

Club FAQ

What is EVFC?

Esk Valley Fell Club (EVFC) is a fell running club formed in April 2009 for people who love hill, fell and off-road running.

Where is EVFC Located?

EVFC is located in the North East of England, on the northern edge of the North Yorkshire Moors. The club meets in the Stokesley/ Great Ayton area, and the Royal Oak in Great Ayton is the location for the Annual General Meeting.

Who can become a member of EVFC?

Membership is open to anyone 14 years or older, we also admit younger runners/bikers as associate members where a parent is already a member.

How can I become a member of EVFC?

There is a direct link from the 'Club Room' section of the website to the SIEntries portal that we use to manage the EVFC membership process. Online payment/ membership registration is strongly preferred as this simplifies the administration processes. If you have a specific issue or difficulty with joining the club online, please contact the Membership Secretary.

Who should I contact if I have any Membership Queries?

Please get in contact (via email) with the Club Membership Secretary (membership2@eskvalleyfellclub.org)

Is EVFC affiliated to England Athletics?

As a club we are affiliated to England Athletics (EA), and individual athlete affiliation to EA is optional for EVFC members and can be selected when paying the annual club membership fee (at the prevailing EA fee). EVFC will pay the EA athlete affiliation fee to the EA direct, if you choose to select this option.

Is EVFC affiliated to the FRA?

Many individual members have joined the Fell Running Association (FRA), the national organisation under the EA umbrella dedicated to fell and mountain running. The club operates and organises races

under the rules and guidelines of the Fell Running Association. A member of the EVFC committee undertakes the role of FRA liaison officer.

What activities does EVFC arrange?

- There is a thriving fell running and off-road running scene in the North East with events held throughout the year.
- We currently organise a number of fell races including junior races on the North Yorkshire moors that are part of the Northern Runner winter and summer fell runner series, which we also help co-ordinate.
- Our members take part in fells races in the Yorkshire Dales, Lake District and Northumbrian hills, and the other wonderful hilly and mountainous areas of Great Britain.
- We support the North East Fell Running Championships and usually host at least two races in the series each year.
- We have hosted races, and club members compete in English Fell Running Championships
- Our members regularly compete in the Lakelands Classics Trophy, a race series that incorporates six of the Lake Districts most arduous and famous fell races..

What training does EVFC arrange?

The EVFC off-road training sessions are held weekly on a Monday & Tuesday night, throughout the year. All club members are welcome. See the website 'Training' section for full details.

On the last Tuesday of each month everyone meets at the same time, with a post-run social in the local pub afterwards.

What should I wear/bring to the Training Sessions?

Please come prepared with full body-cover kit and a head torch during the dark nights of the late autumn, winter and early spring.

Who should I contact if I have any welfare related concerns?

Please contact the Club Welfare Office immediately if you have any concerns or questions regarding your own or any other members' welfare. Any approach will be managed in the strictest confidence.

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