

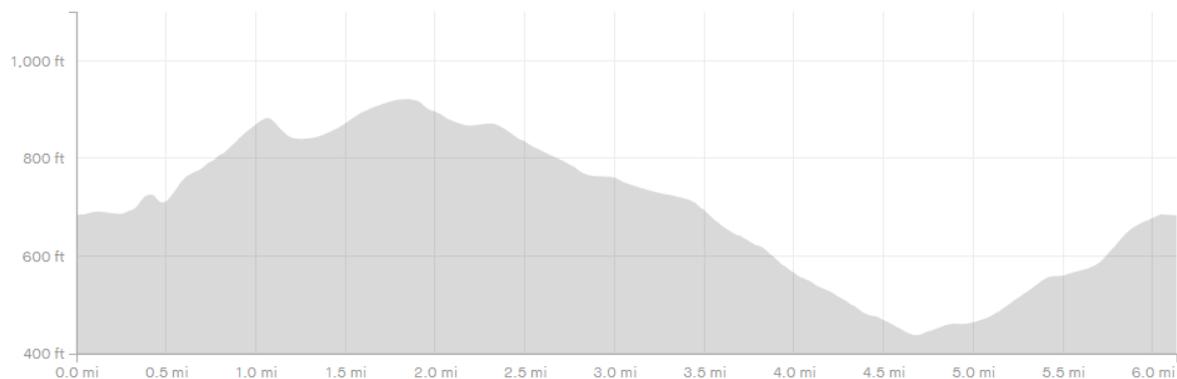
Lindley 10k Race Report – 17 October 2021

The 2021 Lindley 10k was held at 9:30 last Sunday morning, postponed from earlier in the year and of course not being run in 2020 (in common with most other events). The day was overcast and rain threatened but fortunately for the eight Holmfirth Harriers that stood on the start line, the rain held off until we were all safely across the finish line an hour or so later.

The course starts and finishes in Lidget Street in the centre of Lindley, heading uphill along Weatherhill Road and Lindley Moor Road towards the roundabout at the M62. From there it is a long downhill along New Hey Road to the roundabout at Greenhead Park followed by a left into Edgerton Grove. Then the climb starts again, up Edgerton Road and Halifax Road before turning into East Street and back to the finish.



The overall ascent was 536 feet (163m) and as you can see from the profile, has a nasty short uphill finish.



The event was very well managed by the Lindley Community Group and Lindley Running Club from their race HQ at Bar10 on Lidget Street. Numbers could be collected either early on race day or in the morning of the day before. This was well organised and the queue on Saturday morning moved

along very quickly. Before the 10k, a junior race was held and the young people were cheered on as they battled it out, down and then back up Lidget Street. The determination and pleasure on their faces was great to see and hopefully there will be some new recruits for local clubs over the next few years.

The 10k itself got underway at 9:30 and runners made their way across the timing mats and up the first incline. It was a mass start and as always there was some jostling for position as competitors sorted themselves out over the first few hundred metres. All the major road junctions and crossings were well marshalled with spectators and marshals shouting encouragement to the runners. The route down New Hey Road was busy with spectators (some of whom must have wondered what was going on as they ventured out to do their Sunday morning shopping in Marsh) and there was a lot of applauding and support.

With 1k to go, the route becomes a bit steeper and the last 250 meters or so from the final corner to the finish saw lots of battles as runners tried to drive a bit more from tired legs. The race was won by Luc Burnip of Stadium Runners in a time of 33:29, with first lady being Janine McGregor from Todmorden Harriers in 41:54. There were 369 finishers and the eight Harriers are shown below.

Place	◆ Bib	◆ Name	◆ Gender	◆ Club	◆ ChipTime	◆ GunTime
17th October 2021						
☞ 24.	449	Kevin Desso	M	Holmfirth Harriers AC	42:14	42:19
☞ 43.	529	Robert Dickinson	M	Holmfirth Harriers AC	44:53	45:10
☞ 87.	490	Nicky Ottaway	F	Holmfirth Harriers AC	48:30	48:47
☞ 136.	437	Noreen Edery	F	Holmfirth Harriers AC	52:22	52:31
☞ 142.	451	Heidi O'Shea	F	Holmfirth Harriers AC	52:48	53:14
☞ 218.	649	Tracey Newman	F	Holmfirth Harriers AC	58:04	58:30
☞ 260.	540	Richard Whale	M	Holmfirth Harriers AC	1:02:03	1:02:29
☞ 299.	411	Laura Tiffany	F	Holmfirth Harriers AC	1:05:56	1:06:22

All finishers received a water bottle, T-shirt and medal as well as bottled water and a banana which was a nice touch. Good showings from the host club, Slaithwaite Striders, Stadium Runners, Sowerby Bridge Snails, Longwood Harriers, Meltham and Stainland Lions (as well as Holmfirth of course) gave the race a nice local feel and there was lots of inter-club chatting and congratulations at the end. A great event, well organised, well attended, well marshalled and well worth doing.