutes ahead of third placed man Alex Fawcett from Ripon Runners. Paul Peacock was the last of the sub 5 hour runners home in 4th.

In the ladies race Elizabeth Reeves and Jacqueline Keavney were swapping the lead up to check point 3 from where Elizabeth started to consolidate a lead that she held to the finish winning by just over 3 minutes. Jacqueline was the last of the sub 6 hour runners finishing in 5:59:10.

The excitement for podium positions was not over with Ripon Runners club mates Sally Leck and Anneke Imeson in a sprint to the line for third with Sally just getting it on the dip.



The team prize was once again won by Ripon Runners with Alex Fawcett 3rd, Nick Wilson in 6th and Sally and Anneke in 16th and 17th respectively.

For full results please [Click Here](#)

Thanks to all of the local support we receive without which the race couldn't go ahead and the sponsorship support we received from Theakston's and The Bivouac www.thebivouac.co.uk as well of course the villagers of Studely Roger.

Next year the race will be the final round of the **Scott Ultra Series** and a fitting finale to what we hope will be a great series of Ultra Races.