



The Doynton **HARD HALF** *Marathon*

19 January 2020

Emersons Green Running Club



Two weeks to go!

... or one week or maybe three weeks, depending on when we get around to delivering this letter, but not long now until 19th January anyway! You may have noticed a few of us in and around the village over the Christmas break checking a few things over, tackling a stray bramble or two, discussing race signage at fascinating length and even enjoying an occasional run in the Doynton & Dyrham countryside. We appear to be pretty much ready for DHHM2020 and look forward to seeing you all on race day.

The Weather

A quick check of the long-term weather report confirms that the weather will do what it wants to do on 19th January. It will either rain, snow, sleet or hail and be foggy, cold, warm or clear. Or some of those mixed together or none of them. The race will go ahead as long as race participants can safely get to the starting line and visibility isn't so impaired by weather that we can't see the signs showing people where to go. So, wrap up warm / wear your wellies and please come and join in the fun.

Spectators

Here are a few details about the route the runners take for those who would like to come out and watch on race day: The race starts at 11am at the cricket club and runners start with a climb to the top of Toghill Lane. They return to the village after about 3 miles and run back down the bottom of Toghill Lane before turning into Summers Field to leave the village again towards Dyrham. After about 5 miles, runners take a tour of Dyrham village and along the Cotswold Way before returning once more to Doynton village along Bottoms Farm Lane. A final three mile loop of Wick quarry brings runners back to the cricket club and the first one will arrive at the cricket club gates at around 12:30pm. We have a cut-off time of about three and a half hours and expect the last runner to have returned to the cricket Club by 2:30pm.

An Ordnance Survey map showing the route can be found at <https://osmaps.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/route/3162033/DHHM-2020>. An aerial view map can be provided upon request – please get in touch if you'd like to see one.

Car parking and traffic control

All race participants will be directed to Wick Quarry and they'll be advised that there is no parking in the village. We'll place cones on the roadside in the village centre to *discourage* parking but won't be able to legally prevent anyone from parking on the public highway. If we put a cone outside your house or at your usual parking spot then please just move it aside and park where you usually do, they are in place to prevent race participants from parking rather than inconveniencing you.

We'll tape off the entrance to Toghill Lane to prevent any race traffic entering and parking on Toghill Lane, Summers Drive and Perrymans Close and a race marshal will be there to remove the tape for any residents who would like to get in and out. Again, we can't legally prevent people from parking on the public highway but will do our best to keep all runners' cars at the designated car parking areas.

Car parking remains the most complicated part of the race and offers of a space or two on driveways for use by race volunteers is always welcome so if you have a driveway with one or two spaces free, or an unused yard / barn / multi-storey car park that we can use for our volunteers then please (please please please) do get in touch.

We (still) need help

A few more helpers would be handy. We have a couple of marshal points that are 'nice to haves' and a few more people at race HQ and in the car park would be useful so if you have an hour or two to spare on race day then please do get in touch. We'll provide clear instructions and all the equipment you need and it's generally quite good fun!

Contacting us

The 2020 race web site www.doyntonhardhalfmarathon.co.uk and the race Facebook page www.facebook.com/doyntonhardhalfmarathon are both updated regularly with news, pictures and other information. We aim to promptly reply to all messages that we receive on the Facebook page and the race email address dhhm@emersonsgreenrunningclub.co.uk.

If you'd go as far as to say that you like what we do then a 'like' on our Facebook page is always appreciated.

Finally, thank you all for your ongoing support.

Many thanks, and kind regards,

Pete

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