

## Nine Edges Endurance 2025: Event Organiser Wrap Up

Thanks very much for supporting our Nine Edge Endurance fundraising event in 2025, your support and generosity is very much appreciated by everyone at Edale Mountain Rescue Team. I hope you all had a good day and have recovered from your exertions.

Looking out of the window a week on from the event I think we can all be grateful the event took place last Saturday, it is very wet here in the Peak District.

The fell race results have now been posted on the Fell Runners Association website, [www.fellrunner.org.uk](http://www.fellrunner.org.uk), and the running, walking and climbing results have been posted on our website, <https://edalemrt.co.uk/nine-edges/>, along with the list of awards and the results in the V60 category, which didn't feature in our race but is on the FRA results listing.

Congratulations to all of you who participated in your personal challenge be it climbing, walking or running. 11 people took on the climbing challenge, 76 people took on the walking challenge and 178 started the fell race. Very nearly everyone who started finished, one runner retired at checkpoint 3 and four walkers retired at checkpoint 6 as time was against them.

Thanks to the participant who handed a yellow windproof jacket in at the finish and to the staff at the Robin Hood, who handed us a bag with one runner's complete race kit when we left on Saturday evening. Both these items have now been returned to their grateful owners. We still have a Buff neck collar and a baseball cap looking for owners. But don't have the Buff one participant reported losing or the item of clothing believed to have been lost in the car park at the finish. Labelled items left in the baggage reclaim tent have also been returned, fortunately all the abandoned items were labelled with race numbers, so there is nothing outstanding from baggage reclaim. A happy owner also managed to retrieve a mobile phone left on one of the buses, thanks to the bus driver for making that happen.

There were no call outs in our patch on the day, which made life much easier for the rescue team volunteers and no serious injuries to participants on the event, although several of you finished with bloody knees after taking a tumble.

The first three in each category of the fell race are listed below. Although we like to think you are all winners as you all had a good day out.

In the U23 category there was only one starter on the day:

1<sup>st</sup> Florence Bourne, who was the first and only female in 04:10:08.

There were no starters in the male U23 category.

In the female open category there were 66 starters:

1<sup>st</sup> Kate Gibson, Totley AC, 02:49:40;

2<sup>nd</sup> Samantha Willis V40, Buxton AC, 03:06:40;

3<sup>rd</sup> Victoria King V40, Dark Peak Fell Runners, 03:16:41.

In the female V40 category there were 33 starters:

1<sup>st</sup> Samantha Willis, Buxton AC, 03:06:40;

2<sup>nd</sup> Victoria King, Dark Peak Fell Runners, 03:16:41;

3<sup>rd</sup> Jo Fisher, Dark Peak Fell Runners, 03:17:24.

In the female V50 category there were 13 starters:

1<sup>st</sup> Claire Watkins, Okehampton AC, 03:41:37;

2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Chalmers, Bakewell Athletics Club, 03:41:46;

3<sup>rd</sup> Caroline Burrell, Wirksworth RC, 04:19:33.

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In the female V60 category there were 2 starters:

1<sup>st</sup> Lynn Andrews, Long Eaton Running Club, 04:44:09;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jude Cooper, 05:46:15.

There were no starters in the male U23 category.

In the male open category there were 112 starters:

1<sup>st</sup> Equal. Aran Higgs V40, Long Eaton Running Club and Dylan Stanway, Notts AC, 02:45:18;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Joseph Busby, 02:47:03.

Somewhere on the tricky run in below Birchen Edge Aran and Dylan agreed to come in equal first rather than fight it out over the mud, rocks and steps.

In the male V40 category there were 78 starters:

1<sup>st</sup> Aran Higgs V40, Long Eaton Running Club, 02:45:18;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ben Gibbison, Mynydd Du, 02:48:39;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Robin Carter, Rolls-Royce Harriers, 02:51:02.

In the male V50 category there were 30 starters:

1<sup>st</sup> Paul Lewis, Long Eaton Running Club, 03:09:28;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nick Jones, Buxton AC, 03:11:27;  
3<sup>rd</sup> James McMurtry V60, Ashbourne RC, 03:19:06.

In the male V60 category there were 10 starters:

1<sup>st</sup> James McMurtry Ashbourne RC, 03:19:06;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Martyn Rowe, 03:49:35;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Douglas Warburton, 03:56:10.

We would like to thank the following for supporting our event.

- All the landowners.
- Peak District National Park Authority
- Severn Trent who allow us to use Fairholmes for the start and supplied bottled water for the check points.
- Eastern Moors Partnership who allow us to use their car park at the Robin Hood for the finish.
- Alpkit for sponsoring the prizes and race numbers and for the loan of a gazebo for checkpoint 5.
- Burrows Toyota who provided two vehicles for event day equipment transport.
- Stitch Factory for discounted T shirts.
- Andrew's for the excellent value bus service.
- Robin Hood Country Pub for hospitality.
- Saul who designs the T shirt every year and competes as a running climber.
- Dave Peel of Peel Land Surveys for the loan of orienteering punches for the checkpoints.
- Our army of volunteer marshals who crewed registration, the start, the checkpoints and the finish.

Finally, our 20<sup>th</sup> event will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2026. All being well entries will go live on SiEntries on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Everyone at Edale Mountain Rescue Team looks forward to seeing you at our 20<sup>th</sup> event.