

Fox & Hounds Chase**Dave Parry/Lets Run Summer Series 2026****03-May-26****Race 1**

Pos.	No.	Name	Club	time	cat/pos/pts
1	300	Joseph Martlew	Thirsk & Sowerby Ha	01:23:03	MO/1/50
2	707	Paul Williams	Esk Valley Fell Club	01:23:47	M50/1/50
3	76	Catherine Williamson	Loftus & Whitby AC	01:23:58	F40/1/50
4	304	Dermot Meeham	Esk Valley Fell Club	01:24:28	MO/2/48
5	305	Mikey Garbutt	Loftus & Whitby AC	01:29:18	MO/3/46
6	701	Jonathan Rowland	Esk Valley Fell Club	01:33:39	M50/2/48
7	703	Giles Hawking	York Knavesmire Ha	01:34:06	M50/3/46
8	704	Martin Vasey	Middlesbrough & Cle	01:35:47	M50/4/45
9	500	Luke Osborn	York Knavesmire Ha	01:37:29	M40/1/50
10	75	Esther Harrison	Thirsk & Sowerby Ha	01:37:34	F40/2/48
11	600	Kieron Niven	York Knavesmire Ha	01:37:42	M45/1/50
12	302	Matthew Tune	East Hull Harriers & /	01:37:49	MO/4/45
13	301	Tom Ridsdale	Individual#	01:38:00	MO/5/44
14	931	Neil RIP Ridsdale	Esk Valley Fell Club	01:38:06	M65/1/50
15	601	Rob Allinson	Redcar Running Clu	01:40:24	M45/2/48
16	705	Matthew Harrison	Esk Valley Fell Club	01:40:29	M50/5/44
17	925	Barry Atkinson	York Knavesmire Ha	01:40:42	M65/2/48
18	700	Phil Baines	Esk Valley Fell Club	01:40:50	M50/6/43
19	929	Kevin Holmes	Individual#	01:42:08	M65/3/46
20	804	David Sanderson	Esk Valley Fell Club	01:42:58	M55/1/50
21	875	Graham D Palmer	Loftus & Whitby AC	01:43:30	M60/1/50
22	201	Hester Butterworth	Scarborough AC	01:44:37	F55/1/50
23	1	Tabitha McNicholas	North York Moors AC	01:44:45	FO/1/50
24	876	Paul Havis	Individual#	01:47:13	M60/2/48
25	928	Barry Edwards	Individual#	01:51:22	M65/4/45
26	151	Alice Hayter	Pickering RC	01:51:45	F50/1/50
27	153	Catherine Shutt	Boro Runners	01:52:24	F50/2/48
28	303	Daniel Waslin	Individual#	01:52:29	MO/6/43
29	800	Bryan Drew	York Knavesmire Ha	01:53:17	M55/2/48
30	200	Lucy Saggars	Pickering RC	01:54:07	F55/2/48
31	803	Richard Clark	Esk Valley Fell Club	01:54:18	M55/3/46
32	930	Mick Clarke	Loftus & Whitby AC	01:54:41	M65/5/44
33	706	James Bennett	Individual#	01:54:52	M50/7/42
34	926	Roger Laycock	Settle Harriers	01:58:44	M65/6/43
35	802	Miles Sharp	Esk Valley Fell Club	02:00:33	M55/4/45
36	150	Orna O'Toole	York Knavesmire Ha	02:02:24	F50/3/46
37	2	Robyn Watson	Esk Valley Fell Club	02:07:10	FO/2/48
38	702	Paul Chapman	Esk Valley Fell Club	02:10:48	M50/8/41
39	801	Gavin Coventry	Thirsk & Sowerby Ha	02:10:49	M55/5/44
40	927	Richard Parkin	Beverley AC	02:16:55	M65/7/42
41	934	Colin Valentine	Keswick AC	02:17:40	M65/8/41
42	251	Joanna Schreiber	Pudsey & Bramley A	02:19:31	F60/1/50
43	932	Jon Punshon	Northumberland Fell	02:20:54	M65/9/40
44	877	Gary Beard	Loftus & Whitby AC	02:21:57	M60/3/46
45	100	Joanne Hall	Esk Valley Fell Club	02:34:21	F45/1/50
46	275	Alison Lloyd	North York Moors AC	02:38:23	F65/1/50
47	250	Denise Tunstall	Durham Fell Runners	02:41:24	F60/2/48
48	152	Jayne Bowers	Esk Valley Fell Club	02:42:33	F50/4/45
49	933	Ian Robinson	Esk Valley Fell Club	02:42:34	M65/10/39
50	602	Dan Bateson	Scarborough Athletic	DNF	M45/0/0
51	77	Victoria Burns	Middlesbrough & Cle	DNS	F40/0/0

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Teams:	Club	Points	Positions	Team pts
male:	1 Esk Valley Fell Club 'A'	22	2,3,5,12	15
	2 York Knavesmire Harrier	38	6,8,9,15	14
	3 Esk Valley Fell Club 'B'	72	14,16,18,24	13
	4 Loftus & Whitby AC 'A'	82	4,19,25,34	12
female:	1 Pickering RC 'A'	27	5,7,(15)	15
	2 North York Moors AC 'A'	31	4,12,(15)	14
	3 Esk Valley Fell Club 'A'	34	9,11,14	13

* = Bonus points not included

= Non-counter (team)

Comments:

It was difficult to recollect anything other than fine weather for the Winter Fell Race Series 2025/26 which completed at Heartbeat Hobbie the previous weekend, ironic then that the runners arriving for the Fox and Hounds Chase Fell Race, first counter in the Dave Parry Lets Run Summer Fell Race Series 2026 were greeted with drizzle and a heavy clag on the hill tops. The weather did not really change for the remainder of the day, though the cooler and wetter conditions were a welcome relief for participants from the recent warm/hot and sunshine which brings its own challenge.

Our registration hosts the Yorkshire Cycle Hub did offer a warm welcome and a tasty menu for the volunteers led by Mally Peggs the Race Organiser from Loftus and Whitby and athletes post race.

In the fell race itself there was a select field of 51 runners. The Fox and Hounds Chase route offers a classically tough North York Moors fell race challenge, chatter on the start line was that maybe this had deterred or scared of a few less hardy runners. The nine mile course offers plenty of up and down, mixed terrain with heather lined trods, technical rock strewn paths, soft verging on boggy ground and a bit of tarmac. The hill top clag meant visibility was low and careful considered navigation rather than fast running was the order of the day. Regular fell race winner and Winter Series champion Dan Bateson FV45 Scarborough AC, on his birthday led the race field out with Mikey Garbutt in pursuit. As Dan slipped away from Mikey and ascended into the clag he lost way, and instead somehow ending up on Blakey Ridge. Fell runners don't believe they are ever lost, won't turn around instead believing that carrying on they will somehow be able to navigate their way out of a problem. Admitting defeat Dan thumbed a lift from a passing motorist to The Lion Inn, unfortunately no cash in Dan's emergency kit for a pint, but he did have a telephone and was recovered by his kindly spouse. A triumph of hope over experience and a right of passage for a fell runner in the Fox and Hounds Chase.

In the tale of the tape, it was Joseph Martlew MSEN Thirsk and Sowerby Harriers who raced to victory, with in cool pursuit and finishing in the same minute Paul Williams M50 Esk Valley Fell Club and the female winner Catherine Williamson F40 Loftus and Whitby AC. MSEN category runners Dermot Meehan Esk Valley Fell Club and Mikey Garbutt Loftus and Whitby AC finished 4th and 5th overall respectively. Esther Harrison F40 Thirsk and Sowerby Harriers finished runner-up in 10th overall, the winter series champions Hester Butterworth F55 Scarborough AC and Tabitha McNicholas FSEN North York Moors AC 3rd and 4th, with the ever improving Alice Hayter W50 Pickering RC in her new age category an inspired 5th place.

Further down the field, Denise Tunstall W60 Durham Fell Runners and Colin Valentine M65 Keswick AC misread the start time as 11.00hrs, they gave the field a few minutes head start.

Team wise it was Pickering RC with the benefit of a ghost run who won the female prize, Esk Valley Fell Club placed three runners in second place. In the mens competition it was Esk Valley Fell Club back to winning ways.

Thanks to our volunteers who braved the cool and wet conditions and its now onto another terrific fell challenge at Bilsdale on Sunday 10th May at Chop Gate Village Hall. Start time is 10.30am, Registration from 9.00am, FULL kit as its an AM category race.

Next Race : Bilsdale (Medium)

10-May-26