



Sunday 29 September 2024 9:00 am Start HQ and Finish at Greystones Farm, Bourton-on-the-Water

Thank you for entering this year's Bourton Half Marathon. We hope you have a fabulous run, and you can enjoy the delights of our beautiful area. Please read the following information to help make things simpler on the day and to maximise your enjoyment of the event.

Race Headquarters will be at Greystones Farm, Greystones Lane, Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire GL54 2EN (What3Words: bridge.piglet.allies). ****We will be selling tea, coffee and cake during and after the event.****

Travelling and Parking – please car share if you possibly can as this will help us to ease congestion, reduce the impact on residents and make parking easier. **Please Note** - there is no parking at the Race HQ.

Please ignore Sat Navs as they are likely to bring you in through the village centre. The best approach is from the Fosseyway (A429) and along Station Road. There is a significant amount of free parking on the roads in the industrial estate off Station Road which is a 10 to 15 minute walk to HQ. There are also two "Pay and Display" car parks in the village slightly closer to HQ.

We will have **Bag Storage and Toilets** available at Race HQ. There are also accessible toilets and public toilets at the two village car parks.

Race Numbers are to be collected from race HQ on the day of the race from 7:30 am onwards. Runners will be issued with a timing chip to attach to your shoe prior to the start.

*****We will be accepting **Entries on the Day** up to our race limit and runners will be eligible for prizes. Entries on the day will close at 8:30 am. Entry Price on the day will be £25 affiliated and £27 unaffiliated. Card and cash payments will be accepted on the day.*****

All finishers will be given access to a priority / early bird entry to the Bourton 10k next February.

Drinks Stations will be at approx 3.5 and 8.5 miles as well as at the finish area. We will have paper cups available, but runners are welcome to fill their own receptacles if they wish. If you wish to bring your own mug for tea and coffee that too would be welcomed.

The Course is an accurately measured 13.1 mile single loop on undulating rural roads with some amazing views across the Cotswolds countryside!

The Route takes runners through the beautiful centre of Bourton on the Water and across the river before taking on The Steeps, the first of two major hills, and eventually out to the picturesque villages of Farmington and Sherborne. The route then loops back up the second major climb to the village of Clapton-on-the-Hill and then a well earned downhill back into Bourton-on-the-Water for the finish.

A map of the route can be [viewed here](https://explore.osmaps.com/route/21214462/bourton-half?lat=51.862823). A downloadable gpx file is available here, [https://explore.osmaps.com/route/21214462/bourton-half?lat=51.862823](https://explore.osmaps.com/route/21214462/bourton-half?lat=51.862823&lon=-1.792259&zoom=12.4963&style=Standard&type=2d) HYPERLINK
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Prize List

There is an extensive prize list (see table below). There's also an extra bonus for a course record. Each runner is only able to claim one prize other than a team or spot prize. Team prizes are 3 to count and must be wearing their club vests. We also have

spot prizes available. Prize giving will be made as close as possible to 11;15 am at race HQ. Prizes will be awarded on Gun Time.

Male		Female	
1 st Prize	£100 cash	1 st Prize	£100 cash
Bonus for record	£100 cash	Bonus for Record	£100 cash
2 nd Prize	£50 cash	2nd Prize	£50 cash
3 rd Prize	£25 cash	3 rd Prize	£25 cash
Team Prize - 3 to count based on lowest cumulative positions	£30 cash	Team Prize - 3 to count based on lowest cumulative positions	£30 cash
1 st MV40 A selection of prizes to choose from		1 st FV40 A selection of prizes to choose from	
1 st MV50 A selection of prizes to choose from		1 st FV50 A selection of prizes to choose from	
1 st MV60 A selection of prizes to choose from		1 st FV60 A selection of prizes to choose from	
1 st MV70+ A selection of prizes to choose from		1 st FV70+ A selection of prizes to choose from	

Gloucestershire AAA - The half marathon is part of the Gloucestershire AAA 2024 Road Racing Series and incorporates the Gloucestershire County Half Marathon championships. Prizes for this will be awarded on the day.

Course Records are;

Female 94 mins 9 secs Jane Fairbairn, Cheltenham & County Harriers 2023

Male 70 mins 59 secs Ben Robinson, Bristol and West 2023

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Race timing is being provided by LuSH Timing with live results available at the finish line and then, once validated, on their website, <https://www.lushracetiming.co.uk/>

All finishers will receive a memento to recognise their achievement.

Number Transfers or Deferral

Deferrals to the following year (2025) for runners who have entered, but are injured, will be given up until three weeks before the race date. After this point, transfers would still be accepted but have to be approved by the race organisers before race day to ensure that the results show correct information.

Safety

You will be running on roads that are open to traffic at all times except for a short term closure near the start as you pass through the village.

The event is held under UK Athletic (UKA) rules and with your entry you have agreed to observe these rules in addition to those for this event. The event will be fully marshalled. Please observe the following points in the interests of safety:

- Always keep to the left-hand side of the road - unless advised otherwise by race marshalls
- Take particular care at road junctions
- Observe normal road safety precautions
- Obey the instructions of marshals at all times
- Runners are not allowed to run with dogs

Headphones

The use of personal stereos, iPods, phones, or other music devices is not allowed under UKA rule T55 240 S5 – wearing headphones, or similar devices, (other than those medically prescribed), is not permitted in races on any single carriageway road that is not wholly closed to traffic.

Wearing headphones may prevent you from hearing instructions from marshals and other event staff as well as the hearing of sirens/ horns from emergency services and other vehicles. By wearing such devices, you are putting yourself and those around you at risk.

Rule T55 240 S5 accepts use of conductive headphones, however the final decision lies with the Race Director, and we **DO NOT** allow their use as it is impossible for marshals to differentiate between these and other types of headphones when runners pass them.

We will have no responsibility should this rule be ignored. Please do not risk our ability to be granted a future licence.

Runners seen to be wearing headphones will be disqualified.

First aid

Trained first aid personnel will be available on the route and at the finish area. If you find yourself in trouble and require medical attention, please get a message to the nearest marshal. They will make arrangements for your treatment.

Data Protection – your name, date of birth, gender and club details will be held on computer and may be used in the race results posted on the club and timing company's websites and any future events promoted by the club. Photos taken at the event may be used in appropriate publications and on the internet solely for the purposes of promoting our event in the future. If you do not wish your photograph to be used, then please mark your number with a large red cross across it. Your entry details will not be passed onto professional bodies except, if required, to the emergency services.

Acknowledgements

Our thanks go out to all club members and their families who have given their time, energy and support in putting on this event. We also thank the communities through which our event runs for their help and understanding.

Special thanks go to the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and Greystones Farm for allowing us to use their facilities as HQ.

Further Information

If there is anything further you need, or is missing from this briefing material, please let me know.

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