

2022 YORKSHIRE JUNIOR FELL RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIPS

HOPPITS HILL RACES

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Above: a collage of all the winners at the Hoppits Hill Junior Running Championships race © Dave Woodhead, www.woodentops.org.uk

It's great to be back

After all the storms and chaos of the last few weeks it was fantastic that the races were blessed with blue skies and glorious sunshine, which made for a superb day of racing.

Although the championships were run last year during Covid at The Great Whernside – 'Here we go again' races, which were regrettably small fields, but did attract quality athletes. What a contrast this year, with 155 eager, keen juniors lining up for the various junior races at the Hoppits Hill races, it was encouraging to see representation from City of York AC, Longwood Harriers, Penistone Footpath Runners, Denby Dale AC, Dark Peak Fell Runners along with the usual clubs, Wharfedale, Bingley, Settle, Ilkley, Keighley & Craven, P&B etc.

The U15, U17 & U19 championships were incorporated within the senior race, where the seniors had their hands full with the talented youth on show, in fact it was only senior Kieran Savage the winner who managed to stop junior domination of the first 10 home. U19 Champion Alex Flaherty finished 2nd, U19 Silver Hugh Mackie 3rd,

U15 Champion Jack Sanderson 4th, U15 Silver Archie Peaker 5th, U19 Bronze Freddie Roden 6th, U19 William Hall 7th, U19 Joe Minchella 8th, U17 Champion Lachlan Wills 10th.

Similar domination happened in the women's race, the winner was WU19 Champion Eve Whitaker, WU19 Silver Rebecca Flaherty 2nd, Senior Katie Walshaw 3rd, WU17 Champion Amelie Lane 4th, WU19 Bronze Isabel Richardson 5th & WU19 Charlotte Rawstron 6th. All the senior runners found themselves battling with the youth throughout the race and everyone knows juniors have a real passion and enthusiasm to beat their elders to the finish line and claim bragging rights.

We are eternally grateful to Deborah and Wayne of Byram Construction Limited for their continued support and sponsorship of the championships, which has seen their children Lucy, Erica and Lewis Byram win Junior Yorkshire Fell titles in the past.

A huge thanks to Race Organiser Nicky Spinks and her team of helpers for all the hard work that was put in behind the scenes and on the day to make for a great days racing.

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HILL RACE RESULTS

AGE GROUP	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
FU13	Clara McKee Calder Valley Fell Runners	Olivia Watkins Dark Peak Fell Runners	Marcie Ford Bingley Harriers
BU13	Jack Dickson Dark Peak Fell Runners	Robert Carter Ilkley Harriers	Joseph Stone Calder Valley Fell Runners
FU15	Izzy-Mai Wilson Dark Peak Fell Runners	Layla Kirkley Keighley & Craven AC	Holly Fitch Wharfedale Harriers
BU15	Jack Sanderson Settle Harriers	Archie Peaker Keighley & Craven AC	Ewen Wilkinson Keighley & Craven AC
FU17	Amelie Lane Wharfedale Harriers	Amy Kennedy City of York AC	Olivia Aldham Wharfedale Harriers
BU17	Lachlan Wills Wharfedale Harriers	Jonah Cooper Dark Peak Fell Runners	Rowan Baxter Longwood Harriers
FU19	Eve Whitaker Harrogate Harriers	Rebecca Flaherty Bingley Harriers	Isabel Richardson Holmfirth Harriers
MU19	Alex Flaherty Bingley Harriers	Hugh Mackie Penistone Footpath Runners	Freddie Roden Abbey Runners
YORKSHIRE NON-CHAMPIONSHIP RACES, DUE TO FRA RULES – CHOCOLATE PRIZES AWARDED			
FU9	Robin Overbury	Isla Hallam	Iris Ellis Denby Dale
BU9	Monty Hallam	Charlie Varley	-
FU11	Harriet Carter Ilkley Harriers	Bethan Morris Holmfirth Harriers	Florrie Johnson Dark Peak Fell Runners
BU11	Sebastian Ford Bingley Harriers	Henry McFarlane Holmfirth Harriers	Dylan Alcock Wharfedale Harriers



Above: the start of the U13 race, Hoppits Hill Junior Championship fell race © Dave Woodhead, www.woodentops.org.uk