



Charnwood Challenge 2022 – FINAL DETAILS

We are deeply saddened at the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who was the Patron of Scouts and a keen supporter of the movement, and our thoughts are with the Royal Family at this time.

We are currently planning for the Charnwood Challenge to go ahead, and acknowledge that many people in the community will want to mark this time in a reflective and meaningful manner. We therefore encourage everyone taking part to be mindful of the circumstances in which the event is taking place, and to communicate their respect in a manner which they feel is appropriate.

Further details of how we will collectively mark this occasion at the event will be provided on the day.

Thank you for entering this year's Charnwood Challenge, organised by Nanpantan Scout Group. To help you plan your day, here are some updates/reminders of the information provided on the event website.

Details are also included below of the Junior Challenge Fun Run, starting at 10.30am, should any of your friends or family wish to also get involved in the event.

Before you come...

Competitors and supporters are asked not to attend the event if they have any Covid-19 symptoms, or if anyone they live with / are in close contact with has tested positive or has symptoms.

Event HQ

Most activities at the Scout HQ will be outside, so please be prepared if the weather isn't ideal as there will be limited shelter available (although we do have some provision for inside space if the forecast is very bad!)

Registration

Registration will open at 8:30 for collection of race numbers and any last minute queries.

Please pin your number to your front and make sure it can be clearly seen by the marshals.

All walkers will be asked to provide the number of a mobile phone which they will be carrying with them and which could be used to contact them during the event, if required.

Any Junior Walkers (under 16) must remain with their parent/guardian for the duration of the event.

Note that there may be photographs taken by the marshals or members of the scout group during the event which may be used for future publicity of the event. If you do not wish your photograph to be used for this purpose then please make this known at Registration so your race number can be noted.

Start Times

The start times for the main event are as follows:

9:00 Walkers

10:00 Runners

Both will be a mass start, with a short briefing 5 minutes beforehand.

Route

The route is as per previous years (details on the website) with only minor changes coming into the Beacon Hill Upper Carpark due to the new fence which has been installed.

Ideally we would like all participants to be safely back at the Scout HQ by 1pm so we can stand down the marshal team, who will have been out on the course since early that morning. While we would like everyone to be able to enjoy the event and take on the challenge at their level, please bear this in mind, and we kindly request that you wait until after you have finished before stopping for lunch.

Dogs

Sorry, but as the route passes through several fields where livestock may be present, including private land, unfortunately dogs are not permitted to accompany runners or walkers competing in the event.

Water

There will be a water station just over halfway round the course (at approximately 5.5 miles / 9 km) on the approach to the Broombriggs carpark. If you think you may need more than what is provided at this stop then we suggest you carry a bottle or similar for the event.

Water will also be available at the finish. Although this will be using disposable cups, if you are able to bring your own reusable water bottle then we will happily refill it for you.

Refreshments

Refreshments will be available to purchase at the Scout HQ, including tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes, and a selection of other snacks.

Changing and Toilets

Toilets will be provided at the event HQ, however no separate changing facilities are available.

During the event itself, please note that there are public toilets at several points close to the route (i.e. top or bottom of Beacon Hill, Woodhouse Eaves village), although a short detour may be needed – please ask a marshal for directions if necessary and advise them of your race number and that you need to deviate from the event route so we can track your location.

Bag Storage

Secure bag storage will be situated in the Scout HQ building, manned by members of the scout group. You will need to show your race number to pick up your bag after the race.

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded in categories to include:

Runners – 1st man, 1st lady, 2nd man, 2nd lady, 3rd man, 3rd lady

Walkers – 1st man, 1st lady

(Please be aware that any walkers observed running, or admitting to (!), will be reclassified.)

Parking

As the road past the scout hut can be fairly busy there is the option to park at the nearby Nanpantan sports ground off Watermead Lane (LE11 3TN). However, please be aware that this is a public carpark shared with several sports groups, and there may not be much free space, so please park considerately.

Please car share if driving to the event, where possible.

There will be no parking for competitors on the road immediately outside the scout HQ for safety reasons and to ensure access is clear for race organisers and first aid etc. If you do park on local streets to attend the event, then please make sure not to create a traffic hazard, or to block the access for any local residents.

First Aid and Emergencies

For any first aid or other emergencies experienced while at the scout HQ, please inform a marshal. First aid cover on the course and at the event HQ will be provided by experienced first aiders.

As sections of the route are rural, rough underfoot, and remote from the road, in the event of an accident or a runner becoming unwell please stop to provide assistance if necessary, and ensure that a marshal located at one of the road crossings is informed of the situation as soon as possible.

In the unfortunate situation that you are unable to finish the event and need to retire, please make your way to the nearest road crossing, and inform the marshal located there, who will be able to provide assistance. We also ask that you report to the finish before you leave the event.

Junior Challenge Fun Run

This year we are once again organising a 1 mile (1.6 km) 'fun run' on a cross-country type route for children, any parents who are accompanying them, and anyone else who fancies a shorter challenge.

Please note that all children under 8 must be accompanied around the course by a parent or responsible person aged 18 or over.

The fun run route is entirely off-road, on paths and tracks which are quite rough underfoot and may be muddy, and includes a small stream crossing.

Entry will be on the day (or via OSM for Nanpantan Scout Group members) at a cost of £4 per person (adults accompanying children: free)

The fun run start will be at 10.30am.

There will be a badge for all finishers, and prizes for the 1st boy and 1st girl in each age category:

Under 8 (Beavers); 8 to 10 (Cubs); 11 to 14 (Scouts)

We look forward to seeing you all on the 18th September

The Charnwood Challenge Team