Dash in the Dark 2 – 14th January 2022

It's not been the return to racing we envisaged sadly, the December race had to be cancelled after Storm Arwen brought down a large number of trees in Llandegla forest. The clean up took a long time with priority being given to opening up the mountain bike trails and so it was deemed unsafe to venture off the beaten track into the wilderness.

Just as things were looking up we were hit with a limit on organised outdoor events of 50 people. It was a last minute decision to put this race on but I was pleased to secure 50 runners with less than a weeks notice.

The moon shone bright and the frost formed on the ground providing slippery conditions underfoot. The mood was cheerful and everyone was keen to set off in order to keep warm. There was a battle for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the mens race as Joel Gomes cruised home in only 23.51 with Stephen Skates hot on his tail in 24.34. Race 1 winner Jez Brown still put in a superb effort coming 3rd in 25.34. Of note the first 3 men were all M40 category. Interestingly 1st M50 was Buckley runners Simon Roberts who just managed to stay ahead of Craig Jones and Simon Edwards in the battle for 1st, 2nd and 3rd M50, with only 20 seconds between them.

Andy Creber took the 1st M60 win which hopefully made his journey from the south worth while, a very respectable time of 30.15.

Right behind Andy was the first lady, Christine Camillare in 30.17 followed by Kerry Jones in 32.19 (1st L40). Buckley runners Amanda Garner came 3rd with a time of 35.41. Annie Buckley was the first L50 winner in 38.33 beating a number of younger runners who followed a few minutes after.

Well done to all who took part and once again a special thanks to One Planet Adventure for hosting us and staying open, a thanks to the marshals and also to NEWSAR who provided safety cover out on the course.

We're hoping to put a race on the 18th February but watch this space.