

Freckleton Club Day

Sports Committee

Half-Marathon

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Dear Freckleton Residents,

Following the enormous success of the Freckleton Half-Marathon on Sunday 19th June, I wish to express my gratitude to you all for the support that you gave the race.

Your support and encouragement is greatly appreciated, not only by myself, but also by many runners who have posted comments on www.runnersworld.co.uk, a major web site for runners from all over the UK.

Below are just some of the many comments praising you:

“Full marks - you really do feel that Freckleton is a community event.”

“Just a quick note to say “thanks” for another great race, I'm afraid the heat and a tough hilly 10 miler the previous Wednesday meant I was even slower this year. Ah well maybe 1.45 next year. As usual superbly organised, all the residents with their hoses were well appreciated, got to be one of the friendliest races around. See you next year

*“I can't thank enough Brian and the people of the Freckleton, Wrea Green, and all round the course for providing all those extra water points and showers.
I would think at some points there were refreshment points only half a mile apart.”*

“Even though I doubt she will be reading the Runners World forum, apologies to the lady close to the end who was providing a shower (hose). I was really suffering at that point and refused her offer of a spray, perhaps too brusquely.”

“I was also really grateful to the local people for their support and desperately needed the 'unofficial' drink I was handed at about 12 miles. The community spirit is a credit to all involved.”

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“As many others have said, the community spirit in around Freck is what makes this race unique in my humble opinion. Many thanks to the legion of workers around the course providing support, water and humour in abundance. Oh, and if anyone found at least half a stone of lard lying around at the end, it's mine!!! Cheers, well done again on the organisation front and many thanks to all you more than able assistants.”

“Many thanks to the organisers, marshals, fellow runners and the local community for making it so great.”

“The people around the course were great, they seemed to realise how hard it was”

“Well what can I say? I hope the weather is always sunny because the event is for everyone and not just us runners.”

The comments are all from people who took part in the race.

As I write this letter, the rating for the race is 96% with 97% of people saying they will come back. Some are even calling it the best race of the year.

These comments are richly deserved. I was one of those on the course and saw it first hand. It was very special. I will go as far as to say that the atmosphere on Sunday was up there with the London Marathon. Race goers are looking for the “X Factor” (As the Pop Idol judges would say). You have provided that and I hope you will do so for many, many years to come.

Thank you

Brian Porter
Racer Director
Freckleton Half Marathon.