

## Ulley Res Trail Race, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June

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The 2019 KMR Series has seen a gratifying rise in participation in general and especially from visiting clubs. The 14<sup>th</sup> Ulley Res trail race was no exception, with a record field and a variety of clubs boosting the Rotherham, Kimberworth, and Maltby hosting clubs.



Pictured: leading RH runners Steve Marshall, Damian Worsdall, Cathy Eddison

Organised by Rotherham HAC in memory of former member Peter Ruddleston, the challenging course over Doles Lane, Stoket Lane and Ulley Reservoir looked set for a wet and muddy evening but traditionally-good weather kicked in at a late stage to make a fine dry event with a big crowd enjoying the after-match buffet and atmosphere at Doles Lane Cricket Ground, by kind arrangement with Whiston Parish Church Cricket Club.

Among the visitors, a strong contingent of Clowne Road Runners found it very rewarding with 5 men in the top 6 headed home by Darren King in 28.47, a fine run not far outside the course record. With Lewis Banton (29.08), Daniel Page (29.59) and Matthew Martin (30.30) not far behind it was down to Rotherham HAC's Damian Worsdall (5<sup>th</sup>, 30.42) to fly the first 'home KMR' colours

Cathy Eddison (Rotherham HAC) took the ladies' race by a big margin with a fine 33.30 performance, one of the sharper times in recent years. Although they did not dominate

the ladies' race as they did the men's, Clowne did have second place honours through Hannah Sharp (38.06) with Kimberworth's Claire Chapman (39.08) third.

There was the usual strong showing in the category awards from the home clubs, also spotlighting some good performances from Barnsley AC visitors.

With four races now gone in the 12-race series, and eight completions usually needed, a good number of strong claims for series honours have already been made. However, it is still wide open, and the tussle continues with event five, the Roche Abbey Dash next up on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, held by Maltby RC from the Catholic Club, Millindale.

**Awards (Men):**

1st Darren King (Clowne RR, 28:47); 2nd Lewis Banton (Clowne RR, 29:08); 3rd Daniel Page (Clowne RR, 29:59); MV40 Damian Worsdall (Rotherham HAC, 30:42); MV45 Steve Marshall (Rotherham HAC, 31:08); MV50 Keith Littlewood (Barnsley AC, 32:20); MV55 Colin Earl (Kimberworth Striders, 32:53); MV60 Steve Lowndes (Kimberworth Striders, 32:23); MV65 Malcolm Senior (Kimberworth Striders, 38:27); MV70 Mick Casey (Barnsley AC, 37:31); MV75 John Fuller (Kimberworth Striders, 46:11);

**Awards (Ladies):** 1st Catherine Eddison (Rotherham HAC, 33:30); 2nd Hannah Sharpe (Clowne RR, 38:06); 3rd Claire Chapman (Kimberworth Striders, 39:08); FV35 Vicky Hudson (Barnsley AC, 39:39); FV40 Jo Johnson (Clowne RR, 42:10); FV45 Sarah Millns (Kimberworth Striders, 40:07); FV50 Gail Barber (Maltby RC, 40:08); FV55 Gillian Neal (Rotherham HAC, 43:51); FV65 Caroline Boyd (Maltby RC, 45:37);