

## **New Mills Summer Evening Spunch - Wednesday 14 June - Final Details V2 - PLEASE READ**

### **Summary**

- Everything at or near New Mills Golf Club (GC). Registration from 1730 to 1845. Start window 1815 to 1900 (we will allow earlier starts if we are ready!)
- Good on-site parking for 60+ cars at the GC - overflow parking within 10 mins walk
- On MapRun Select Event: UK/Manchester/Spunch/New Mills 60 or 90 or 120
- NEW 120min course option - maximum k per £1!
- SpunchPix photo comp to win free SpunchEntry
- Butties, Chips, Ice Cream, Drinks & chat all available at the golf club after you finish
- Consider bringing sun cream and hydration particularly for longer courses!

### **Event Centre**

Toilets, registration, start, finish, VAR, food and drink are all at New Mills Golf Club, Shaw Marsh, New Mills High Peak, SK22 4QE. About 1.5k north of downtown New Mills. [📍 New Mills Golf Club](#)  
What3words [proudest.brushing.grounding](#)

It is easy to find and will not be signed.

### **Car Parking / Transport**

The Golf Club has good on-site parking for 60+ cars available to Spunch competitors. Part of the car park will be reserved for the Golf Club members - please respect this and follow the directions of the car parking official. If we fill up the car park (which is likely) then later arrivals will be re directed to nearby overflow roadside parking on Eaves Knoll Road. This is the road to the south of the Golf Club from New Mills. Later arrivals should be able to park roadside within 10 minutes walk back to the Golf Club.

### **Please share transport wherever possible, arrive early and park legally and safely.**

If you live locally, please consider walking or biking to the event. If you are running late don't panic - we will give you a late start within reason!

Bikes: There are safe places to lock your bike near the Club House.

Public Transport: If you wish to come by bus or train please contact Andy Thornton in advance and we will try to get you picked up & dropped off.

### **Event Format**

The event is a 60, 90 or 120 minute score event using an enlarged and enhanced extract of the OS Explorer Map. You can choose whether to go for 60, 90 or 120 minutes when you "Select Event" on the MapRun app. There are about 50 checkpoints – you visit as many as you can within your chosen time limit. Each checkpoint visited scores you 20 points. There is a 10 point penalty for each minute or part minute that you are late back. It is unlikely you will get the lot even in 2 hours - the area is not without hills!

There are no flags or markers at the checkpoints, and nor is there a description sheet as all checkpoints are at (or very near to) a self-evident feature (e.g. junction, footbridge, etc) on the map. **You must stay on the rights of way and other permitted routes as shown on the map - you must not take "illegal" short-cuts or trespass across fields or other private land where there is no public right of way. You must not cross walls and fences other than at recognised stiles & gates. If you find yourself climbing over a wall or a fence other than at a natural crossing point then you are breaking the rules. Nor must you use routes which are marked as prohibited. We follow these rules to ensure fair competition, to maintain good relationships with landowners and other members of the public, and to safeguard you and the reputation of the sport. If you are in any doubt about interpreting the map, please ask or look at the OS legend here:**

<https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/documents/25k-raster-legend.pdf>

The MapRun app will be used for start and finish timing, recording visits to checkpoints and results production. In order to feature in the results you will need to use the MapRun app on your smartphone or MapRunG on your Garmin. If you are using a Garmin, please also carry your mobile phone for safety reasons.

Your result should be automatically uploaded immediately after you have finished to appear in the on-line results (subject to phone data / wifi signal). If your result doesn't automatically appear, you can do a manual upload when you have a data signal.

We are still learning about, and experimenting with MapRun capabilities and limitations. **If you don't get a beep at a control site AND you know you are in the right place, then just continue on your run and make an appeal to the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) after you have finished!** If it is clear from your GPS track that you should be credited with the points for the missing beep control(s) then you will be! Please make your appeal on the day of the event at the event centre before you go home (so that the results can be finalised for everyone's benefit at the event). Late appeals will only be considered in exceptional circumstances!

You will be issued with a waterproof A4 map. A compass may be useful (but not mandatory) and a watch to ensure you stay within the time limit. (You won't need a dibber, or pencil or any description sheet).

Trail shoes are strongly recommended as there are some rough and rocky paths. Although we are enjoying a dry spell some of the paths can become slippery or muddy after rain.

### **The Map**

The event uses an enlarged extract of the OS 1:25,000 Explorer Map which will be printed at a scale of about 1:12500. Each checkpoint is marked by a circle; **the start is marked by a triangle; the finish is marked by a double circle.**

### **MapRun App**

If you previously used MapRun6 you should replace it with the new version which is just called MapRun

Whilst you are at home, before you come to the event:

- Ensure you have the app loaded on your device and **your user name details entered**
- Ensure your device battery is well charged
- "Select Event" from the MapRun home screen on the app and download **UK/Manchester/Spunch/New Mills 60 or 90 or 120**

-Also I recommend going to "Options and Settings" from the MapRun home screen and checking 2 settings. 1. Check that the "Hide pts accuracy worse than (m)" is set to 20, then 2. Browse down to the "Check Notification Settings" in order to ensure you are going to get an audible Spunchbeep!

If you have any queries in advance about MapRun you can message me on 07751932749. If you are a new MapRun user, please make it known at Registration - there will be help available on the day to get you going!

### **Registration / Start & Finish Process**

Registration will be in or just outside the Golf Club and will be open from 1730 to 1845. Enquiries and advice will also be available at Registration. You must go to Registration before going to Pre-Start.

There will be a rolling start, at your convenience from 1815 to 1900. We will open the start a little earlier if we are ready. (This is to help spread the impact on the start / finish officials - It is likely to be busy, please be patient). If you are opting for the 120min course please try to start before 1830.

- On arrival go to registration to have your name checked off on the start / safety list. For those entering on the day pay for your entry online via SiEntries or by CASH only. There will be no card machine!
- You can then proceed to the Pre Start just outside the Golf Club House. Please don't press "Go to Start" on your MapRun device until you are advised to do so at the pre-start. When your GPS has settled and you have got a "green" GPS fix you will be able to set off and collect your map at the start.
- If you do not get a 'beep' at the start, return to the pre-start and we will try to fix any problem. DO NOT continue unless you have got the start 'beep'.
- The finish will also be near the Golf Club House. You must get a 'beep' at the finish to complete your run correctly. You MUST report your name to the finish official so we know you have returned safely and can tick you back-in on the safety list. Please do not go near the finish until you are actually ready to finish - if you go within about 25m of the finish mid-run there is a risk your device will record the finish before you wanted it to!

## **Food Orders**

The following sensibly priced food will be available after your run/walk:

- Sandwiches, Chips, Ice Creams
- Plus of course a full range of drinks from the Club House Bar

If you want Sandwiches and/or chips, please help the staff by pre-ordering these at the bar before you go for your run/walk and let them know the time you expect to be back from your run/walk.

## **Safety & Reputation**

Roads / traffic – part of your course may be on minor roads with varying traffic levels. The busier roads are marked as out of bounds on the map. Please take great care at all times when using or crossing the roads and be ready to move off the road if needed. Be especially careful in the surroundings of the event centre where the start, finish and car park are, and where there will be others both in vehicles and on foot.

Railway - There is a railway that runs across part of the area. This is strictly out of bounds. You must not go on the track! You must only cross the railway line via bridge or underpass.

Golf - There are two golf courses on this area which you may run alongside or cross. Please take great care when running alongside or across the golf fairways. You must only use the permitted paths! Do not run across a fairway if it is clear that a golfer is taking their shot - please slow down, stop and remain silent. If you hear the call "Fore!" it may mean a golf ball is heading in your direction - stay alert, duck and protect your head with your hands. Please be courteous in any dialogue with golfers - remember the golf club is our host!

Other visitors & locals – Please give way to horse riders, off road motorcyclists, cyclists, other runners and walkers and their dogs - all popular in this area. If you meet other competitors, members of the public or land owners (particularly around farm buildings and locals' homes) please behave with courtesy.

Livestock - there is livestock in some of the fields. In all cases be prepared to pass wide and slow around livestock. There is one area in particular where there are often cows. This area is marked on the map.

Trail Conditions & Undergrowth - It is that time of year! The paths in this area tend to be wide and well maintained so you will be unlucky to encounter any serious undergrowth / nettles. Steve the planner has run most of the paths in the last couple of weeks in shorts without problem. Some of the paths are steep, rough & rocky and can be slippery/muddy when wet.

Weather – the current forecast for the evening is warm and sunny (20degC) with a low probability of any rain. However, being an evening event in the hills, it can get cooler, so (especially walkers / slower runners) please plan to dress accordingly and consider carrying a warmer layer. Sun cream may be wise! Carrying some water may be wise particularly on the longer courses.

Please do not go off the permitted paths, tracks and lanes and under no circumstances should you trespass or cross fences or walls other than at crossing points. Take great care at the stiles.

Dogs - Well behaved dogs are allowed and welcome outside the Club House and on the course. Please keep your dog under control at all times, and on a lead when around other animals, humans and traffic.

Always observe the [Countryside Code](#)

Under 16s must be accompanied by a parent/guardian

Please carry a mobile phone for safety. The emergency phone number is Andy on 07751 932749. Please put this into your phone. It can be used if you are lost / injured / need to be recovered or to report any other situations requiring urgent attention

**You must report to the finish at the end of your run so that we know you are back**

## **MapRun Live Tracking**

MapRun Live Tracking provides the MapRun administrator a real time view of where the runners are located during the event. Periodically during your run (eg. every 60 seconds) the MapRun App sends your location to the MapRun system. The size of the data transmitted is trivial, and there is an insignificant impact on the phone's battery. The runners' location appears on the administrator's console, and for data protection reasons, nowhere else.

Is every runner to be tracked? No. Live tracking is dependent on phone data signal and so doesn't work with Garmin, and anyone can use "Options and Settings" on their smartphone App to turn Live tracking on or off.

Why do we use live tracking? Because it is an additional safety feature. In the event that a participant fails to return to the finish, this feature might just help us come and find you!

### **SpunchPix Photo Comp - Win free entry to a future event**

For those who are less bothered about pace, and more bothered about picturesque, please take some pics before, during and after the event that you are happy to be used on social media (anonymously).

Any pics WhatsApp'd (07751932749) or emailed ([1andythornton@gmail.com](mailto:1andythornton@gmail.com)) to me within 48hours of the event will be considered for the SpunchPic of the day photo comp.

Things the judges will be looking for in your pics are.....Scenery, runners/walkers (especially brandishing maps), happy families, smiling faces, fun / humour, imaginative poses, selfies, big skies, nice paths, landmarks, weather, lighting etc.

The SpunchPic of the day photo taker will receive a free entry to a future Spunch event of their choice.

Get snapping!

### **Acknowledgements**

Big shout out to the Stewards and the members at [New Mills Golf Club](#) for allowing us to use their facilities to host the event. Also to the Fisher family for organising and planning their first Spunch event.

Sue Fisher is a teacher at the local New Mills Primary School. She has "encouraged" a number of the PTA families from the school to give Spunch a go! Their PTA are raising funds for outdoor play equipment at the school. Maybe New Mills Primary will be a source of future Spunchkin / Superstar Orienteers or Fell Runners!? I hope you might consider giving a little donation to their fund in the box at Registration even if it is just a £quid. Thankyou.

That's all - see you on Wednesday

Andy & The Fisher Family