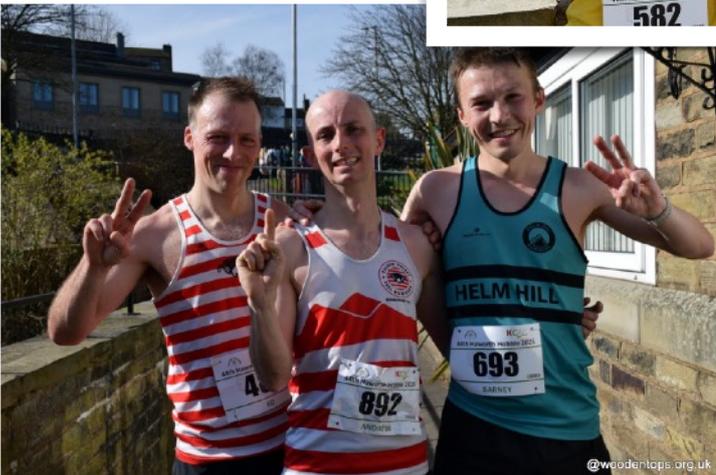


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The 45th Haworth Hobble - 14th March 2026





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All for that taste of Taylor's

Foreword

Whether one of many regulars or a new face, welcome to Haworth. It's a lovely Yorkshire village with so much history associated with the Bronte family. Apologies if you end up having to dodge tourists towards the end of the race as the movie 'Wuthering Heights' has very much put us on tourist map at the moment. Even early in the morning, you may well get some more intrepid tourists up at Top Withens about 3.5 miles into the race.

The race is becoming more of an event weekend these days as so many people are staying in local accommodation and a fleet of camper vans seem to turn up as well.

After the superb presentation by Jasmin Paris last year ending with everybody with tears in their eyes and a standing ovation, we thought that we would see if there was interest in making presentations a fixture so some of those travelling could really make it an ultra weekend. We would love to see you at the one hour presentations on Friday at 7pm and Saturday at 6pm. They are on completing the BTU Global Series of Ultra Marathons in some fairly extreme conditions on Friday (that's me doing that one) and on Saturday, we have elite ultra runner Tom Hollins telling his fascinating story including multiple world bests as he has completed some of the craziest challenges including a non-stop vertical marathon with over 200 consecutive ascents up Pendle Hill. Ticket prices are only £7.50 with 100% of proceeds to the local mountain rescue team and our local hospital charity. [Click here for more details of both presentations \(scroll down for link to Tom's\).](#)

I cannot thank our team of volunteers enough and please give them a shout. You will see many of our Juniors along with so many fantastic members of Keighley & Craven AC. However, yet again, the ultra running community has done us proud and we have many volunteers from outside of our own club, some travelling considerable distances. We anticipate about 26,000 miles will be run on race day and that keeps us awake at night - however, it's like a Spine Race reunion behind the scenes as so many of the volunteers or runners from that race are giving up their whole weekend to help ensure a smooth and safe event and believe me, you will not get a better team anywhere.

A big 'thank you' again to our race sponsors Timothy Taylor's. It was our first Hobble with them last year and they have been superb to work with. If you don't know their beers, please try the Fleece Inn after the race as it's definitely the place to be. If you do know their beer, you will almost certainly be going to the Fleece Inn for post race drink. They are wonderfully supportive of the race.

The whole team looks forward to seeing you on the day and have an enjoyable race,

Gary Chapman, Race Director

PS. PLEASE TRY TO BE QUIET BEFORE THE RACE AND RESPECT THE LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS ALIKE. THEY MAY GET A SHOCK WHEN THEY LOOK OUT OF WINDOW AT 8AM.

Summary Of Key Race Information In 60 Seconds

- 1. Friday Night Registration now available - 6pm to 9pm - West Lane Baptist Church, BD22 8EN (Try to avoid 7pm to 8pm as limited staffing available at this time).**
- 2. Event Car Park - Open from 5.30am and locked on Sunday at midday. £5 per car - Cash or Contactless payment available.**
- 3. If 4 or more in a car and using Event Car Park - register all names at the Map Sales desk in registration to be entered in Prize Draw for free places next year. PLEASE CAR SHARE WHEREVER POSSIBLE.**
- 4. Saturday Registration - 5.50am to 7.45am at Haworth Primary School.**
- 5. Waterproof Race Maps - £3. Available at registration (Cash or Contactless payment).**
- 6. All mandatory kit must be brought to either Friday or Saturday registration for kit check.**
- 7. All runners will be issued with a race tracker (one only for each pair team) and these will be issued on race day only. If you register on Friday night, you must collect tracker from school main hall before race.**
- 8. The Run Reuse Recycle Project will be at registration - bring in any quality unwanted kit (not race t-shirts though) and they will help find a new home.**
- 9. Early start available between 6.30am to 7.15am from Fleece Inn, Haworth. You do not need to advise us in advance - register early and meet the Race Starter outside Fleece Inn, who will scan your race number so you can start. NO EARLY STARTS AFTER 7.15AM.**
- 10. Baggage drop if required - At rear of school canteen (but we prefer you leave in car).**
- 11. Private female only changing area for post race (go to rear of school canteen).**
- 12. Pre-paid T-shirts/hoodies can be collected at Friday night registration or from the school canteen either before/after race. Please present your race number.**
- 13. There are a small number of t-shirts/hoodies for sale on Friday night and in school canteen before/after race. When stocks are gone, that's it so don't delay. Cash or Contactless payment available.**
- 14. Feedstation 1 opens at 8.15am and Feedstation 2 at 9.30am - If you go through before these times you will be disqualified.**
- 15. If you withdraw at any stage, you must notify a Race Official and make sure they confirm this is notified to Race HQ. Your tracker must be handed in to a Race Official. You will be charged £120 plus VAT for any lost trackers.**
- 16. There is a new finish line from 2026 - this will be signposted and marshalled. You will finish in the school playground.**

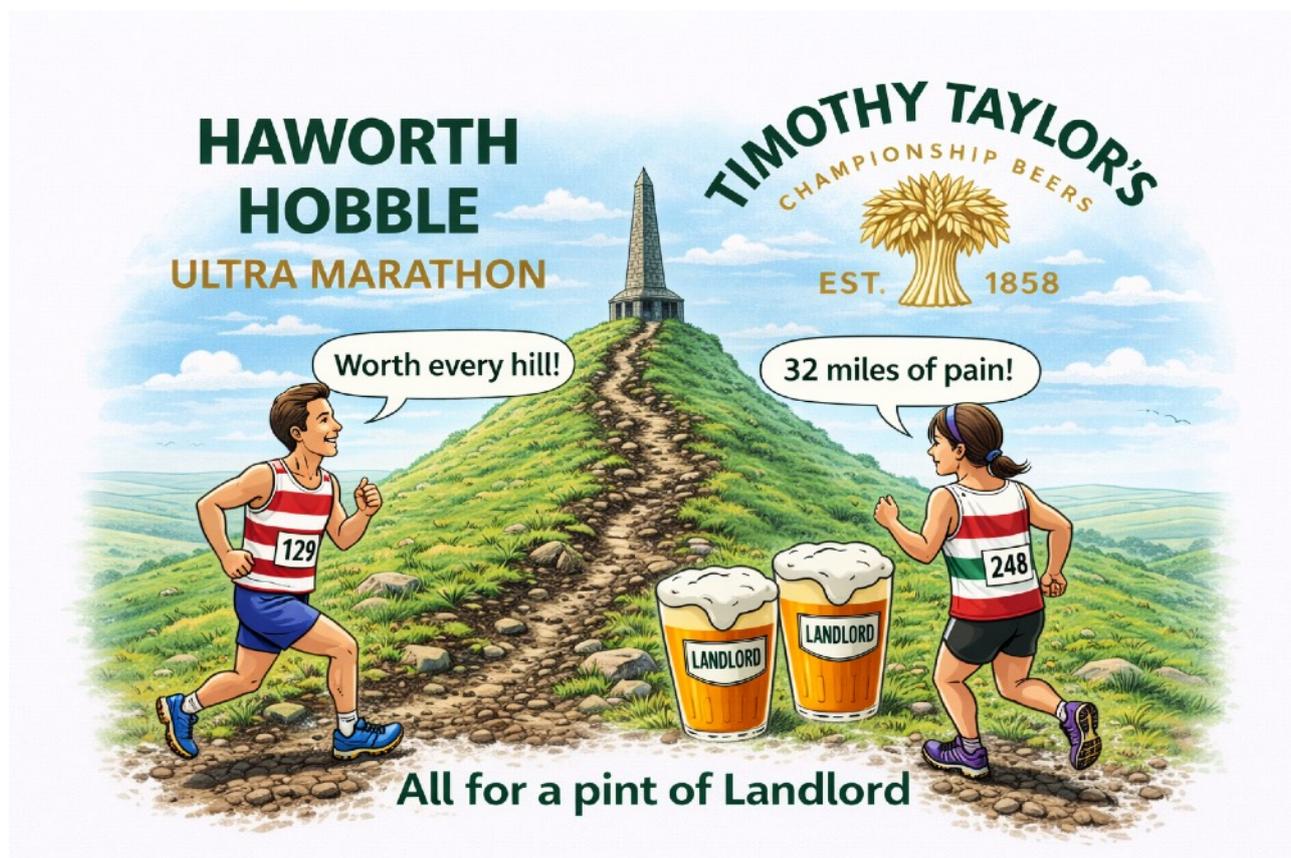
THE FULL DETAILED RACE BRIEF IS BELOW.

1. Pre-Event Competitor Changes And Withdrawals

The only changes acceptable now are as below and we **DO NOT** need to know in advance of race day - please visit the 'pairs' desk at registration.

- a) If one half of a pair cannot attend for any reason, we will swap you to a 'solo' entry.
- b) If a pair is so mismatched, you wish to swap to two solo entries then we will allow this (although we really would prefer you stick as pair at this late stage to avoid significant hassle at registration).

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE RACE THEN THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO LET US KNOW. WE PLAN FOR ABOUT 25% OF YOU NOT TURNING UP BASED ON PREVIOUS RACE STATS. IF YOU ALL TURN UP THEN WE HAVE A PROBLEM SO IN THE NICEST POSSIBLE SENSE, WE HOPE 25% OF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING !



2. Car Parking, Car Sharing and Toilets

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE SMALL SCHOOL CAR PARK AT RACE HQ UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS IS STRICTLY EVENT TEAM ONLY AND WE ARE STRUGGLING FOR ENOUGH SPACE AS IT IS - YOU WILL BE MADE TO RUN A 2ND LAP IF FOUND.



a) Car Parking (see map below)

The event car parks will be open from 5.30am.

We have the use of Haworth Primary School All Weather Pitch again and an overflow facility at Haworth Community Centre. The car park is off Acre Lane, Haworth, BD22 8QX. You need to turn onto Butt Lane from either direction then take Acre Lane next to Parkside Social Club. There will be car park signs and marshals to help. Click here for exact location of [car park](#).

There is a direct walking route from car park into back of school so it is only about 150 metres to registration at closest point.

There will be a £5 charge for the car park. BOTH CASH AND CONTACTLESS PAYMENT AVAILABLE. It will cost you similar if you park elsewhere in Haworth. There is little free parking near school as it is tourist village. Yes, we know there are a few places to park for free but this

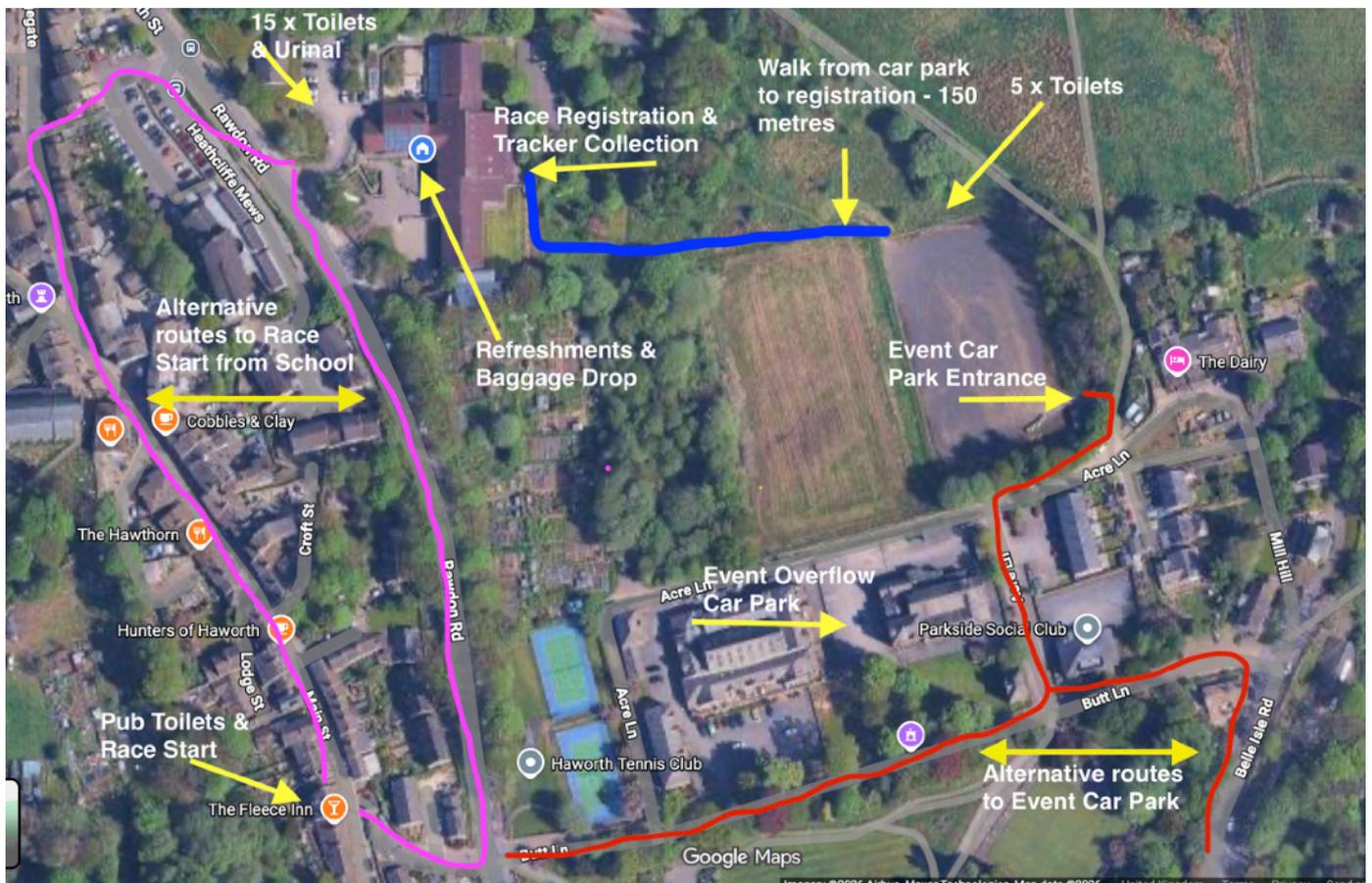
upsets residents. Please avoid parking on Acre Lane immediately before you get to all weather pitch event parking - only use if both car parks are full.

100% of proceeds from car parking go to Haworth Primary School where Head Teacher uses it for special treats for kids.

If you choose to leave your car here overnight as you retire to pub, that's fine but please move car by midday on Sunday as we will lock it then.

The car park is about 4 minutes walk from race start (or 90 seconds panicked run).

Please don't take chances with Haworth car parks if you do not have enough money on your ticket - parking fines are a regular hazard here as a tourist village.



b) Car Sharing

We are doing our best to make the event more sustainable and address areas where we can improve. Please try to car share wherever possible to both do our bit to reduce carbon footprint and to ensure enough space for others.

As an incentive to those cars with 4 or more competitors in who use the event car park, please register your car/names at the 'Maps Sales' desk inside race registration area and we will conduct a ballot and offer free places for the 2026 Haworth Hobble for everybody in the car (places not transferable).

c) Toilets

1. Event Car park (school all weather pitch)

- 5 x Portalooos (3 x male, 2 x female)
- 150 metres from race registration and 400 metres from race start

2. Race Registration (outside in event team car park)

- 15 portalooos (8 x male, 7 x female)
- Male urinal block
- 250 metres to race start

3. Fleece Inn, Haworth

- This is the start line and it is the pub toilets.
- These will be open to all competitors from 6.30am to 8am. This can get very busy after 7.30am so we would advise using school portalooos if possible.

4. CP3 - Todmorden Golf Club

- There will be one male and one female portaloo at feedstation.

5. CP4 - Mankinholes

- There will be one male and one female portaloo at feedstation.

6. CP5 - Cross Inn

- The pub has kindly agreed that desperate runners may use their toilets - please say 'thank you'.

7. Hardcastle Craggs

- Just under one mile after CP5 and immediately after crossing the river on old packhorse bridge , there are some National Trust toilets about 30 metres to the right off route. There will be small charge for using these.

And what if there are no toilets?

Bears do it in the woods and so do ultra runners - however, please please please leave our moors exactly as you find them - I don't want a call from an irate land owner on this subject. And if this topic is new to you - [click here for a great article on how to deal with this.](#)

3. Race Registration including Trackers, Kit Requirements, Kit Check and Bag Drop

a) Friday Night Registration - 6pm to 9pm

- **This will be held at West Lane Baptist Church - 300 metres from normal registration - [Click here for location.](#)**
- It will be open from 6pm to 9pm. If you can, try to avoid 7pm to 8pm as the presentation will be going on upstairs and so only a couple of volunteers at that time.
- **YOU MUST BRING YOUR MANDATORY KIT** (full details further down this section) for a kit check.
- You will be issued with your race number upon completion of kit check **however all trackers will be issued on race day at the School Hall.**
- Please be aware that we cannot issue trackers the night before and you need to attend the School Hall at the main Saturday morning registration. **HOWEVER**, please go directly to the School Hall entrance door and go directly to the tracker issuing area as this should be very quick. You must bring your race number with you and you will then be given a tracker. If there is a queue to get into the hall, that queue will be for people registering on the day - stay to the right as you will be allowed straight in without queueing. Please read section below regards trackers.

b) Saturday Morning Registration - 5.50am to 7.45am

- This is in Main School Hall at rear of building where it moved to from 2025 event onwards. It will be well signposted. It is even closer to main event car park and just 150 metres at closest point.
- Registration is open from **5.50am** and until **6.15am**, it is only for early starters. After **6.15am** it is for everybody.
- We will operate a one way system for those registering on the day to keep things moving - once you enter the one way system, please keep moving forward. If you see that long lost running buddy then now is not the time to chat to them as you will clog up our attempt at registering large numbers in 90 minutes. Meet them at the main tea/coffee/congregation area in school canteen.
- We use a lot of registration staff and 5 separate desks split alphabetically for individuals as well as a pairs desk - any queues clear quickly. It can get busy - turn up early then go to main school canteen for free refreshments. The main toilets near there as well.
- We have highest race number this year since 1993. We want to start the race at 8am exactly so please turn up early for registration and toilet use.
- If you have a nightmare journey and turn up late, don't panic, chill out and we will start you on timing system when you are ready.....don't let it ruin your day.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AS 3 STEP REGISTRATION PROCESS ON SATURDAY MORNING:

- **Step 1 - Kit Check** - You must bring your mandatory kit to registration. Approx 50% of you will undergo a random kit check. This is based on surnames and 50% will go straight to Step 2. Those selected will not be issued race number/ tracker until mandatory kit complied with. No kit, no race. You will not be aware who is being kit checked until you arrive at registration.
- **Step 2 - Race Number Issue** - There will be 4 registration desks for individuals based on surnames alphabetically and one registration desk for pairs. You will be given your race number. This has your first name/nickname on front and on back there is area for medical info, contacts and race emergency numbers if you are withdrawing, reporting incidents or need pick up.
- **Step 3 -Open Tracking Trackers** - All competitors (one tracker for each pair) will be issued with a tracker immediately after collecting race number.



NOTE FOR PAIRS ONLY - If you start race together then you must stay together as only one tracker issued between two unless one pulls out midway (must formally withdraw with race officials) as we will allow remaining member to continue with the tracker. Pairs will only be issued with one tracker. You cannot split into solos and both carry on separately.

Where to place the trackers?

You can choose where to place the tracker and we would suggest:

- You can tape to shoulder of race pack and there will be tape available and people there to help.
- You can simply place inside race vest/backpack/bum bag. The unit works harder to find a signal hence it goes through battery quicker but this is fine for event of this length. **HOWEVER, PLEASE PUT AT HIGHEST POINT WITH TRACKER FACING UPWARDS TO GUARANTEE SIGNAL AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU HAVE IT WRAPPED OR COVERED BY A FOIL BLANKET OR SIMILAR.**

c) Kit Requirements and Kit Check

This race is licensed by the FRA and their rules apply.

You must carry FRA mandatory kit as follows: Waterproof whole body cover with taped seams and attached hood, hat, gloves, map, compass, whistle and emergency food (a few gels sufficient or energy bar due to number of feed stations). **IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING ARE ALSO COMPULSORY FOR THIS EVENT;**

- water carrying capacity of minimum 500ml (your choice if you have water in it at start)

- foil blanket or emergency bivvy bag (ensure the tracker is placed away from them and at higher point to prevent signal loss)

- additional long sleeved base layer which must not be worn at start of race (if you have incident a warm dry top can make a big difference)

NOT COMPULSORY - If you want tea, coffee, soup or cola then it would be really helpful if you carried your own mug. We have a limited supply of recyclable cups for tea/coffee/soup but would rather not use them.

Irrespective of the above, you should always consider if more than the minimum is best for you even with a positive weather forecast. It does no harm to review the following documents regularly as we find them very useful. [FRA Requirements For Runners](#) and the [FRA Hypothermia Guidance](#).

If you haven't seen the Mountaineering Scotland video on the effects of cold on trail runners then this is a 'must watch' especially for less experienced runners - [Click here for video](#).

d) Baggage Drop - Changes For 2026 Race

- Baggage drop is in the main school canteen (about 350 metres from race start)
- It is at the rear of canteen and due to the numbers, we will now be operating a baggage drop policy rather than a competitor led policy where you throw it anywhere in panic and leave chaos in your wake for us to sort (you know who you are !).
- There will be a baggage desk at rear of school canteen and they will have baggage tags and pens. Simply write your race number on baggage tag, attach to bag and hand it in (and don't steal our pens !).
- At the end of the race, the bags will be laid out in number order and there will be somebody directing you to areas where you can change.
- We do not have any changing rooms at the school however, from 2026, the rear area of school canteen can be used for male changing (and we will try to adapt to provide very limited privacy).
- However, the school have very kindly allowed us to use the staff room for female changing in privacy and this will be signposted and an Event Team member will direct you as it is in same area.
- This is a big deal for us that the school have been kind enough to agree to staff room use to allow greater privacy for female changing. Please can you do everything possible to ensure the area is kept clean and no sign of our presence.

4. Mass Start Information & Early Starts

a) Mass Start - 8am

The mass start is 8am outside Fleece Inn, Haworth.



PLEASE KEEP THE NOISE DOWN.

b) Early Starts

You may start between 6.30am to 7.15am from the Fleece Inn where we will have official starter.

The official starter will scan your race number so you have officially recorded time. **DO NOT TRY ORIGAMI WITH YOUR RACE NUMBER - WE NEED EASY ACCESS TO BARCODE.**

We encourage all walkers and very slow runners only to take up this option as it reduces significantly the time that volunteers have to be out waiting on course. It also removes 'cut off' pressure from you later on.

However, checkpoint 1 at 7.6 miles will not open until 8.15am and checkpoint 2 at 13.4 miles will not open until 9.30am. You cannot pass checkpoint 1 and 2 until these times or you will be disqualified. This is simply to stop some sneaky faster runners (you know who you are from past years!) from starting early and getting ahead of our course management.

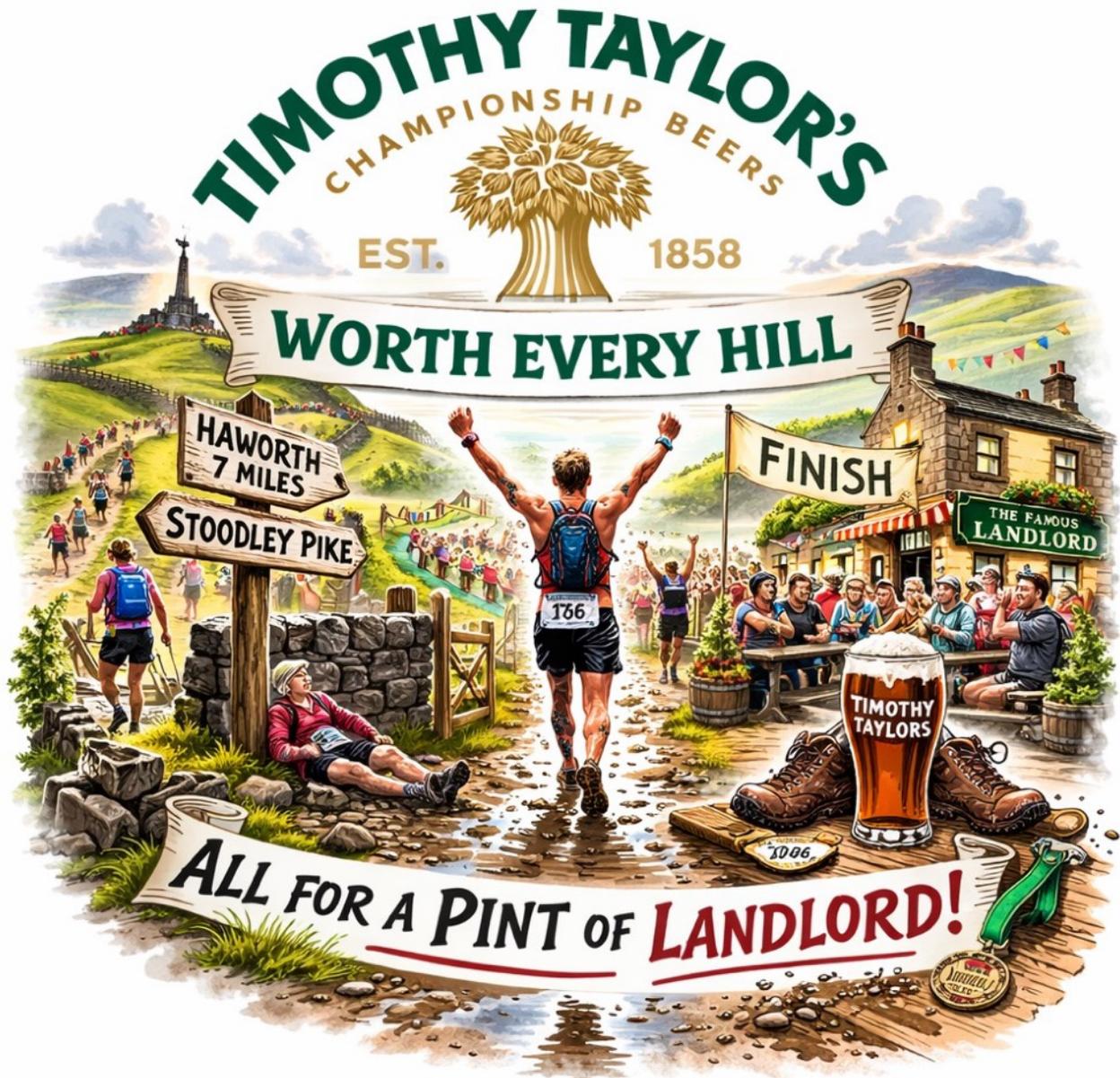
This is not an option for anybody other than slower competitors. We expect in region of 150 people to start early based on past years.

Early starters please be aware of faster runners approaching and ensure you give them space and the best racing line especially if on narrow sections. Hopefully, you will all give each other a big cheer.

Faster runners please don't act like the US President and just bulldoze your way through without a care in the world - give them a loud shout that 'fast runner approaching on your left/right' as we would prefer no collateral damage from your overtaking. The paths/tracks are generally much wider by the time you come across early starters and we have not had issues before.

The last early starter is strictly 7.15am from Fleece Inn as this ensures the narrow sections are all cleared prior to mass start leaders catching up.

We do not need to know in advance that you are starting early - register from 5.50am onwards, get your tracker and the race starter will be at Fleece Inn in high viz orange jacket ready to start you on the clock when ready.



5. Feedstation Information & Race Cut Offs

The photo below shows all feedstation locations, distances and cut offs. This information is also on the official race map.

Table 1

	Location	Distance	Distance to next checkpoint	Checkpoint closure and cut off time	Grid Reference
Checkpoint 1	Widdop	7.6 miles	5.8 miles to CP2	Open 8.15am (for early starters and you cannot pass until checked in). Closes 10.15am	SD936328
Checkpoint 2	Long Causeway	13.4 miles	4.4 miles to CP3	Midday	SD894288
Checkpoint 3	Todmorden Golf Club	17.6 miles	1.6 miles to CP4	1.15pm	SD943249
Checkpoint 4	YHA Mankinholes	19.4 miles	4.5 miles to CP5	1.45pm	SD959235
Checkpoint 5	Cross Inn, Heptonstall	23.9 miles	3.6 miles to CP6	3.15pm	SD987281
Checkpoint 6	Thurish Farm Entrance	27.5 miles	4.2 miles to finish	4.15pm	SD998329

a) Feedstation Food/Drink

There will be water, flat cola, squash at every feed station to drink.

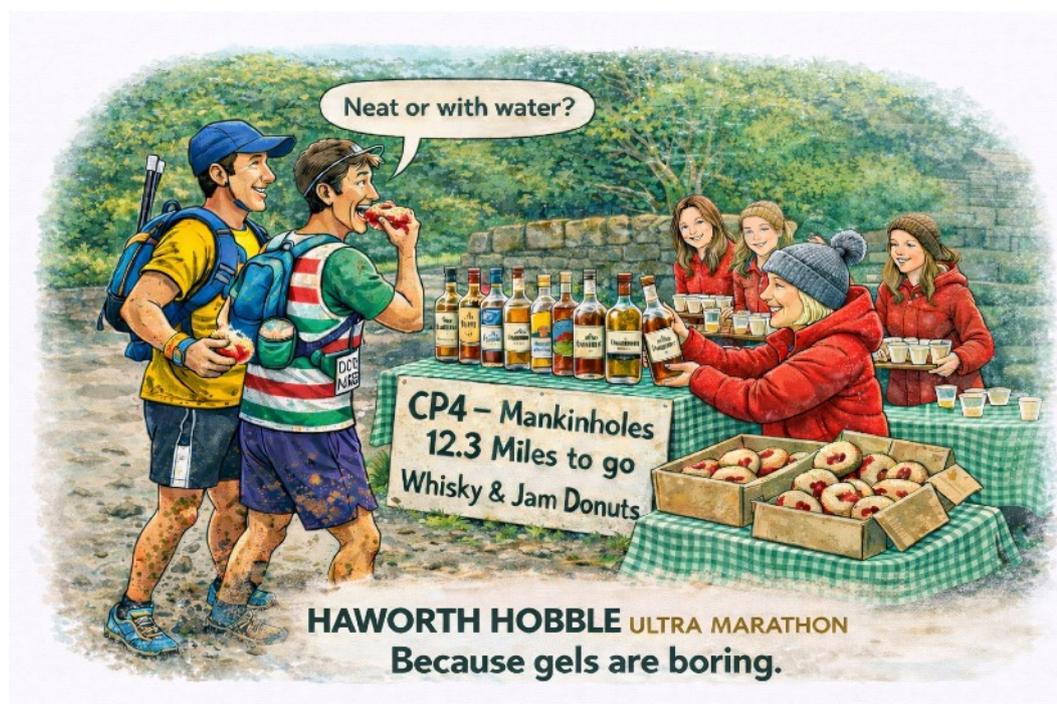
There will be jelly babies, jaffa cakes, chocolate bars and fruit (bananas/oranges/melon) at every feed station. There will also be gluten free jaffa cakes (please ask volunteers as kept separate).

In addition, there will be at:

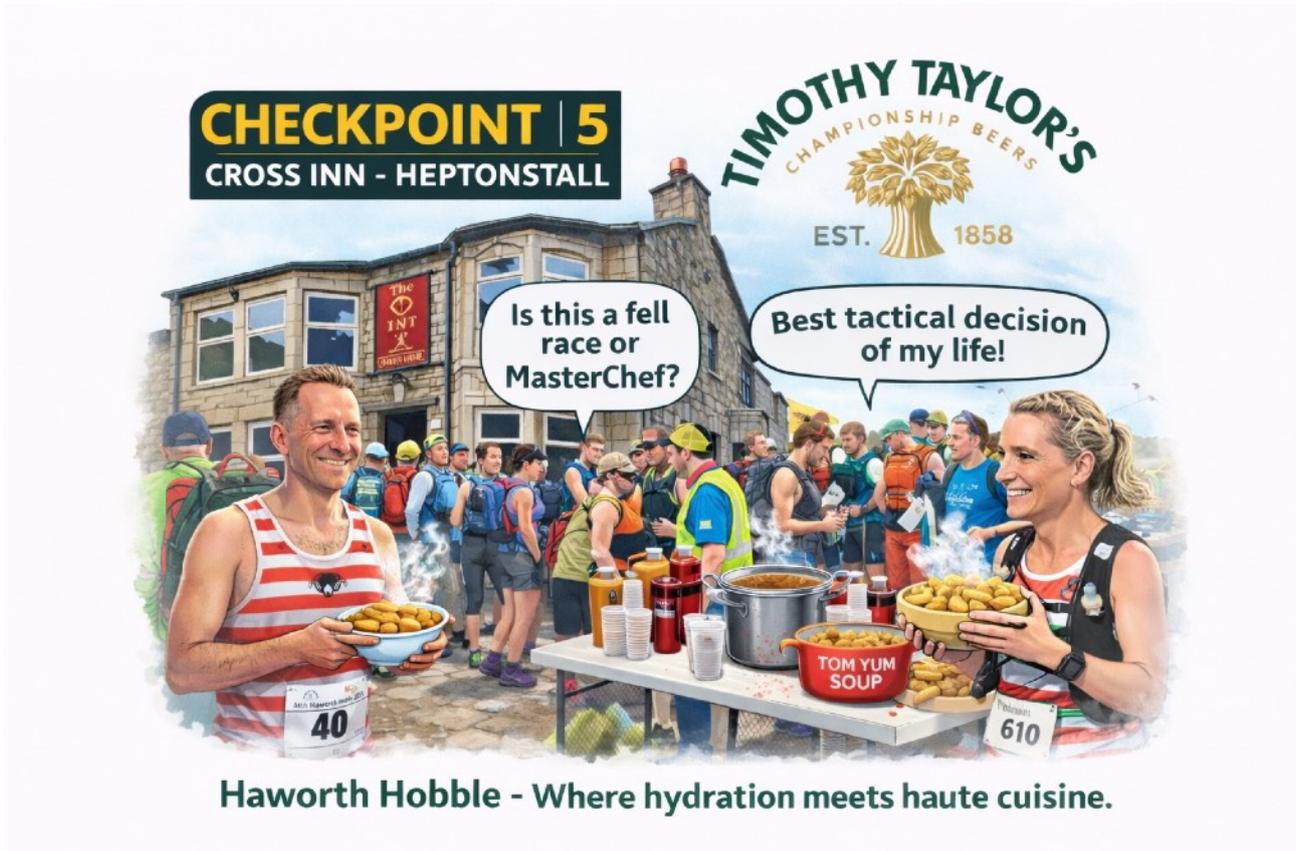
Feedstation 2 - Salted new potatoes

Feedstation 3 - Hot dogs with onions and selection of mustards, Timothy Taylor's Landlord fruitcake (contains dairy and nuts), coffee and tea (hot dogs will have vegan/gluten free offering).

Feedstation 4 - Fresh Donuts (Raspberry, strawberry and custard fillings), Salted new potatoes, a selection of fine single and blended malt whisky from around the world to get you up Stoodley Pike



Feedstation 5 - Chips with salt and vinegar, coffee and tea, Tom Yum Soup (in case you think Tom Yum soup is a weird offering, it is salty, hint of chilli, savoury and widespread feedback is that works really well on stomach at that stage of race) and Timothy Taylor's Landlord Fruitcake. Please be aware that chips/soup may not be available for runners at overall 5:30 pace or quicker. Whilst we try to have the chips/Tom Yum soup immediately available, the logistics of doing this are complicated - if small delay then sorry as we will be doing our best.



Feedstation 6 - Salted new potatoes, crisps and whatever is leftover from earlier feed stations if we can transport it in time !



Big thank you to Bothams of Whitby for donating a large supply of the rather delicious Timothy Taylor's Landlord Fruitcake that they make in partnership with our sponsors. [It's worth clicking here for more details if you fancy buying some more as all available online.](#)

PLEASE TAKE YOUR OWN MUG IF POSSIBLE AS ONLY SMALL SUPPLY OF CUPS FOR TEA/COFFEE/SOUP.

b) Race Cut Offs

The cut off times are shown on the official race map and they are:

Feedstation 1 - 10.15am (opens 8.15am)

Feedstation 2 - Midday (opens 9.30am)

Feedstation 3 - 1.15pm

Feedstation 4 - 1.45pm

Feedstation 5 - 3.15pm

Feedstation 6 - 4.15pm

The cut offs are very generous indeed and they are rarely a problem.

However, we must respect that volunteers will be out there a long time so they are essential. If you are advised that you have failed to meet cut off, we will make arrangements to get you back to finish. Don't forget that you have the option of starting race early to avoid issues.

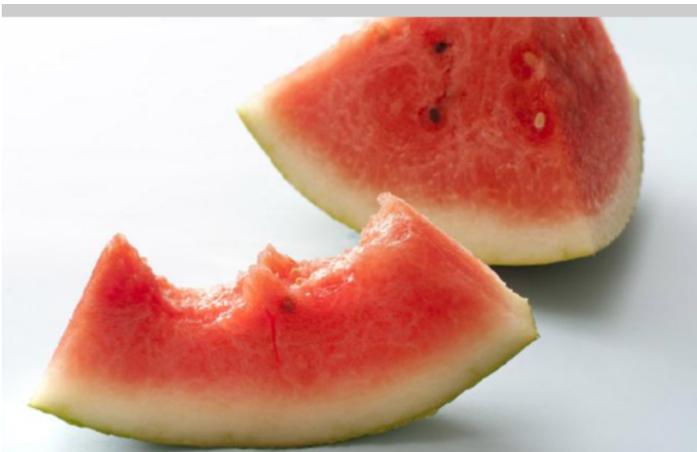
There will be no leeway given even if seconds in it as if you are pushing cut offs at any point then likely to get worse.

c) Food Disposal - Let's talk about melons !!!

This applies to bananas and oranges as well.

A few years ago after the race, we did a courtesy check with a supportive farmer to be told his field had lots of partly eaten melon disposed in it. Competitors had taken melon at feedstation 6 and thrown the leftovers over the wall - multiply this by many competitors and this leaves the farmer with his livestock eating melon skin which he definitely did not want.

There will be a waste bin at every feed station - if you can't use that then please stash it until you can safely dispose of at next feedstation or at finish.



6. Race Route, Bad Weather Route, Maps, Navigation and Course Information

a) Race Route

The website at : <https://kcac.co.uk/haworth-hobble/> shows a Strava FlyBy of the race route so you can do a last minute reccy from the armchair.

You can also view race route at:

- [Strava Map of Race Route](#)
- [OS Map of Race Route](#)

b) Bad Weather/Emergency Route Change

It's only happened once in Hobble's history but many of you will remember 2023 in the heavy snow but even then we got race on against the odds. The organisers reserve the right to cancel the race at no notice if dangerous weather conditions forecast. However, you have signed up for a gnarly race on remote moors on edge of winter having confirmed that you have the right skills and will bring the right kit for the conditions.

The expectation is that conditions would have to be severe for cancellation and more likely it would be due to snow/ice on roads as our belief is a well prepared runner could get round course in almost all conditions (and the organising team have done it in horrendous conditions on many occasions). Please note that if there was a weather warning due to exceptional wind speeds, then with several long sections through trees, we could be left with no option as safety is paramount.

In the unlikely event of a repeat of 2023, if we could still get race on with shortened route then this would probably be it below. Event start times would likely be moved back but this would be communicated via all of email, SMS text and Facebook. By its very nature, this would all happen at short notice close to the race.

Hobble Bad Weather Route

c) Maps

Race maps will be available at registration for £3 each. They are A3 waterproof and have full route using OS Map on front/rear and on the rear they also have distances, cut offs, feed station locations but also a full course description and key grid references.

Please note that:

- a) Race Map was redesigned for 2025 race and is now 1:25,000 scale instead of the old 1:50,000 scale. It is significant improvement. It is waterproof and foldable A3 size. We have plenty for everyone on race day at £3 each if required.
- b) The older 1:50,000 version of race map is perfectly acceptable and passes kit check.
- c) The OS Explorer OS21 South Pennines Map is perfectly acceptable - you must have a waterproof cover available.

- There is a new race finish for 2026 and you will go down steps at far end of playground which will be strictly competitors only. The finish line is now in the playground. (See Section 8 for Race Finish information)

e) Navigation and Race Rules

FRA rules do not allow any electronic navigational devices and in signing up, you acknowledged you had the skills to navigate. The route is not marked until final 1.5 miles but what it does benefit from is a lot of people, some who may even know the way.

As long as not blanket fog, in most cases you can see people strung out ahead certainly for first half of the race. The FRA rules do not stop you having a phone or GPS watch with you for recording your time/distance. If you get lost and use a device then please see us at the end to declare it. You will not be disqualified if you declare it although a time penalty may be imposed.

All runners have trackers - the race safety team are excitedly waiting to watch navigation mistakes. If you end up in Burnley or Halifax, then thank you for keeping us amused. If your error is that bad, we may even eventually send somebody out to look for you.

The race course follows a designated route as per maps which means no variations - if you are in a prize category and we identify via trackers that you have gained a time advantage due to going off course then we will review the data and apply an appropriate penalty which is entirely at our discretion (a principle will be adding back time saved and doubling it but each case on its merits).

The reality is that if you are to hit the feed stations then there are very few areas where you could find an advantage - we are not looking to penalise unless clearly justified so hopefully this will never arise as an issue. If you make innocent mistake with no time advantage then it will not be penalised.

7. On Course Safety, Medical Information and Race Withdrawals

a) On course safety team

- There will be a race safety team in key locations around course. They will be identified with orange hi-viz. Say 'hello' to them - they are all experienced runners and include medics, MRT personnel and mountain leaders.
- They are no substitute for mountain rescue or proper medical help if a serious incident. If so, call 999, ask for police and then mountain rescue - however, also please call emergency contact number on rear of your race number. We will direct safety team immediately as we may be able to stabilise situation whilst awaiting official help as we have warm clothing, bothy bags and basic first aid.
- For less serious incidents, our safety team may be able to help keep you warm and walk you off. If more serious but you judge that you can walk off with our help, then we can have our ambulances waiting at nearest road. If you are aware of a struggling competitor then let us know as we will try to help them.
- By having an experienced field safety team, our ethos is that we will try to prevent any unnecessary mountain rescue/NHS ambulance call out. In 2025, we had a medical emergency and our race ambulance had the competitor straight to A and E very quickly and probably before NHS ambulance would have even arrived at incident.

b) Withdrawals and Collection Mini-Buses

- If you have to withdraw at any point from registration onwards, it is absolutely essential that you contact a race official and get it confirmed that your withdrawal and name/race number are formally recorded by race control.
- We have a formal process in place as we cannot have a situation where somebody could be left on the course injured with nobody knowing (although trackers help).
- If you just decide to go home and we cannot contact you, our working assumption is that you are laying injured having got lost and we will implement an escalation process that could lead to police and Mountain Rescue being called. Please don't do this to us as diverts so much resource and it is not pleasant to deal with.
- If wanting to withdraw during race, please do everything you can to get to a feedstation.
- We have collection mini-bus and cars to reduce waiting time. You may have to wait especially if on far side of course and we may have to collect from other checkpoints. We will do everything we can to look after you and get you back to finish as quickly as we can.
- If returning to Race HQ, please ensure that you hand your tracker back in there. If being collected from feedstation and going straight home, once you have formally confirmed your withdrawal and that going home then please hand tracker to feedstation team.
- Any non-returned or lost trackers will incur a £120 plus VAT fee payable by you.

c) Medical Information - On Course and Finish

- We engage an external Event Medical Services Provider with trained staff.
- There will be a double crewed ambulance on the course until about 1pm then it will be at the finish line until last competitor. We can deploy back on course if necessary.
- There will also be a double crewed 4x4 medical response vehicle on course. They will progressively move along course.
- At every feedstation there is a first aid box with key items for cleaning/treating cuts and grazes.
- The first aid boxes all contain female sanitary products as well - just ask for First Aid box.
- There will be a defibrillator near the finish line positioned next to the Open Tracking team and mobile defibrillator in car travelling around course. We have multiple people trained to use them.
- Our Safety Team and Medics are no substitute for Mountain Rescue/NHS ambulance if serious incident - if this needs to be escalated to them then don't hesitate but always let us know as we may be able to get resource to you more quickly to provide initial help. There is emergency number on rear of race number.

c) Post Race Food and Drinks (inc vegan/vegetarian/gluten free)

- After the race, the school canteen will have tea, coffee and squash available . There will be ice cold drinks at finish line.
- There will be freshly cooked hot pizza available which will be continuously supplied all afternoon by local takeaway. There will be a vegetarian pizza option as well.
- For vegan/gluten free runners only, we will be using Sainsbury's 'Free From' pasta along with 'Free from' Red Pesto sauce or 'Free From' Tomato & Herb pasta sauce - you can check packaging if you need but all is indicated as vegan/gluten free. Please identify yourself to canteen team and be aware they may have to cook to order so could be a minor delay.
- The drinks/food are all included within race fee. However, the reality is that there is not another race in UK where you get so much for such a low entry fee - costs have gone up far quicker than we have increased prices.
- We won't be policing this but if you are going to eat more than 2 large pizza slices then please donate at the pizza window (contactless payment available) otherwise we have nothing left for charity/local good causes.

d) Event Car Park Access - Midday to 5pm

- Please go clockwise around the school - it will be signposted. You only have an extra 30 metres to walk !
- The playground area in the afternoon will be used for the new race finish line and we cannot have competitors walking across this whilst people are finishing.

e) Presentation Ceremony

All winners will get a Timothy Taylor's goody bag. The winners of the overall male and overall female race will receive a voucher for a Meal for 2 at the Fleece Inn, Haworth including drinks valid for 12 months.

There will be engraved crystal trophies for the overall male and female winner. There will be engraved glass trophies for:

- 2nd/3rd male/female overall.
- winners of male/female/mixed pairs.
- first V40/V50/V60/V70 for both male/female.

All trophies are to keep permanently.

Presentations will be in school canteen during afternoon. It is not the intention to keep winners waiting for hours and the intention is to do multiple prize giving within 75 minutes at most of prize winners finishing. If you have to go let us know and we will try to bring forward.

All trophy winners must be in mass start with exception of V70 Men/Ladies.



NB. The above trophy was given to the original race organiser when he retired however it sometimes makes an appearance if he is able to lend it to us for the day. The winners receive a crystal trophy now.

9. T-Shirts/Hoodies (Pre-Paid and Race Day Sales)

- T-Shirts will be available to buy or collect at Friday night registration and on race day from the school canteen (before and after race).
- Pre-Purchased T-Shirts - The T-shirt team will check off your details from a list against your race number which you must present. If your T-shirt is unclaimed within 10 minutes of the last competitor finishing, then as per race terms and conditions, it will be sold off. We will not post them out. 100% of the sale of unclaimed T-shirts will be going to charity/good causes.
- The only exception to the above is those who have ordered race hoodies/zoodies. If you cannot attend, please email us at kcacraces@gmail.com within 72 hours of event and title email 'Race Hoodie - Uncollected'. We will post out subject to a postage fee. After 72 hours, we will sell them with proceeds to charity.
- Sales on day: We have ordered a small quantity of extra items as we want no unsold stock. These sell out every year and it is recommended that you buy at Friday night registration or before the race in school canteen. However, there may be reduced selection available after race. These will be £10 for short sleeved, £15 for long sleeved and £35 for hoodies and £38 for zoodies. Cash or contactless payment both available.

10. Recycling, Rubbish Disposal and Preloved Kit



It is a disqualification offence if anybody is seen littering deliberately. However, gel wrappers and other items get dropped accidentally. If you see dropped waste items, please pick up and dispose of at next feed station.

We try to separate and recycle every piece of plastic, soft drink cans, cardboard and recyclable cups.

Please help us by using the bins sponsored by Timothy Taylor's that will be at Race HQ and at every feedstation.

Don't be surprised if we ask you to take a full bag home to dispose of in your mixed household recycling - this spreads the load easily rather than the organisers ending up with car loads of recycling to dispose of.



The Run Reuse Recycle Project

The project will be at the Haworth Hobble this year. The aim of the project is to reduce the environmental impact of running by sorting, washing and mending running kit to then resell it. The project sells pre-loved running kit for next to nothing.

There will be a stall set up next to registration where you can browse and 'purchase' any of the kit available, you can also drop kit donations off too if you've got excess running kit that can go to a new home (please note: we can't accept race t-shirts or personalised clothing).

Contactless payment will be available.

If you'd like to know more, follow us on IG @run.reuse.recycle

11. Keeping The School Clean and Safety Pins

After the Yorkshireman in 2021, we found 47 safety pins discarded on floor in playground. We searched carefully but school staff found more the following week. Clearly, nobody did this intentionally but please remember this is a Primary School.

We now use even more of the school facilities with introduction of School Hall hence greater area to lose them in.

Please take extra care to take all your safety pins away and if you see any on the ground, please help us and pick them up. The school are fantastic to this race so let's look after the kids.

12. Race Photos and Race Videos

- a) Race Photos - As ever, Dave and Eileen Woodhead will be around taking photos and these will all be posted on the race Facebook site and links will be forwarded to everyone in a post race wrap up email. These are free and always excellent.
- b) [Click here on 'photos' link at top and select year - Hobble photos from past years will all be in early March each year.](#)
- c) Race Video - Again, we have a young man who has now completed his film making Masters Degree at Bradford University doing a short video for us to remind us of the day. This will be posted on the Facebook site and a link sent via email to competitors. He may approach you for a few words for the video - don't be shy !
- d) If anybody has family and friends taking photos on the course, please put them on the race Facebook site for others to view.

13. Mountain Rescue Competitors

A special welcome to all of you and we are delighted to have you along - thank you for what you do.

At the time of writing, we have 9 mountain/fell rescue competitors from 6 teams. They are from Calder Valley, CRO, Penrith, Duddon & Furness, Holme Valley and Rossendale.

We provide free places as a 'thank you' for those who volunteer so much time and any of us could one day need them. Could any of us even consider running and racing on the fells in the manner that we do if it wasn't for knowledge these volunteers were there in case of an unexpected emergency?

As organisers, we couldn't risk putting a race on when around 26,000 cumulative miles will be run on race day without the knowledge that they are there 24/7.

Dependent on availability/call outs, we may even get a visit from our local team at Race HQ or out on the course as a few have indicated they would like to pop along. Please say hello to them and in particular we are hoping Holly will be along who is the highly trained Search Dog from the local team.



14. Post Race Drinks and Supporting The Local Economy (UK City of Culture)

a) Visiting Haworth

- a) Haworth is a fantastic tourist village with lots of wonderful shops, pubs and restaurants. Please arrange to meet up with fellow competitors and club mates for a pint afterwards as that would be great for local economy.
- b) It's also a great area for your family and friends to join you. If possible, try to clear the finish area reasonably quickly as we will be very busy - enjoy your pizza then continue with the stories on the cobbled Main Street so we can squeeze in more runners.
- c) Don't forget that last year Bradford was UK City of Culture and Haworth was fundamental part of this with the links to the Brontes and the Bronte Parsonage Museum.

b) Fleece Inn Post Race Drinks

- a) We have a great relationship with Fleece Inn, Haworth. The pub/hotel is full for race weekend with many rooms taken by Hobblers. It's the main gathering place after the race for that important post race pint. Our sponsors are Timothy Taylor's and we absolutely recommend the Fleece Inn to everybody.
- b) After the Saturday evening presentation by Tom Hollins, many of the race event team will return to the Fleece Inn for an evening's debrief assuming that we haven't lost any competitors. We should all be there from about 7.30pm onwards. We may well be enjoying rather too much Timothy Taylor's but if we are still talking sense, come and join us for a drink. The Race Organising/Management Team will certainly be around this bar all evening - Simon, Peter and Gary in photo below have overall responsibility for all aspects of the race.



15. Hobble Facts & Figures

- This will be the 45th running of the Haworth Hobble and the biggest entry since 1993. Given we sold out on Day 1, it could have been the biggest ever but we don't feel comfortable with allowing higher numbers as it would not be as good an experience for competitors.
- We accepted 1090 entries in the end and after deferral period ended, we have 1030 left entered for race day. We hope that around 25% of you don't show up as that gives us in region of 750 on race day.
- 64.9% of competitors (as of 01/03/26) identify as male, 34.8% female and 0.3% non-binary.
- Our female participation rate did not break 20% until 2011 although it then dropped back again. It hit 30% in 2023 and 2024 for the first time and it is now increasing further with it marginally higher than 2025. This is something that we will keep working on as we would love to target 40% in coming years.
- 46.8% of the UK's 124 postcode districts are represented same as 2025.
- In terms of ages at date of race, the splits are (2025 stats in brackets):
 - a) Under 20 - 0.3% (0.1%)
 - b) 20-29 years - 5.3% (6%)
 - c) 30-39 years - 21.9% (20.2%)
 - d) 40-49 years - 32.9% (35.1%)
 - e) 50-59 years - 27.1% (28.1%)
 - f) 60-69 years - 11.4% (9.5%)
 - g) Over 70 years - 0.7% (1%)

The youngest competitor is 18 years old and the oldest is 76 years old. We also have one who is competing in his 44th consecutive Haworth Hobble having only missed the first one.

16. Queries & Feedback

a) Pre-Event Queries

If you are 100% sure it isn't mentioned above and it is not on the race website at <https://kcac.co.uk/haworth-hobble/> then please consider whether it really is essential to ask. The event is so large and we also work full time that we can't deal with all the queries especially just before the race. Certainly if comes in from 8th March onwards, it may not even get read until after.

Emails only: kcacraces@gmail.com with clear email title (and not Messenger/WhatsApp/Text/Facebook as simply can't manage all these)

b) Post Event Feedback

Yes, we are volunteers so please set your expectations lower than if you were paying £90 for an equivalent commercial race however:

- If we get something wrong or something we could improve in future, we would love to know so we can try to address.
- If we get something right or particular volunteers are outstanding then let us know as there is nothing better than sharing this with the whole event team.

All emails to kcacraces@gmail.com .