

## Windy Gyle Fell Race 24th June 2012

Position	Race No	Name	Club	Time	Cat.	Remarks
1	63	Nick Swinburn	NFR	00:57:18	SM	1 <sup>st</sup> SM
2	49	Hugh Aggleton	MDC	01:01:28	SM	2 <sup>nd</sup> SM
3	66	Lee Bennett	NFR	01:04:37	MV40	1 <sup>st</sup> MV40/3 <sup>rd</sup> SM
4	60	Gary Jones	NFR	01:05:36	SM	4 <sup>th</sup> SM
5	52	Adam Fletcher	Berwick	01:06:34	MV40	2 <sup>nd</sup> MV40
6	72	James Taylor	NFR	01:07:14	SM	
7	51	Bruce Crombie	Alnwick	01:07:59	SM	
8	68	John Baty	NSP	01:09:50	MV40	3 <sup>rd</sup> MV40
9	33	Phil Green	NFR	01:11:09	MV40	
10	57	Mike Telfer	NFR	01:12:44	MV40	
11	62	Scott Gibson	NFR	01:13:52	MVSM	
12	76	Karen Robertson	NFR	01:14:14	LV40	1 <sup>st</sup> SL/1 <sup>st</sup> LV40
13	38	John Tollitt	NFR	01:15:12	MV40	
14	73	Clive Short	Tynedale	01:16:01	MV50	1 <sup>st</sup> MV50
15	46	Geoff Davis	NFR	01:17:08	MV40	2 <sup>nd</sup> MV50
16	69	Nick Spencer	NFR	01:18:35	MV40	3 <sup>rd</sup> MV50
17	58	Keith Lombard	Tynedale	01:19:34	SM	
18	67	Barry Young	NSP	01:19:46	MV50	
19	43	Carl Watson	Low Fell	01:19:56	MV40	
20	56	Glen McWilliams	NFR	01:20:22	MV50	
21	74	Beverley Redfern	Tynedale	01:20:27	LV40	2 <sup>nd</sup> SL 1 <sup>st</sup> LV50
22	50	Phil Middleton	NFR	01:20:41	SM	
23	45	Rob Stephens	NFR	01:21:13	MV50	
24	42	Andy Middleton	Elswick	01:21:15	SM	
25	48	Will Lawrence	FRA	01:21:59	MV50	
26	55	Robert Shepherd	UA	01:22:06	SM	
27	64	Rachel Vincent	Tynedale	01:25:00		3 <sup>rd</sup> SL
28	28	Henrietta Bolton-Carter	Wooler	01:25:14	LV40	2 <sup>nd</sup> LV40
29	41	Trevor Wakenshaw	NFR	01:25:19	LV40	
30	59	John Christie	Alnwick	01:25:55	MV50	
31	75	Eric Gilhooly	FRA	01:26:07	MV50	
32	35	Neil Gammack	NFR	01:27:52	MV40	
33	61	Shaun Dodd	Blyth	01:27:58	MV40	
34	39	Karl Wait	Wooler	01:28:34	MV40	
35	54	Sue Mitchell	NFR	01:29:01	LV40	3 <sup>rd</sup> LV40
36	44	Stevie Curry	Elswick	01:30:04	MV50	
37	40	Marie-Louise Drozdowicz	NFR	01:31:11	LV50	2 <sup>nd</sup> LV50

38	36	John Pringle	Wooler	01:32:16	MV40	
39	47	Susan Davis	NFR	01:33:01	LV50	3 <sup>rd</sup> LV50
40	71	Glen Thompson	UA	01:36:10	SM	
41	65	Nick Burden	Nevets	01:42:46	MV60	1 <sup>st</sup> MV60
42	34	David Beaumont	NFR	01:47:20	MV50	
43	70	Mark Thompson	Saltwell	01:50:10	MV40	
44	53	Gillian Donaldson	Saltwell	01:57:55	LV40	

#### Teams

##### NFR Men

1	63	Nick Swinburn	NFR	00:57:18	SM	1 <sup>st</sup> SM
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##### NFR Ladies

12	76	Karen Robertson	NFR	01:14:14	LV40	1 <sup>st</sup> SL/1 <sup>st</sup> LV40
21	54	Sue Mitchell	NFR	01:29:01	LV40	3 <sup>rd</sup> LV40
37	40	Marie-Louise Drozdowicz	NFR	01:31:11	LV50	2 <sup>nd</sup> LV50

#### Organisers Comments

The rain had stopped and two brief weather windows opened for this year's race; on the Saturday when I marked the course and on race day itself. Our luck was too good to hold so that when clearing the course on Tuesday evening we were in low cloud and got a drenching.

Despite all the rain the course was not too soggy and the times, contrary to expectations, were faster than the previous year. Having said that Nick Swinburn (NFR) put in a startling performance, he broke Phil Sanderson's record by forty seven seconds to finish in a time of 57:18.

After an initial fast start Nick pulled away from Hugh Aggleton (MDC) to be the first to reach Russell's Cairn on Windy Gyle summit. He increased his lead on the long descent down The Street to finish well ahead of the field. Hugh was second man home followed by first vet40 Lee Bennett (NFR). Gary Jones (NFR) was fourth man and third counter for NFR who took the men's team prize.

Karen Robertson, first lady and first LV40 also led the winning NFR ladies tem of Sue Mitchell and Marie-Louise Drozdowicz. Karen, who regards the race as a Northumbrian classic, with good views and very runnable, had been surprised how warm it had been on the summit of "Gyle." She wouldn't have been saying that if she had been up there on Tuesday evening.

Once again thanks to the North of Tyne SRT for acting as marshals and providing the all important safety cover also Ian and Eunice Tait at the Barrowburn Tea Room and Neil and Poppy Hindmarsh at Rowhope.

Keith Cooper