

## Pen Tir Drop 2022. Race report.

After a 3 year gap, caused by floods and pestilence, we were pleased to be able to get the show on the road (or should that be the hill ?) again.

Our race limit was 75 as there is only have a small car park. Andy Creber had agreed to help park them as tightly as possible, although some had to park elsewhere. What we did not want was the terrible weather that was forecast. Agonising on whether to cancel or not, we decided the runners are all adults and could make the right decisions on the day. To be doubly sure, we insisted on a full kit check at registration and all runners fully complied.

The course markings were laid out in marginally better conditions than the runners would face. Rain and 40 to 50mph gusty winds into our left ear on the way up with flooding on the plateau. Returning back, we realised it would be a slippery descent for all. We knew a marshal at the turn-around point was not an option in those conditions, though Kay Lucas, who would have done it, did venture someway up the course for a look-see. So, we sent the field of 48 off into deteriorating conditions, with wind speeds now 50 to 60, with Andy Blackmore on the road gate and Martin and Kay Lucas on CP1 and the interim gate. To our relief all runners came back with tales to tell. We were able to get the results on our board despite the sodden paper they were written on and present the prizes.

1st Man. Wyndham Turner. 2nd Man. Daniel Powell. 3<sup>rd</sup> Man. James Scott.

1<sup>st</sup> Lady. Chelsea Creak. 2nd Lady. Nynke Kuiper. 3<sup>rd</sup> Lady. Helen Brown.

1<sup>st</sup> MV40 Ian Luke. 1<sup>st</sup> MV50. Ian Whistance. 1<sup>st</sup> MV60. Paul Dodd. 1<sup>st</sup>  
MV70. Richard Hale.

1<sup>st</sup> LV40. Cara Prefrement. 1<sup>st</sup> LV50. Cherry Fowler. 1<sup>st</sup> LV60. Rona Davies.

1<sup>st</sup> Male under 17. Freddie Bradford.

All this while enjoying a hot drink and cakes.

We the RO's, know what the racers endured as we went back up the mountain when you had all gone, to collect all the race signage!

Profit from the race will be donated to 'Central Beacons Mountain rescue'.

Once again thanks to our car-parker and marshals, without whom we would be sunk !

Thank you all for your support.

Karen Elvers and Gareth Jones. RO's.