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Dear Organiser,

Summary of contents:

- **THANK YOU** for joining us on the first (Chalk & Mud) edition of the **Winter X!**
- Honorable mentions
- Save the date for **Winter X #2 - 28th December 2026**
- 2025 Winter X results available on [Athlinks](#)
- **Photos/videos** of the day - some [here](#). If you have any you'd like to share please upload [here](#)
- **Acknowledgements**



THANK YOU!

What a weekend! We have just about recovered from our first go at the **Winter X**. Thank you all for taking a chance and coming along to hit the trails in the depths of winter! While there was not a drop of rain, there was definitely a chill in the air, felt in particular by those going up Salt Hill heading to the Sustainability Centre! Indeed, at the finish I was met with more than one request for a "Summer S" event or "Spring Y", in hopefully slightly warmer weather :-D.



Shortly before 40 mile start. Photo by Amelie Brent.

We were blown away by the interest in this first edition. It was great to see so many **Roly's Run** regulars there, as well as many who had previously completed Phil Hoy's Winter Cross. Also, personally, it was a pleasure to meet so many of you at the start/finish line, and to finally put faces to names.

We received a great deal of positive feedback, both on the day and via e-mail afterwards - enough of it that we are keen to put the event on again next year :-)

We have a list of improvements to make, thanks to feedback from volunteers and participants, and on account of things as they cropped up on the day. We are always keen to learn and improve the experience for all involved - please [contact us](#) if you have any comments / feedback.

Some honourable mentions:

- To all those that took part in **Roly's Run**, **only 6 weeks prior**, we salute you! Glutons for punishment - great effort!
- **Peter Grigoleit** who, being unable to run due to injury, volunteered to marshal on Winchester Hill and managed the rescue of multiple windswept signs!
- **Ruth Snook**, first aider at Meonstoke who took a break from supporting runners in order to patch up a little 'n' who had had an accident on the slide.
- **Seb Briggs** for jumping in on the day, supporting registration.
- **Michelle Hayes / Ray Bernice** who, faced with the prospect of manning an outdoor checkpoint, took it upon themselves to sweet-talk their way into a heated shed with a kettle and other luxuries! Just the resourcefulness that's always appreciated in volunteers!
- **Sharon Brown** for whom the 30km was her longest distance yet, as she builds up to a marathon - go Sharon!

What's next? Watch this space! We are keen to put on some additional events and have a few ideas up our sleeve. First, we will regroup and do a little running ourselves! Then, we will see

what is possible this year. **You will be the first to hear about it :)**

Save the date:

The next edition of **Winter X (#2)** will be on:

Monday 28 Dec. 2026

Entries will open in the new year. In 2026 there will once again be an entry cap of ~300 participants. We will be in touch when open for entries!

Results:

Congrats to everyone who finished - below are the top 3 fastest times in each category.

Position	1st Place	2nd Place	3rdPlace
Distance	Female/Male	Female/Male	Female/Male
10km	Katy Barney 00:49:57	Emily Acton 00:53:45	Sasha Harding 00:54:44
	Alastair Hales 00:43:56	Charles Clarke 00:44:01	Benjamin Clarke 00:45:00
30km	Mary Marshall 02:36:16	Carys Gallagher 02:58:27	Victoria Henderson 03:05:46
	Richard Williams 02:15:10	Kyle Evans 02:36:45	Thomas Marsh 02:39:14
50km	Megan Huggins 04:29:25	Sarah Stuart 05:29:00	Laura Watts 05:35:48
	Joseph Mills 04:15:34	Dom Hardy 04:32:42	Ross Marlow 04:35:05
70km	Michelle Attridge 07:04:09	Emma Mitchell 07:48:08	Kate Small 07:49:40
	Ben Marshall 06:53:51	Andrew Pace 07:15:07	Mich Hardie 07:20:26

Complete results for all distances can be viewed [here](#).

Did you take any photos/videos of the day?

If you took **photos** on the day, and don't mind sharing, please share them with us. Please drop them [HERE](#). I will be adding to the [website gallery](#) progressively as I get more.

Lost property?

We have collected a couple of bottles / tops / a HRM chest strap that were left in the hall, if you have lost anything on the day, contact us with a description and we'll see if we have it!

Volunteers and others that made this event possible:

(Apologies if I have missed anyone!)

Route-marking: Simon Minard, Ed Brent, Carlos Brent.

Event set-up (Saturday): Anna Walklate, Amelie Brent, Elise Brent, Tom Brent, Carmen Emtage, Rene Brent, Eduardo Brent, Simon Minard, Carlos Brent.

Car parking: Sue Wylde, Will Wylde, Nick Minard.

Registration: Anna Walklate, Michelle Hayes, Ray Bernice, Seb Briggs, Verity Howard, Tom Brent.

Enormous quantities of vegetable soup: Carlos Brent.

Enormous quantities of salted potatoes: Carmen Emtage.

Bakers: Lois Minard, Olivia Minard, Verity Howard, Simon Minard.

Marshals: Nick Constable, Peter Grigoleit, Brian Minard, Silvia Brent, Geoff Brent.

Coasters: Carlos Brent.

Finisher boxes: Tom Brent, Elise Brent, Anna Walklate.

Issuing finisher boxes: Jessamine Evans.

Checkpoints:

West Meon: Ann Morgan, Simon Minard.

Meonstoke: Gill Chamberlain, Kayleigh Chamberlain, Ruth Snook, Harvey Snook, Wendy Palmer, Carmen Emtage, Martyn Mansell, Amelie Brent, Tom Brent, William Cloud, Oliver Atkinson, Juno Evans, Edwin Evans, Evie Emtage, Ayla Emtage.

Sustainability Centre: Lisa Hennen, Eduardo Brent, Rene Brent.

Holden Farm: Michelle Hayes, Ray Bernice.

Wickham: Simon Minard.

Start/Finish: Chris Keith, Geoff Brent, Silvia Brent, Amelie Brent.

Banners/Event shelters: Rene Brent, Ed Brent.

First Aiders: Kayleigh Chamberlain, Ruth Snook, Lisa Hennen, Ray Bernice, Eduardo Brent, Simon Minard, Carlos Brent.

Route de-marking, tail-walking: Silvia Brent, Lisa Hennen, Eduardo Brent, Simon Minard, Carlos Brent.

Post-event clear-up: Anna Walklate, Lisa Hennen, Chris Keith, Simon Minard, Ed Brent, Rene Brent, Carlos Brent.

Thanks also to:

- The ever-helpful **James Morrice** at Meon Hall.

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- **West Meon Parish Council** for being such gracious hosts.
- **Corhampton & Meonstoke Parish Council** for being such gracious hosts.
- **Wickham Parish Council** for being such gracious hosts.
- The considerate lady that brought out tea & mince pies to our parking marshalls!
- To the gent in Holden Farm that gave our marshalls use of his shed.
- **Trail Running Association** for issuing us with a race permit and providing us with a grant in 2025.
- The **Sustainability Centre** for allowing us to set-up a checkpoint in their car park.
- **Simon Farington** from **EMIT-UK** timing services for their advice and support before and on the day.

Happy new year...happy winter running...

See you on the trail,

Winter X Team 2025

All enquiries regarding this email should be directed to **Chalk & Mud Trail Running**.



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