

Roseberry Topping**Dave Parry/Lets Run Summer Series 2025****27-Aug-25****Race 9**

Pos.	No.	Name	Club	time	cat/pos/pts/best
1	389	Chris Larkin	Northumberland Fell	11:49	MO/1/50/50
2	343	Oliver Shaw	Loftus & Whitby AC	11:59	MO/2/48/96*
3	384	Jenson Young	Individual#	13:01	MO/3/46/46
4	331	Fergus Wood	Deeside Runners	13:12	MO/4/45/91
5	385	Chris Aidborough	Durham Fell Runners	13:18	MO/5/44/44
6	382	Joel Hurt	Individual#	13:29	MO/6/43/43
7	381	Stephen McDougall	Middlesbrough & Cle	13:51	MO/7/42/42
8	618	Tim Grimwood	Swaledale Runners	13:59	M45/1/50/100*
9	305	Andrew Armin	Saltwell Harriers	14:08	MO/8/41/321
10	307	Matthew Clark	Esk Valley Fell Club	14:14	MU23/1/50/292
11	374	Alexander Harrison-Gaze	Loftus & Whitby AC	14:21	MU23/2/48/98
12	627	Ian Rowan	Esk Valley Fell Club	14:22	M45/2/48/98
13	533	Joe Stringer	Northumberland Fell	14:31	M40/1/50/50
14	300	Robbie Preston	Individual#	14:33	MO/9/40/167
15	813	Stephen Pugh	Esk Valley Fell Club	14:34	M55/1/50/246*
16	390	Thomas Naisby	Esk Valley Fell Club	14:58	MO/10/39/39
17	392	Patrick Wastling	Individual#	15:05	MO/11/38/38
18	1817	Poppie Phillipson U15	Birtley Athletics Club	15:06	FJ/1/50/50
19	604	Reiner Hesse	Loftus & Whitby AC	15:16	M45/3/46/288
20	502	Peter Walker	York Knavesmire Ha	15:23	M40/2/48/340
21	1912	William Rowan U17	Esk Valley Fell Club	15:30	MJ/1/50/50
22	346	Lewis Hutchinson	York Acorn Running	15:34	MO/12/37/153
23	318	Joshua Goldsbrough	North York Moors AC	15:42	MO/13/36/116
24	630	Ian Hutchinson	Durham Fell Runners	15:44	M45/4/45/45
25	833	Stephen Smithies	Calder Valley Fell Ru	15:47	M55/2/48/48
26	321	Hamish Miller	Esk Valley Fell Club	15:51	MU23/3/46/231
27	309	James Seddon	York Knavesmire Ha	15:59	MO/14/35/196*
28	616	Jonathan Rowland	Esk Valley Fell Club	16:01	M45/5/44/134
29	345	Duncan Allen	Individual#	16:02	MO/15/34/111
30	932	Joe Blackett	Dark Peak Fell Runn	16:04	M60/1/50/50
31	388	Ewan Sewell	York Knavesmire Ha	16:10	MO/16/33/33
32	702	Calvin Nicholson	Billingham Running C	16:23	M50/1/50/317
33	602	Martin Vasey	Middlesbrough & Cle	16:32	M45/6/43/225
34	632	Iain Armstrong	Saltwell Harriers	16:40	M45/7/42/42
35	108	Natalie Greaves	York Knavesmire Ha	16:43	F40/1/50/244
36	957	Neil Rip Ridsdale	Esk Valley Fell Club	16:47	M65/1/50/350*
37	712	Matthew Harrison	Esk Valley Fell Club	16:48	M50/2/48/175*
38	386	Joe Addison	Durham Fell Runners	16:52	MO/17/32/32
39	641	Mike Quinn	Esk Valley Fell Club	16:59	M45/8/41/178*
40	805	Julian Wardman	Esk Valley Fell Club	17:01	M55/3/46/276*
41	807	Richard Clark	Esk Valley Fell Club	17:03	M55/4/45/213*
42	629	Paul Cook	Esk Valley Fell Club	17:09	M45/9/40/40
43	736	Simon Long	Saltwell Harriers	17:12	M50/3/46/46
44	1915	Milly Gale U17	Individual#	17:19	FJ/2/48/48
45	255	Karen Robertson	Northumberland Fell	17:24	F55/1/50/50
46	810	David Sanderson	Individual#	17:30	M55/5/44/306*
47	218	Sarah Hackett	Richmond and Zetlar	17:42	F50/1/50/50
48	913	Steve Everett	Durham City Harriers	17:43	M60/2/48/98
49	1911	Charlie Baines U17	Esk Valley Fell Club	18:08	MJ/2/48/48
50	707	Benjamin Whitworth	Loftus & Whitby AC	18:09	M50/4/45/317
51	735	Andrew Clark	Durham Fell Runners	18:15	M50/5/44/44
52	803	Angus Sanderson	North York Moors AC	18:20	M55/6/43/221
53	306	Stephen Roe	Billingham Running C	18:29	MO/18/31/258
54	42	Emma Burke	Northumberland Fell	18:34	FO/1/50/50
55	1913	Niamh Phillipson U17	Birtley Athletics Club	18:42	FJ/3/46/46

56	166	Shelli Gordon	North York Moors AC	18:49	F45/1/50/100*
57	605	Kevin Rudd	Loftus & Whitby AC	19:01	M45/10/39/289*
58	1914	Isla Simpson U17	Individual#	19:03	FJ/4/45/45
59	511	Jon Spry	Individual#	19:04	M40/3/46/167
60	40	Harriet Thompson	Individual#	19:05	FU23/1/50/50
61	909	Paul Havis	Individual#	19:07	M60/3/46/261
62	1714	Pippa Rowan U13	Esk Valley Fell Club	19:10	FJ/5/44/44
63	609	Paul Chapman	Thirsk & Sowerby Ha	19:14	M45/11/38/243
64	900	Graham Palmer	Loftus & Whitby AC	19:43	M60/4/45/315*
65	380	Jake Laverick	Individual#	20:02	MO/19/30/30
66	250	Nina Cameron	Northumberland Fell	20:09	F55/2/48/246
67	933	Paul Haydon	Fell Runners Associa	20:15	M60/5/44/44
68	391	Vincent Mullan	Middlesbrough & Cle	20:17	MO/20/29/29
69	387	Martyn Farnsworth	Durham Fell Runners	20:24	MO/21/28/28
70	504	Michal Czekajlo	York Acorn Running	20:47	M40/4/45/134
71	211	Louise Mayfield	Thirsk & Sowerby Ha	21:01	F50/2/48/196
72	531	Ross Robertson	North York Moors AC	21:05	M40/5/44/44
73	277	Hilary Allan	Esk Valley Fell Club	21:11	F60/1/50/294
74	1716	Max Laidler U13	Individual#	21:13	MJ/3/46/46
75	383	Liam Clarke	Orchard Eagles	21:15	MO/22/27/27
76	102	Abigail Carter	St Theresa's AC	21:18	F40/2/48/285*
77	953	Mark Edwards	North York Moors AC	21:19	M65/2/48/314*
78	534	Allan Ball	South Shields Harrier	21:20	M40/6/43/43
79	204	Catherine Shutt	North York Moors AC	21:22	F50/3/46/292
80	1715	Liliana Czekajlo U13	York City Athletics Cl	21:24	FJ/6/43/43
81	251	Nicola Thorpe	Pickering Running Cl	21:34	F55/3/46/342
82	532	Nicholas Harrison	Individual#	21:38	M40/7/42/42
83	276	Joanna Schreiber	Pudsey & Bramley A	21:42	F60/2/48/144
84	155	Lynn Humpleby	Pickering Running Cl	21:46	F45/2/48/275
85	154	Alice Hayter	Pickering Running Cl	21:56	F45/3/46/233
86	10	Alexandra Atkinson	Individual#	22:05	FO/2/48/139
87	167	Lynsey Hetherington	Saltwell Harriers	22:11	F45/4/45/45
88	114	Amanda Greenwood	Individual#	22:16	F40/3/46/46
89	834	David Ailano	Northumberland Fell	22:23	M55/7/42/42
90	1808	Will Baines U15	Esk Valley Fell Club	22:49	MJ/4/45/45
91	714	Phil Baines	Esk Valley Fell Club	22:49	M50/6/43/247
92	156	Sarah Hudson	Loftus & Whitby AC	22:50	F45/5/44/273
93	832	Simon Rek	Quakers Running Cl	23:10	M55/8/41/41
94	955	Stephen Haley	Individual#	23:18	M65/3/46/266
95	113	Beverley Isherwood	Individual#	23:31	F40/4/45/45
96	41	Nicole Atkinson	Individual#	23:35	FO/3/46/46
97	151	Lucy Sillars	Thirsk & Sowerby Ha	23:44	F45/6/43/308
98	987	Stephen Dixon	Valley Striders	23:55	M70/1/50/200
99	952	David Robinson	North York Moors AC	25:19	M65/4/45/259
100	903	Ian Robinson	Esk Valley Fell Club	26:08	M60/6/43/274
101	283	Christine Hemingway	City of Hull AC	31:17	F65/1/50/95
102	631	Graeme Watt	Elvet Striders	Retired	M45/0/0/0

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Teams:	Club	Points	Positions	Team pts/total
male:	1 Esk Valley Fell Club 'A'	53	10,12,15,16	15/110
	2 Loftus & Whitby AC 'A'	76	2,11,18,45	14/108
	3 Esk Valley Fell Club 'B'	106	20,25,27,34	13/69
	4 Durham Fell Runners 'A'	110	5,23,36,46	12/12
	5 Esk Valley Fell Club 'C'	149	35,37,38,39	11/13
	6 North York Moors AC 'A'	190	22,47,59,62	10/98
	7 Esk Valley Fell Club 'D'	217	40,44,66,67	9/9

female:	1	Northumberland Fell Run	22	4,6,12	15/15
	2	Birtley Athletics Club 'A'	38	1,7,(30)	14/14
	3	North York Moors AC 'A'	54	8,16,(30)	13/88
	4	Esk Valley Fell Club 'A'	55	11,14,(30)	12/22
	5	Pickering Running Club	59	18,20,21	11/108
	6	Thirsk & Sowerby Harrier	71	13,28,(30)	10/115

* = Bonus points not included

= Non-counter (team)

Comments:

Roseberry Topping, the longest lived of the Summer or Winter Series events (in its original format), though it did in the early days start at the stone on the village green. The race was first held in 1953 as part of the Coronation celebrations for Queen Elizabeth the Second. The event has now reached its 72nd anniversary. With the cancellation of the Langdale End Show Fell Race it became the ninth counter in the Dave Parry Lets Run Summer Fell Race Series 2025. The race was also the fifth counter in the North East Fell Running Championships.

New for this year were the addition of junior races for the U9 and U11 age categories, with the U13's and over running the full course with the seniors to the Roseberry Topping Summit as usual.

The rain showers seemed to have missed registration, but it was a weather bluff and the heavens opened midway through for a good 10 minutes of torrential rain, plus some distant thunder, which could have potentially threatened the event if closer.

The rain and thunder did not put off participants with 110 runners signing on the line, 92 seniors and 18 juniors from age 6 to 16.

The Roseberry Topping fell race is in the classic mould of the very earliest fell (or guides) races, which were a race up to the summit of a local hill and then of course the descent of it too. There are these races which pepper the FRA calendar, though check out the BOFRA calendar where the majority of the short races rest and there is also an excellent programme of junior events.

Throughout the history of fell racing there have been those who are good ascenders and those who are good descenders. A classic rivalry was between Fred Reeves (The Ascender) and Tommy Sedgewick (The descender) they were fierce rivals on the hills in their golden era of the 1970's. Fred would gain an apparently unassailable lead by the summit, then Tommy would be 'brainless and brakeless' in his descent and very often but quite often not catching and passing his rival. 'Feet in the Clouds' by Richard Askwith is a good read for those wanting to know more.

To the tale of the tape, 102 runners lined up for the senior race, Jenson Young (MSEN) Individual reached the summit trig point first, with Chris Larkin (MSEN) Northumberland Fell Runners second and Oliver Shaw (MSEN) Loftus and Whitby third. In the ladies race it was U15 girl Poppie Phillipson (FJ) Birtley AC who led from Natalie Greaves (F40) York Knivesmire Harriers and Karen Robertson (F55) Northumberland Fell Runners third. First junior boy was William Rowan U17 (MJ) Esk Valley Fell Club, with Pippa Rowan U13 (FJ) Esk Valley Fell Club first U13 girl. Max Laidler U13 (MJ) Individual and Will Baines U15 (MJ) Esk Valley Fell Club were first in their categories.

In the blink of an eye Jenson had lost his lead to Chris Larkin who placed first by 10 seconds over Oliver Shaw, with Jenson a further minute back. Poppie Phillipson maintained her lead to finish 18th overall and nearly two minutes ahead of Natalie. Karen was passed by Milly Gale U17 (FJ) Individual who finished third. First veteran to cross the line was Tim Grimwood (M45) Swaledale Runners in 8th overall. Fred Boyes and Lexie Harrison were first boy and girl in the U9's and Chloe Harrison first U11 in an all girl field.

In the team competition it was the Northern female raiders from Northumberland Fell Runners and Esk Valley Fell Club men.

Next series event is Tripsdale Trot at Bilsdale Show on Saturday 30th August, followed by Castleton Show (Hilly Road) Race on Saturday 13th September (Enter in advance if you still can) and the series rounds out with Fry-up Frazzler on Sunday 21st September.

Next Race : Bilsdale Show - Tripsdale

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