Windy Gyle Fell Race 22nd June 2008

	Race					
Position	No	Name	Club	Category	Time	Cat/Place
1	671	Phil Vincent	Tynedale	SM	01:06:14	1 st SM
2	687	James Dickinson	Tynedale	MV50	01:06:47	1 st MV50
3	682	Keith Murray	Teviotdale	MV40	01:08:38	1 st MV40
4	695	Aled Greenhalgh	NFR	SM	01:10:32	
5	690	Geoff Scott	NFR	MV40	01:10:50	
6	686	Clive Short	Tynedale	MV40	01:11:00	
7	681	Nigel Thomas	Helm Hill Runners	SM	01:11:08	
8	680	Paul Kelly	DFR	MV50	01:11:13	
9	701	Andrew Burton	UA	SM	01:13:51	
10	672	Rachel Vincent	Tynedale	SL	01:14:00	1 st SL
11	674	Rob Carter	Bishop Stortford	SM	01:14:22	
12	692	Julian Barwick	NYM	MV40	01:14:57	
13	696	Barry Young	NSP	MV40	01:17:28	
14	683	Michael Telfer	Alnwick Triathlon	SM	01:19:17	
15	679	Peter Hayle	NFR	MV40	01:19:40	
16	669	Claire Bagness	Wooler RC	LV40	01:19:58	1 st LV40
17	688	Jim Knox	Teviotdale	MV60	01:22:16	1 st MV60
18	677	Jonathon Caswell	UA	MV50	01:23:07	
18	676	John Dallinson	NFR	MV50	01:23:07	
20	673	Karl Wah	UA	MV40	01:24:05	
21	678	Ian Holland	NSP	MV50	01:25:29	
22	675	George Adamson	NSP	MV50	01:25:41	
23	704	David Woton	Claremont	SM	01:25:41	
24	697	Allon Welsh	NFR	MV40	01:26:03	
25	689	Lindsey Knox	Teviotdale	LV40	01:32:05	
26	699	Terry Hart	NFR	MV60	01:33:00	
27	700	Andrew Davison	UA	MV40	01:33:49	
28	702	Michael Wilson	Pickering	MV40	01:34:10	
29	670	John Pringle	Wooler RC	MV40	01:34:19	
30	684	Chris Francis	Tynedale	MV50	01:36:30	
31	694	Colleen Todd	UA	LV50	01:40:09	1 st LV50
32	703	Robert Earle	UA	SM	01:43:12	
33	698	Helene Beaugy	UA	SL	01:45:33	
34	691	Elizabeth Paxton	UA	LV50	01:52:44	
35	693	Margaret MacDonald	Morpeth	LV40	01:52:44	
36	685	Peter Reed	NFR	MV50	01:52:50	

This year's race was well attended considering the number of other events on the same weekend and once again we've managed to make a donation, this time of £100, to The North of Tyne Search and Rescue Team. Their safety cover and marshalling makes the event that much safer and easier to organize and small events such as Windy Gyle only go part way to covering their expenses.

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Those who ventured onto the hill on race day returned to the finish with an understanding of why Windy Gyle and its subsidiary ridge, Windy Rigg, were so named. Luckily it was mainly wind, the rain having passed through overnight.

The race was hotly contested with Phil Vincent (Tynedale) narrowly beating club mate James Dickinson to the line in times of 1:06:14 and 1:06:47 respectively. James put in a tremendous performance to also finish as 1st MV50. Keith Murray (Teviotdale) finished third in 1:08:36 and was also 1st MV40 Home. It was good to see Jim Knox back to form and finishing 17th overall as first MV60 in a time of 1:22:16.

Rachel Vincent was the first lady to return, 10th overall and in a time of 1:14:00. Claire Bagness (Wooler RC), who found the conditions "exhilarating," was second lady and first LV40 in a time of 1:19:58. Colleen Todd, in her second fell race was first lady vet 50 in a time of 1:40:09.

A special mention must also go to those who made the effort to travel north to compete in the race as part of Dave Parry's Summer Series.

Once again the comments at the end of the race were favourable and I thank you for them. I would also like to thank those who helped with the event. I hope to see you all again on Sunday 21st June 2009.

Keith Cooper Race Organiser