



## **Battle of the Brampton Valley Way - Race Pack Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

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A huge thank you to everybody who has signed up to take part in our Battle of the Brampton Valley Way event on Sunday.

Hopefully training has gone well and you will be joining us on the start line race-fit and raring to go!

Not only will you be running for yourself on the 12<sup>th</sup> April, but you will also be representing your county – your time will be added to the times of others from your chosen start to establish if Leicestershire can retain their unbeaten record, or if in fact, this is Northamptonshire's year to shine and be crowned the fastest side overall!

This race could not take place without the help and support of such a truly fabulous volunteer team. Please thank them out on the course if you are able to do so. Thank you also to the Brampton Valley Way Rangers for being so accommodating and granting permission to once again host this year's event.

Please read through this race pack thoroughly, and do not hesitate to **get in touch** if you have any further questions at all.

I look forward to seeing everybody on race day!

*~Mary Pearson*

(Event Director)

## Car Parking

We would like to encourage car sharing where possible.

Please park in the following free car parks:

**Market Harborough start** – Market Harborough Leisure Centre (LE16 9HL)

(Please be aware that the start line is a 5-10 minute walk from the Leisure Centre car park.)

**Northampton start** – Boughton Car Park (NN6 8AA)

## Registration

**Please be aware that your race number and timing chip will NOT be posted out to you.** These should be collected from race registration on the morning of the race. Please allow time for this. Registration will open at 8am in the following locations:

**Market Harborough start** – Market Harborough Leisure Centre, LE16 9HL.

**Northampton start** – Alongside the start line (at the Boughton entrance to the Brampton Valley Way).

Timing chips will be located on the reverse of the race number. You do not need to collect a separate chip.

Please complete the Medical Information Template on the reverse of your race number. Your race number should not be folded and should be securely fastened and visible at all times during the race. Safety pins will be available at registration.

If you have pre-ordered a t-shirt for the event you will be able to collect this when collecting your race number from registration. T-shirts will not be available for sale on race day.

## Baggage

As the finish location is in the same location as the start we suggest that you leave your belongings in your car and take any valuable possessions with you on your run. If you are unable to do this and have a small bag or extra layer which you would like to leave at the start, please attach a label with your name to your bag and this can be left with the start line team.

## Toilets

Toilets will be available at the following locations – Northampton start/finish (thanks to the Northampton & Lamport Railway), Market Harborough Leisure Centre and the Market Harborough start/finish.

There are also toilets located at Brampton Halt pub and Little Bowden Recreation Ground.

## Mandatory Kit List

- Fully charged mobile phone including the numbers for the Race Director (07810 877546) and Race Medic (07549 983442)
- Cup/flask/water bottle – **this is a cupless event**

- Headtorch/torch – the tunnels will not be lit

Whilst the above are the only mandatory items, you may also like to consider the following depending on the weather conditions on race day.

- Waterproof jacket
- Hat
- Suncream

## Medical Cover

Please ensure that you are fit enough to take on the challenge of completing 28 miles, and that you are feeling well enough on the day to take part. Medical cover for the event is being supplied by Genesis Event Medical Services. They will have a presence out on the course. If you have any concerns during the run about either yourself or another participant, please let the nearest marshal know, who will be able to contact the race medic. For urgent attention for yourself or another runner, please call the Race Medic on **07549 983442**. It would be helpful if you were able to install the [what3words app](#) on your phone so that the medical team are able to pinpoint you exactly should an emergency occur.

Our first aid team will have access to your medical and emergency contact details for the duration of the event only.

## The Race

The race will begin at 9am, with a short, mandatory briefing to be held at 8:55am. Please be aware of any members of the public also wanting to use the track when congregating at the start line and allow them to pass safely through.

**Market Harborough start line - <https://w3w.co/enlighten.qualify.plays>**

**Northampton start line - <https://w3w.co/corner.marble.indoor>**

The track is hard packed and rocky in places. Road shoes would probably be the most sensible choice of footwear. We **DO NOT** have exclusive use of the track for the day, so please aim to keep left at all times, particularly when running in groups. The route should be fairly easy to follow – it's an old railway line from Northampton to Market Harborough, so just keep moving forward until you are asked to turn around and run back again! I would be very impressed if somebody was able to get lost mid-race!

Please be courteous to other users of the track. You may well encounter other runners, walkers, cyclists, horses and dogs on the route.

Please be cautious when approaching horses – ensure you do not startle them – perhaps call out a friendly 'Good Morning' to the rider when passing from behind, to alert both horse and rider to your presence.

Please do not litter on route. There will be bin bags placed at each aid station, so simply hold onto your rubbish, or pop it into your bag until you reach the next aid station.

Once you reach the turnaround point, be aware that you will be asked to approach the timing mat on the left hand side of the track and then run around a cone before crossing the mat again to begin your return journey.

## Tunnels

You will, of course, be running through both Oxendon and Kelmarsh tunnels twice – once in each direction, so do bring along a fully charged headtorch/torch in your bag. The surface in the tunnels is very uneven in places, so please ensure you are keeping an eye on your footing through here!

## Road Crossings

There are a number of minor road crossings on route. The following crossings will be marshalled; A508 and Spratton. Signs will have been placed on these roads to warn drivers of runners crossing the road at these points. Marshals at these crossings will not have the power to stop traffic, but they can help to ensure that runners cross safely.

## Aid Stations

There are two aid stations on route, as well as an aid station at each end of the course.

- Northampton
- Spratton (approximately 6k from the Northampton end)
- Draughton (approximately 10k from the Market Harborough end)
- Market Harborough

All aid stations will contain both water and electrolytes ([Mandarin flavour Tailwind](#)). (Tailwind is vegan, gluten free and without soy or dairy.)

A selection of fruit, sweet and savoury foods will be available at each aid station, but you should not rely on aid stations for nutrition, bringing along any items of food which you have been using in training.

Runners should be self-sufficient between aid stations.

To reduce our environmental impact, **this is a cupless event**, and we ask that you bring along your own bottle or collapsible cup to refill at the water stations.

## Drop Out Procedure

Should you need to drop out before completing the event, please do so at the next marshal point. The marshal will then be able to make contact with the sweeper vehicle and arrange getting you back to the finish. If you need to drop out between aid stations, then please inform the Race Director (Mary – 07810 877546) so that your details can be taken and you will be removed from results.

## Cut-off

Whilst we advise a seven hour cut-off for this event, and we expect runners to have crossed their respective finish line by 4pm, we know that races don't always go to plan, so do not worry if you feel you may be close to this time. A seven hour cut off equates to a 15 minute mile pace average.

## Prize Giving

Trophies will be presented to the fastest three male and female runners overall. As runners will be starting from two separate ends, these may be awarded after race day, either in person or via post, dependent upon where the podium runner is located.

Medals will be presented to all who complete the 28 miles.

## Results

Chip timing will be provided by **[Race Timing Solutions](#)**. Results will be available shortly after the event, and we will also share the link to these on our social accounts once ready.

Of course we know everybody will want to find out which side wins the 'battle' and can be declared the fastest side overall – Market Harborough, or Northampton. This may take a little longer to establish, but once the results are in, I shall share these with runners on our Facebook page and via email hopefully the following day.

## Photographs

Mick Hall Photos will be capturing your moments from the day, with images available free to download on his website shortly after the event.

**<https://www.mickhall-photos.com/running-and-tri-photos>**

## Social Media

Please follow the Race Harborough accounts on social media, tag us in your posts and share your photos from the event using the hashtag **#BattleOfTheBramptonValleyWay**.

Facebook: **<https://www.facebook.com/RaceHarborough>**

Instagram: **<https://www.instagram.com/raceharborough>**

## Charity

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has made a charity donation on entry to the [Jubilee Foodbank in Market Harborough](#) and the [Weston Favell Centre Foodbank in Northampton](#). All donations will be split between the two food banks and donated at the end of 2026.

The Jubilee Foodbank, Market Harborough, are on a mission to end hunger across the Market Harborough district. Launched in 2012 when they received just a few food parcels each month, they now receive over 100 referrals from individuals and families each month.

The Weston Favell Centre Foodbank, Northampton, a collaborative project between Emmanuel Group of Churches, St Peter's Weston Favell, and Storehouse Church, also opened in 2012. They provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. They are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

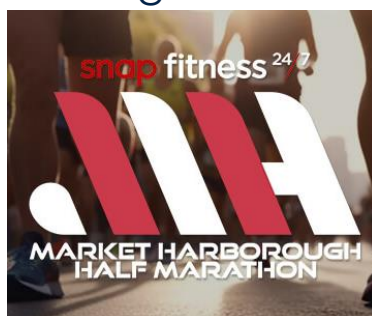
## Upcoming Race Harborough Events



### Run Rabbit Trail Festival

Sat-Sun 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> May  
5x5k, 10k, half marathon  
weekend with camping

<https://thumpevents.co.uk>



### Market Harborough Half Marathon

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May  
half marathon

<https://harborough-half.co.uk/>



### Three Shires Way

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> June  
50m / marathon

<https://raceharborough.co.uk/three-shires-way-ultra-and-marathon/>

