

25th Anniversary Durham Dales Challenge email responses 2014

Hi Chris

May I just thank you and congratulate you on organising such a superb event and hope it will continue for many years to come. I have run this event 7 times with the first time being in 1992. I ran the long route and my husband the short route at the weekend. These events are great value for money, give us a wonderful day out in remote areas, have friendly checkpoint staff with well stocked feed stations (Bill shocked me when he told me he had a hotdog on his route). The choice of routes helps enormously as my husband can't do the long ones anymore due to two new hips so this gives us both a great challenge. Over my career I have run over 1200 races, I can criticise many, I just wish they would all follow your example.

The whole event is faultless, well marked routes, checkpoints at appropriate places and a great choice of foods at the finish. A perfect certificate just finishes off the day nicely with cars parked only meters away from the start and finish. What more can I say – just long may it continue and many thanks for your commitment to our enjoyment over the years.

Sharon Gayter
and husband Bill too!

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Morning Chris,
What can I say !

I had done 9 consecutive DDC 16's and thought that was a lovely route – but after finally giving in to pressure and doing the DDC 30 all I can say is wow !

Brilliant route, excellent route description, superb organisation, great marshals (as always), fantastic badge, mug and certificate – but the checkpoints J !

Managed chocolate, coffee, ginger and carrot cake, corned beef sandwich, scotch egg, pickled onions, cheese, party sausages and hula hoops (not all at the same checkpoint !). A positive feast indeed.

Thanks for all your hard work over the years, much appreciated.

I hope it carries on, but if it doesn't then it certainly went out in style with the fancy dress and the singers.

Best wishes, Anthony

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I would just like to express my gratitude and say how much I thoroughly enjoyed the 16 mile route of the Durham Dales Challenge on Saturday. The team of marshal's were excellent and their enthusiasm at all check points was amazing. The catering at all check points, and the end, was fantastic

I know how much work goes into these events and how volunteers give their own time to ensure they run smoothly, without these magnificent people the events would surely never take place, a great big heartfelt 'thank you' goes out to them.

I will definitely be back next year (if the event is still running, I Spoke to Chris on Saturday and she assured me that she was 'retiring' from the organisational side of the event). with a few more 'volunteers' to complete their chosen routes.

Once again. well done and thank you very much for the Event.

Regards, Geoff.

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Hi Chris

Just wanted to say a really big thank you for yesterday. The route was lovely, weather perfect and you & your team couldn't have been any nicer at the start, finish & checkpoints.

CP 7 excelled themselves with tea and mini sausages and hula hoops! Truly a feast for the last push.

A great challenge for my first long distance, I just have to get round the Lakeland 50 now :)

Mel

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Hi Chris

I would just like to say a great big "Thank you" for today's Durham Dales challenge walk.

My group of friends did the walk for the first time and we were amazed at the wonderful organisation. We were made to feel really welcome by all the marshal's that you had a long the way and they gave lots of encouragement along with a bit of banter.

We finished the 16 miles in just under 6 hours which we were very pleased with and hopefully we will be back next year for another challenge.

Please pass on our thanks to all the helpers involved in making our day so wonderful.
Many thanks, Sandra Heslop

I'd just like to congratulate you on your event. The organisation was flawless; the hospitality and food rivalled visiting family. It was my first LDWA event and I would recommend it and the organisation to Ultra runners due to this and the fantastic course ; varied terrain, scenic and well supported.

Regards, Barry

Just wanted to say a big thank you to yourself and the LDWA for such another great day out at the 25th Anniversary of the Durham Dales Challenge.

I did it last year for the first time and although the weather was a little grim it didn't put me off entering again. This year the weather was perfect and I brought along some friends who enjoyed their day so much they are hoping to do another next year. The atmosphere was great, the LDWA members and marshal's who gave their day up and supported the runners, walkers were brilliant. They gave us all a laugh and lots of support. Food and entertainment were a bonus and i have to say excellent to. Well done to everybody involved in such a fun, well organised memorable day out. 😊 I also beat last years time, although that's not why I came along but i now have a certificate to prove it and a new commemorative mug. Thanks again to everybody involved.
Regards Carol Butler

Thank you for a lovely day.
It was the first time myself a a few friends have done this walk and we really enjoyed it. The organisation of the whole day and the friendliness of the marshals at every stop made for an enjoyable day Hope to do it next year (that's if my hips last that long) . Julie Wilson

Chris,

I am writing to thank all involved in making last Saturday's event so enjoyable. The whole team (checkpoints, kitchen, welcome.....) were brilliant and a credit to the LDWA.

Richard Wilson (number 16!)

Hello. We successfully completed the 16 mile Durham Dales Challenge on Saturday and we're just dropping you a line to say how much we enjoyed it. It was a lovely route, very well planned & the organisation was excellent from start to finish. We particularly liked the hot dogs at the Bollihope checkpoint, they definitely helped us over the last few miles! All the helpers who we had contact with were very supportive & friendly & we thought of them when we were back at home eating our dinner as some of them would no doubt still have been in Wolsingham welcoming back the 30 mile walkers.

Please pass on our thanks to everyone involved in organising & supporting the event. Their efforts were much appreciated.

Judy Yelder & Ian White

first time I've done it. Absolutely brilliant.

Thank you. It's been great.

Absolutely smashing

Thanks ladies. Really enjoyed it. See you next year.

Thanks very much. That was great!

A well organised event. Thanks very much

Wonderful event. Thank you.

The pie and peas were lovely.

Absolutely fantastic. Everyone has been brilliant, all so friendly. The cakes + food were wonderful. Fantastic. A shame if this is the last one.

Wonderful, thank you. The supply of cakes was amazing. See you next year.

Thanks very much everybody!

This has been truly special. Thank you for all your hard work. This has been really great. I've really enjoyed it

It's been awesome. Brilliantly organised, yet again. A fab day. Thank you.

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Absolutely wonderful. Please pass on our thanks to everyone. It's been fantastic (Babsy = Raymond Bone)

A brilliant day, but I'm glad it's all over. You all do an amazing job. Thank you.

A stunning, sterling day. Thank you do a very good job

It's been brilliant. Thank you all very much.

Nicely organised event. Thank you. It is on next year isn't it?

What lovely, lovely people. A lovely event. I like the people at the stations. I'm going to email the boss lady personally.

You get fed all the way round, fed at the end, a badge, a certificate. Brilliant!

Best food of any challenge events and I've done most of them. Thank you very much. See you next year!

A fabulous event. You should all be very proud!

27.06.2014

Michael Watson: Can I just say thank you.
Absolutely wonderful. It was brilliant.
My first time I will be back next year
Cheese some stand brilliant
IBM runner

It was great. Very well organised.
Great event.

Thank you v. much. That was lovely.

Mm.

The day's been perfect

I do like your tiaras

Really well organised.

It's been fantastic. Thank you.

I like the tiaras. Very regal.

It was an incredible day. Thank you
very much.

Our first one. It's been really lovely.
Everyone's been so friendly. Thank you.

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