



Don Morrison Memorial Edale Skyline 2025 – AGM Report

Race Organiser – Mark Jones

Race Report

The Don Morrison Memorial Edale Skyline (Edale Skyline) was run on Sunday 23rd of March 2025. The 2025 edition of the race was designated as an English Championship AL race by the FRA, as such 400 entry places were required – 150 more than the standard 250. The race sold out quickly, however due to runners cancelling their entry out all runners on the waiting list were offered an opportunity to race.

363 runners, a possible record for the race, started the race in dry, cool conditions with significant low cloud on the fells providing navigational challenges to even the most experienced of fell runners. 327 runners completed the race with 36 retiring or being timed out.

The men's race was won by Ben Rothery and the women's race was won by Elle Twentyman with a new record women's time of **03:01:19**.

The male team prize was won by Ambleside AC and the female team prize was won by Keswick AC.

Full results are below:

M Open

Pos	Num	Name	Team	Category	Time	Behind
1st	339	Ben Rothery	Ilkley Harriers AC	MSEN	02:36:01	
2nd	127	Finlay Grant	Dark Peak Fell Runners	MU23	02:36:23	+00:00:22
3rd	162	Chris Larkin	Northumberland Fell Runners	MSEN	02:36:48	+00:00:47

F Open

Pos	Num	Name	Team	Category	Time	Behind
1st	89	Elle Twentyman	Rugby & Northampton AC	FSEN	03:01:19	
2nd	98	Nichola Jackson	Keswick AC	FSEN	03:07:13	+00:05:54
3rd	258	Eve Pannone	Ambleside AC	FSEN	03:12:43	+00:11:24

M V40

Pos	Num	Name	Team	Category	Time	Behind
1st	16	Doni Clarke	Todmorden Harriers	M40	02:47:52	
2nd	359	Gavin Mulholland	Calder Valley Fell Runners	M50	02:53:04	+00:05:12
3rd	12	Steve Halsall	Keswick AC	M40	02:54:26	+00:06:34

F V40

Pos	Num	Name	Team	Category	Time	Behind
1st	225	Philippa McCreagh	Keswick AC	F45	03:24:38	
2nd	237	Rhona Marshall	Scarborough Athletic Club	F40	03:27:37	+00:02:59
3rd	110	Susannah Richardson	Calder Valley Fell Runners	F45	03:37:21	+00:12:43

M V50

Pos	Num	Name	Team	Category	Time	Behind
1st	359	Gavin Mulholland	Calder Valley Fell Runners	M50	02:53:04	
2nd	360	Karl Gray	Calder Valley Fell Runners	M55	02:56:57	+00:03:53
3rd	211	James Stuart	Mercia Fell Runners	M50	03:09:30	+00:16:26

F V50

Pos	Num	Name	Team	Category	Time	Behind
1st	123	Bianca Dyer	Helm Hill Runners	F50	04:05:22	
2nd	14	Deborah Gowans	Todmorden Harriers	F60	04:07:58	+00:02:36

3rd	34	Carrie Gibson	Helm Hill Runners	F50	04:13:31	+00:08:09
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M V60

Pos	Num	Name	Team	Category	Time	Behind
1st	33	David Taylor	Dark Peak Fell Runners	M60	03:15:31	
2nd	69	Glen Goodwin	Accrington Road Runners	M60	03:39:28	+00:23:57
3rd	279	Rob Downs	Cheshire Hill Racers	M60	03:39:36	+00:24:05

F V60

Pos	Num	Name	Team	Category	Time	Behind
1st	14	Deborah Gowans	Todmorden Harriers	F60	04:07:58	
2nd	52	Elizabeth Batt	Dark Peak Fell Runners	F60	04:15:44	+00:07:46
3rd	173	Rowena Browne	Bowland Fell Runners	F60	04:28:17	+00:20:19

M V70

Pos	Num	Name	Team	Category	Time	Behind
1st	221	Stephen Morran	Calder Valley Fell Runners	M70	04:14:49	
2nd	342	Chris Davies	Saddleworth Runners Club	M70	04:20:11	+00:05:22
3rd	35	Brian Thompson	Helm Hill Runners	M70	04:30:22	+00:15:33

The race was supported by 49 volunteers, the majority of whom marshalled on the hill, however other key roles included working in the kitchen, assisting with car parking, helping with results and retirements, kit check, and managing the marshals on the day. A massive thank you goes out to all volunteers.

The 20th Sheffield Scout Group assisted with the catering for the race, providing both personnel and equipment to cook nearly 500 portions of pie and peas over the afternoon.

Race entry management and on the day timing was managed by SiEntries. Thanks to Martin Stone for his support in assisting with this.

Edale Mountain Rescue attended on the day and as such were available in the event of an emergency.

Prizes for the race were provided by Pete Bland Sports as part of their arrangement with the FRA, and Bradfield Brewery paid for by the race.

There were no adverse incidents of note during the race, with only one first aid related incident involving a runner who had fallen and lacerated their face. The runner was assessed and was deemed to be well enough to drive himself to his nearest Minor Injuries for treatment.

Finances

The pricing for the race was kept the same as the previous year, with FRA members paying £18 and all others paying £20. As of writing most of the costing for the race have been completed, however a few remain outstanding. At time of writing the race looks set to make a profit of approximately £1700. Costings are presented below:

£ +/-	Comment
+7322	Race Entry Fees
-1633	SportIdent
-599.02	SiEntries Fees
-1890	Kevins Pies
-311.78	Makro catering
-51.23	Morrisons volunteer food
-163.5	Bradfield brewery
-287.64	Murphy Comhire
-218.15	Morrisons race buffet
+1797.88	Total

Costs as yet unaccounted for include the Edale Village Hall fee, for which the invoice has not yet been received.

A large quantity of cash, as yet uncounted, has been collected from the car parking. It is the agreement with the landowner of the parking field that this money is donated to the Edale Village Fund. This money when counted will be transferred to the DPFR accounts, with a float of £100 retained. Of this, £400 should be retained by the club to pay for the Station Yard Car Park, with the remainder transferred to the Edale Village Fund.

Of the remaining profit, the Race Organiser would suggest it is shared on a 40%/40%/20% with Edale Mountain Rescue, The Edale Village Fund and 20th Sheffield Scouts.

Once the total amount to be transferred to the Edale Village Fund has been calculated, the race organiser will write a piece to go in the Edale village newsletter about the history of the race and the amount raised for the village fund over the last few years. It is hoped that this will assist in maintaining a positive relationship with the village.

Edale Skyline 2026 – 22/03/26

The race organiser is happy to organise the race again for 2026, however should another more active club member wish to take over he would be more than happy to support in another capacity.

Considerations for 2026 include obtaining of race permissions as the current 3-year agreement has now expired, this work is ongoing with Simon Rippon supporting.

The village hall has been booked for 2026 and contact has been made with SiEntries about utilising their services again for 2026.

Upcoming costings for 2026 that were not paid in 2025 will include replacing all first aid supplies as these are now out of date and purchasing vouchers from Pete Bland Sports as these were provided free of charge in 2025. As such, it would be prudent to increase entry fees to £22 for FRA members and £24 for non-members to factor in price rises from race catering/equipment suppliers.