

## **2022 Race Directors' Report**

We thought that Roger planned some excellent courses and looking at the survey results it seems the majority of competitors agreed. Inevitably there are people who don't enjoy particular aspects of their course, but for everyone who thinks that controls are too hard to find in the clag or that not enough of the course is on paths, there is someone else relishing the navigational challenge and saying how nice it is to be off paths.

Having said that there are some criticisms that we do need to be concerned by.

One was the unpleasant descent from Dore Head on the Day 1 Carrock Fell course (leg 4 – 5). We hadn't fully appreciated what would happen when lots of teams were on it at the same time, and we apologise for this.

Another repeated criticism came from competitors who had to come down part of the main Scafell Pike tourist path at the end of Day1. It was very busy with walkers and competitors and this caused some frustration for anyone trying to go fast. We were aware that this could be a problem and tried to minimise the length of it that was used, but without using a different location for the overnight camp it was impossible to avoid. Hopefully the splendour of the campsite made up for it.

This year we are pleased to report that everyone respected the course closing times. Too often we have been waiting for the last few teams to come in with a mixture of anxiety and frustration so thank you to everyone. It makes a big difference to all the volunteers.

Finally, we'd like to say a big thank you to Stephen (Race Organiser), Roger (Planner and source of wisdom on race direction) and the very efficient team of helpers. The enthusiasm they all show makes it a pleasure to be involved in the event.

**Karen and Dan Parker**

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