

Winter Tanners 2017

Entrants Feedback

Thank you so much for the excellently organised Winter Tanners and for the very comprehensive report. I was so please to read that there was an average 50 minutes increase in finishing times as I was certainly an hour slower than last year - personally I blame that awful hill up to check point 3 ! The check point teams must be sincerely congratulated. It was miserable weather for us walkers, but at least we were moving. It must have been pretty gruesome to be standing in some drafty gazebo for hours on end , but their checking, provisions and encouragement were most welcome. So a big thank you to all.

Many and specials thanks also to the person who gave me the message that I needed to phone my husband urgently. It was so kind of you to identify me, give me the message and then check that I had received it. My husband was so impressed with the efficiency - another great help to a rather frazzled competitor !

Thanks so much - I shall look forward to the 40th in 2018!, **Roma Haigh**

Thank you so much for allowing me a glimpse into the world of LDWA.

I had been puzzling whether I was capable of anything past a 7 mile Sunday morning walk.

Janet and the team were amazing.

As I have been researching my planned walk over the last few months; there is one thing that I come across over and over.

Britain in full of wonderful volunteers that look after our canals, paths, heritage sites and nature reserves.

I came home full of confidence that I should follow my heart and give the walk a go.

Will keep you posted, Best wishes, Gwyn (**Gwynedd Jones**) *Gwyn helped on CP3*

Many thanks for the results; another great event, thanks a lot for organising, to all the helpers and marshals on such a wet and cold day, and for those hanging on at the finish for us slow coaches at the back. It took a lot of determined mental and physical effort to finish even slowly, lol, and to be able to have an official recorded time at the end of it was really appreciated, thank you again.

Phillip Howells

A great report of a great event Richard. I did the 30 route with my dog and thoroughly enjoyed the challenging course and the friendliness and positivity, considering the conditions, of everyone out there.

Please pass on my thanks to all the volunteers for giving up their time in those conditions, it was very much appreciated. Also, thank you for allowing my dog into the food and drink area with me afterwards.

I'm sure that everybody would be happy to pay more for the event, it's such good value for money.

Will be back for more of the same next year...Regards, **Brian & Butch**

Please thank all the marshals and helpers for a well supported walk.

Pauline, Bill and Patch Howes

Thank you for a great event: well-organised and smiling, friendly marshals!

Katherine (Ind)

Thank you all, particularly for the generous stretching of the finish time. Being rather unstable (legs really are not a matching pair, they fascinate podiatrists) I fell over quite a lot on the greasy stretches and finished more bruised than muddy. Hope to be fitter and faster in 2018 but age is beginning to outvote me....**Francis Thomason**

Many thanks to you and all your team for an excellent Tanners event on Sunday. Good route and instructions in testing winter conditions, and a big bonus to have a warm indoor finish with refreshments at the end. A big thank you to all the checkpoint marshalls who were outdoors all day in grim weather. Many Thanks **Alan Freer**

I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed Sunday's Winter Tanners (honestly!)

All right, we had loads of rain and it was bit of a mudfest, but the 30-mile route was great.

I've kept my route description and I'm hoping to go back on a Friday in spring or summer with a few other members of Kent Group and do it in the sunshine (hopefully!)

Well done to all at Surrey Group for organising such an excellent event. **Graham Smith**

Belated thanks for organising the event this year. I thought that the route was one of the best for years - really good. Pity about the weather and mud!

I really felt for those poor marshals having to stand for hours in the cold looking after us - at least we walkers could keep warm. So please pass on my thanks to all of them.

Really liked having "furlongs" in the route description. Several youngsters had to ask me what they were! Almost as good as the "bifurcating" path of a few years ago.

Finally, please pass my apologies on to the lady at the start who she had to tell me off for going up the stairs then. Regards, **Douglas Robinson**

Thank you very much for organising the event. I enjoyed it despite the weather and the mud. The route was varied and interesting, and the marshals at the check points were all welcoming and cheerful - it can't have been much fun hanging about in the rain so long. Please pass on my thanks and appreciation to all the hardy souls. Regards, **Elizabeth Dashwood**.

Just wanted to say thank you to you and the team of volunteers who organised Sunday event. I had to abandon at the 2nd CP but I am still so glad I did what I could do!

A special thank you to Gordon who took us back to Leatherhead and entertained us all the way!
All the best, **Cathy Turton**

Another great (in a brutal & unpleasant but ultimately satisfying way) event. See you again next year.
Denis Crampton

Just a big thanks for a great event yesterday- your instructions were spot on- and route was beautiful- (tough and muddy of course!!) I hope that we didn't make too much mess at the finish - please pass my thanks on to all your marshals for being out there in the cold and wet for so long!
Kind regards, **Jane Stedman**, 100 Marathon Club

Thank you so much for a wonderful event and such a warm welcome. **Gary Allen**

Thank you very much for all the work and support from the organisers, marshals and other volunteers. A fantastic and very challenging day. **Lance King**

Thanks so much for another excellent Tanners. You can't do much about the weather, but the route was brilliant...one of the best imho. Special thanks to the marshals for being so cheery and helpful.
Bryan Darney

Terrific event today, the marshals and other volunteers did a great job. I ran and walked with three friends and we had a fantastic day out!

Thanks and best wishes - looking forward to next January already!, **June Edwardes-Evans**

Could you please thank the marshal at checkpoint 2 who when I pulled out of the event took me to my husband at the YHA on Radnor Lane. I am most grateful.

Kind regards, **Lesley Kilner**

As always we owe you a huge thanks for staging this event. We had a number of Henfield Joggers, myself included, running the 30 mile event this year (several of whom have been participants for c20 years) and we want to pass our thanks back for both organising and then marshalling such a great day. The conditions were challenging for sure, but then that's the 'challenge' aspect!! As a club we know how tough it is to organise things like this and we wanted to make sure we paid our respects to you all!!

With best wishes (and see you for the 40th in 2018), **Paul Crowe and all Henfield Joggers entrants**