



Dear participant

IMPORTANT: Brooksie's Bash Trail Race 2020

Many thanks for entering this year's Brooksie's Bash Trail Race, which was scheduled for Sunday 12th July 2020.

Sadly, after very careful consideration, we have concluded that it is not appropriate to proceed with the race as originally planned this year.

Whilst this is extremely disappointing for all involved, I'm sure you'll appreciate that it is unavoidable given the current situation with the coronavirus. Particularly as it's become clear that strict social distancing measures, which would be impractical to maintain at an event of this nature, will remain in place for the next few months at least.

For us the "Bash", which was our original event, has always been about more than just the 'race' element. It's about encouraging runners of all abilities to enjoy running on the fantastic trails of South Derbyshire, about promoting the mental – as well as physical – benefits of running in beautiful places, and for supporting local people with their mental health by fundraising for our chosen charity, Derbyshire Mind.

We've therefore been thinking hard about how we can still achieve some of those wider aims for the race this year, remain engaged with the runners and encourage you to have an enjoyable run out on the trails.

The idea we've come up with is the "Personal Bash". This gives you the option to run the race route (or your own off-road route with equivalent distance and elevation) on a day/time of your choice between 12th June and 11th July 2020, and provide us with details of your run.

We'd then publish the results and celebrate everyone's achievements at an on-line gathering on 12th July; the original date for the race. With prizes awarded in various categories, not just to who's quickest. More details of how it will work are attached.

If you choose to take part in this alternative format you will receive a "Personal Bash" branded bandana as a memento, a race number incorporating a discount voucher for the Derby Runner shop, and a proportion of your entry fee will go to Derbyshire Mind. Plus, we'll guarantee you a place at next year's race should you wish to enter.

We appreciate that "Personal Bash" format may not appeal to everyone. So, if you don't wish to take part, there are also a number of other options available to you with regards to your race entry. These are aligned with the approach that we committed to at the beginning of the crisis – details of which are available in the 'latest news' section of our website.



Here are your options.

OPTION 1: Transfer to the “Personal Bash” (default option)

You get:

- An event memento: “Personal Bash” branded bandana posted to you.
- Personal race number posted to you with your bandana, incorporating a discount voucher for the Derby Runner shop.
- Route information for the Brooksie’s Bash course, including written instructions, gpx file and ‘RunGo’ link (which provides verbal directions).
- Inclusion in published race results (optional).
- Potential to win a prize.
- Guaranteed place in next year’s Brooksie’s Bash should you wish to enter.
- The opportunity to support the great work that Derbyshire Mind do.

Things to consider:

You have no absolute obligation to physically run the route (or any other route) and/or submit your result. You will still receive your memento, Derby Runner discount voucher and be guaranteed a place in next year’s race.

OPTION 2: Donate your entry fee

You get: The opportunity to support the great work that Derbyshire Mind do and/or support Peak Running through these difficult times.

Things to consider: *We don’t want people to feel any obligation to choose this option. It’s included purely because some people have requested it. Donations will be split equally between Derbyshire Mind and the Peak Running ‘survival’ fund.*

OPTION 3: Defer your place to the 2021 race

You get: A place in next year’s Brooksie’s Bash, the provisional date for which is 18th July 2021.

Things to consider: *Terms and conditions for next year’s race are anticipated to be the equivalent to those applied to this year’s race. This means that, if you are unable to take part in next year’s race for any reason, you would still have the option to transfer your place to another runner until close to the day of the race, or cancel your place and get the majority of your money back.*

OPTION 4: Cancel your place

You get: A refund of your entry fee.

Things to consider: *A £1 processing fee will be applied by Event Entry. Normal entry procedures apply for 2021 should you wish to enter.*



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To let us know which option you wish to take, please reply to this email by 20th May 2020, and simply state the number of the option you've chosen. Also, if you have ordered a t-shirt, can you also let us know whether you would still like one with the "Personal Bash" branding.

If we don't hear from you by 20th May, we'll transfer your entry to the "Personal Bash" as the default option and, if you ordered one, send you your t-shirt with the other items.

Many thanks for your support.

Best regards

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THE “PERSONAL BASH” 2020 EVENT FORMAT AND GUIDANCE

When

Can be completed any time from 12th June to 11th July 2020.

We have purposely given a fairly wide time window to complete your Bash. This is to:

- give you flexibility in terms of the day of the week and time of day you run, and
- avoid large numbers of runners descending on the same area at the same time.

The latter could cause issues for the local communities and other users of the trails, which we'd obviously like to avoid.

Where

If you've entered the main 10-mile race you have two options:

1. On the route of the Winter Bash*, details of which will be provided to participants. You can start and finish at any point on the route and go either way around.
2. Choose your own route but this must be comparable to the race route, i.e. be at least 90% off road, be at least 10.2 miles long and have at least 800 feet of elevation gain.

*For option 1 we've specified the Winter Bash route, which differs very slightly from Brooksie's Bash summer event. This is because it avoids the part of the course which is on private land within the grounds of Foremarke Hall and, therefore, not allowed to be used.

Also, please note that parking at Foremarke Hall is not permitted.

If you've entered the 5k race, you can run any 5k route but unfortunately won't be able to use the exact race route due to sections of it being on private land and lack of parking options in the vicinity.

Safety & Compliance

As this is a personal run, you'll obviously be fully responsible for your own safety during your run and any journey to/from the course, and also owe a duty of care to others that you may encounter.

You must comply with the any legislation and government guidance that is in force at the time of your attempt (including that specific to the coronavirus situation and social distancing) and, of course, the highway code.

We will provide participants with information on particular hazards they may encounter and should watch out for on the race route. If you are running your own route you should select it carefully, thinking about any hazards on the route. If it's not a route you are already familiar with a recce run beforehand is recommended, particularly if you are planning to go for a good time.

Results

To be included in the results evidence of run to be provided to Peak Running by midnight on 11th July 2020.

Exact details of the options of how to submit them will be provided to participants.



Prizes

The number and exact details of prizes will depend on the number of participants who take part. However, it is the intention that these won't be restricted to just the fastest completions and will include some fun categories, such as best photographs taken en-route.