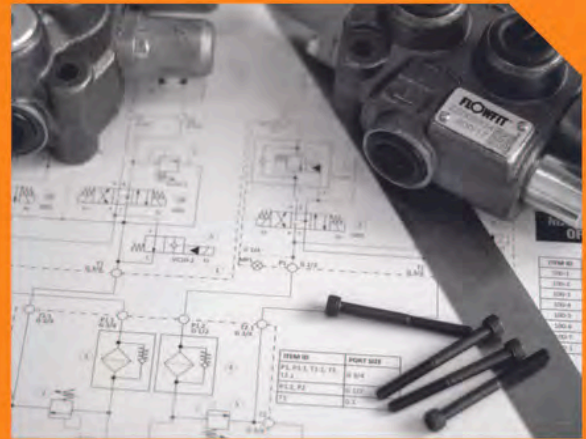
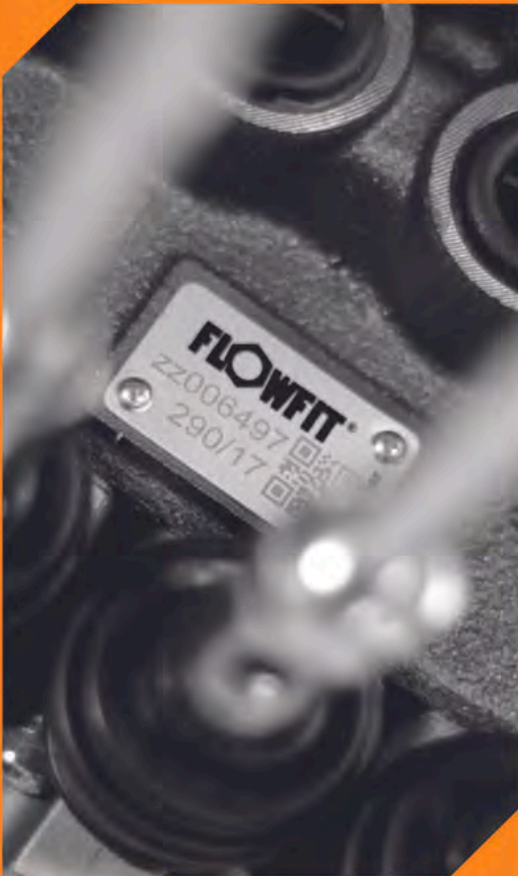


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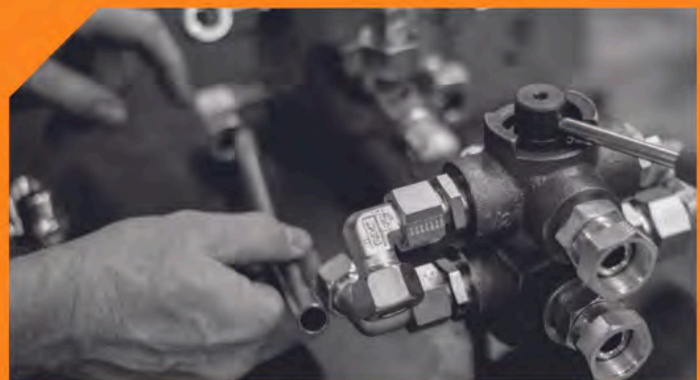


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Welcome to the Athlete Guide

We're excited to bring you another year of the Ludlow10, with the ever-popular 5K, 10K, and Half Marathon routes returning for 2026.

The routes this year are the same as last year, with all distances following a shared section over the Lactic Ladder, Whitcliffe Common, and the Donkey Steps before finishing at the Rugby Club.

Here's a quick route rundown:

- 5K: A fast out-and-back along Halton Lane, before hitting the Lactic Ladder, Whitcliffe Common, the Dingle, and the Donkey Steps – then a short push to the finish.
- 10K: A flowing mix of trail and road via Burway Lane and Oakley Park, before joining the same final stretch as the 5K.
- Half Marathon: A longer tour taking in Stanton Lacy's lanes, farmland footpaths, Ludlow Golf Club and racecourse, then up through Oakley Park to rejoin the other distances for that classic Whitcliffe finish.

This Athlete Guide is here to help you arrive confident and race-ready, so please read it carefully – it should answer most of your questions. Any last-minute updates will be sent by email and shared on our socials, so be sure to follow @andalievents on Facebook and Instagram.

We can't wait to welcome you to Ludlow, cheer you on, and invite you to explore the town and enjoy the Ludlow Green Festival after your race.

See you soon,

Andy & Harriet

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Pre-Race Information

Timeline of Race Day

Sunday 12 July

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
0700	Car park opens	Ludlow Rugby Club
0700	Race registration (all distances)	Ludlow Rugby Club
0745	Ludlow Half registration closes	Ludlow Rugby Club
0750	Ludlow Half race briefing	Ludlow Rugby Club
0800	Ludlow Half race start	Ludlow Rugby Club
0845	Ludlow10 and Ludlow5 registration closes	Ludlow Rugby Club
0850	Ludlow10 and Ludlow5 race briefing	Ludlow Rugby Club
0900	Ludlow10 and Ludlow5 race start	Ludlow Rugby Club
0930	First athletes finish	Ludlow Rugby Club
1030	Final athletes finish Prize Giving	Ludlow Rugby Club



Pre-Race Information

Key Address: Ludlow Rugby Club

The Linney, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 1EE

Getting to Ludlow

On race day you will need to access Ludlow by car. Ludlow is situated on the A49 trunk road which runs from Warrington, through Shrewsbury and Hereford to Ross-on-Wye. From Birmingham, head west on the A456 through Kidderminster. From the M5 leave at junction 3 and continue on the A456 through Kidderminster. Please allow plenty of time to get here on race day. Please access the Rugby Club from Dinham and not from the Corve Street end of the Linney as the road will be closed.

Car Parking

There is free parking available at Race HQ, Ludlow Rugby Club, SY8 1EE in the Hosyers field. There are also a further two free car parking areas in the centre of Ludlow - at Lower and Upper Galdeford, SY8 1QB and Smithfield SY8 1RN. These car parks are approximately a 10 minute walk to Race HQ. There is an additional paid car parking on Castle Street, off Castle Square, SY8 1AT (£ 0.70 per hour).

PLEASE NOTE Ludlow10 and Ludlow5 runners should avoid arriving at the Rugby Club between 0755 and 0810 whilst we set off the Ludlow Half runners. If you do arrive at this time, you will be held on The Linney until the final runner has cleared the Rugby Club drive.

We will need to ensure that we only allow cars to exit the car park once all runners have completed all races. This is due to the access road for Ludlow Rugby Club being used for the run course. We anticipate being able to open the car park for departure at 1100. If you need an early departure, please use one of the town car parks.





Race Day Information

Registration

You will be able to register for all distances from 0700 on the day of the race. Registration is at Ludlow Rugby Club, The Linney, Ludlow, SY8 1EE.

No race numbers or timing chips will be sent out in advance by post. At registration you will be issued with the following:

- 1 x race number
- Timing tag

Facilities

Changing rooms and toilets are available at Race HQ. Showers are available post-race.

Bag Drop

There will be a specific area to leave valuables or bags in the clubhouse. If you wish to leave any valuables in the Bag Drop area you must fill out a baggage tag, which we will provide. At the end of the race please return to the Bag Drop area, using your race number as proof of identification to collect your belongings.

Any items not collected at the end of the race will be kept and will be needed to be sent by post, at a cost to the athlete.

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Race Briefing

There will be a race briefing just prior to race start. This briefing will take place at approximately 0750 for the Ludlow Half athletes and 0850 for the Ludlow10 and Ludlow 5 athletes. These will take place at the start/finish area. It is important to attend the race briefing and listen out for any key race details that may have changed from the time of creating this guide.

Race Start

The Ludlow Half athletes will be set off at **0800** and the Ludlow10 and Ludlow5 athletes will be set off at **0900**. We ask that those runners who expect faster run times make their way closer to the front of the group, where we will have volunteers with timing boards to help with self-seeding.

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Rules & Regulations

We have a few common sense rules which we ask athletes to adhere to.

The following will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification from the race:

- Abuse of a race official, volunteer or member of the public
- Littering outside of the marked areas at feed stations
- Failing to use appropriate toilet facilities
- Nudity or indecent exposure
- Failure to clearly display your race number
- Being accompanied by spectators down the finish line

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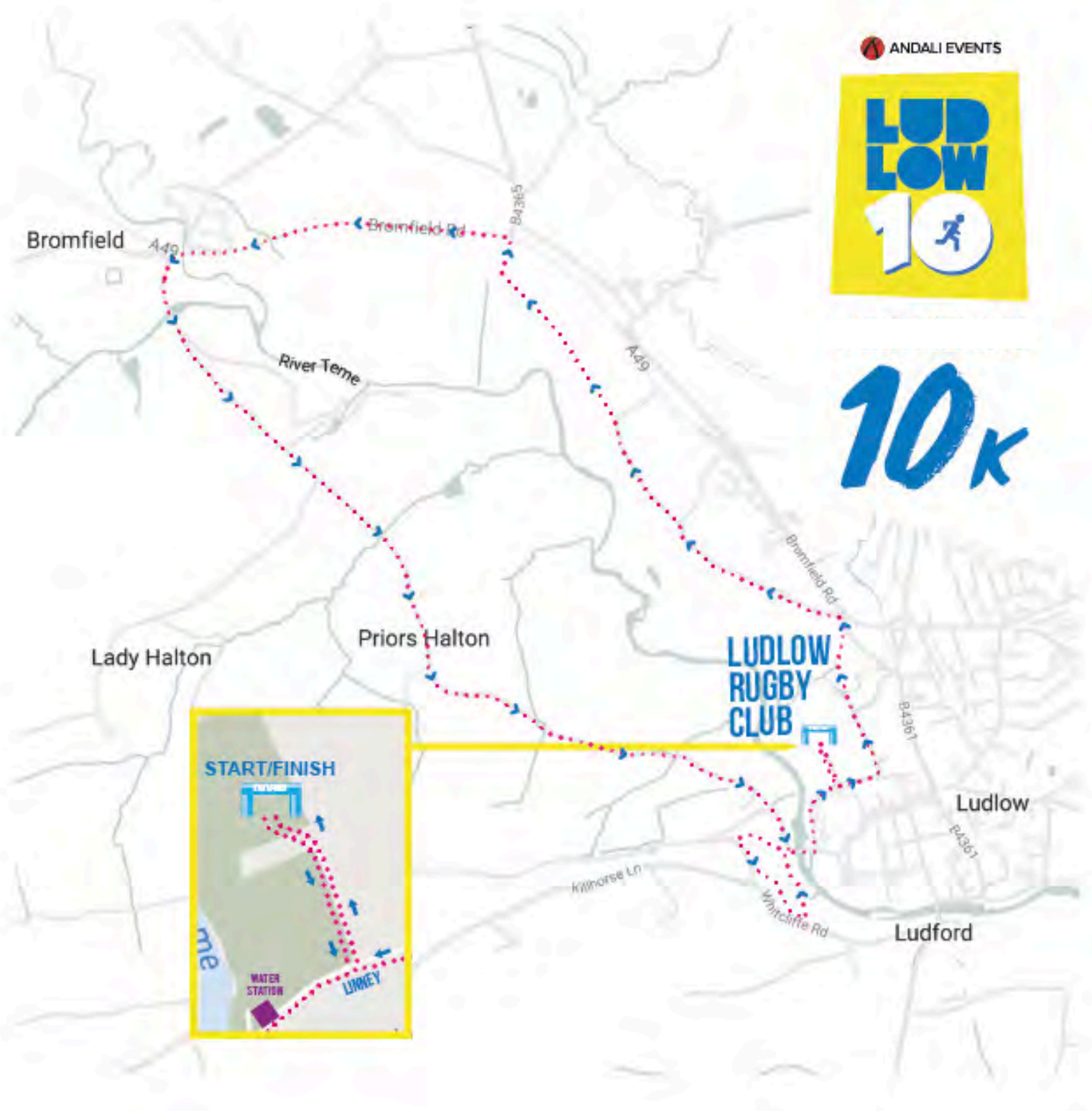
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Withdrawal From Race

If you have registered to race and have collected your pack but then for whatever reason decide not to race, then you must inform a race official.

If you need to withdraw during the race then you must inform a race official.

Water Stations

The water stations are positioned as follows:

1. Stanton Lacy Church, Stanton Lacy: Ludlow Half
2. St Peter's Church, Bromfield: Ludlow Half and Ludlow 10
3. Brick House/Middle Wood Road junction: Ludlow Half
4. Bottom of Lactic Ladder: Ludlow Half, Ludlow10 and Ludlow5

Water and energy drinks will be available here. Please dispose of your cups and litter in the bins provided in this area.

Littering

Please do not throw litter while racing, use the bins provided at the water stations, or dispose of it in a bin at the finish. Any athletes seen deliberately littering will risk disqualification from the race.



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Race Day Information

Finish Line / Athlete Area

When you cross the finish line you will be able to collect your well-deserved finisher's medal.

We ask that only athletes run down the finishing chute, we cannot be responsible for any accidents if athletes choose to bring their children with them to cross the finish line.

Charitable Donation

As part of our working relationship with the town of Ludlow we have each year ensured that we make a charitable donation to a cause that we believe in and that we feel will benefit from our support. This year we will be continuing our support of the Friends of Whitcliffe Common, who work tirelessly to maintain the area of Ludlow which is a tourist attraction and has proved to be a key talking point of our races.

We will also be continuing to support the Ludlow Community First Responders, who provide critical lifesaving care in the local community and surrounding areas since 2000.



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Results

This year we will be joined by Ready Set Go Timing who will be looking after the results section. The results will be live on the Ready Set Go website on Sunday evening.

Prize Giving

There will be an official prize giving on the morning of the race at approximately 1030. This will be in front of the sponsors' screen at the clubhouse.

Awards as follows:

5K

Open..... 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Female..... 1st, 2nd & 3rd

10K

Open..... 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Female..... 1st, 2nd & 3rd

HALF MARATHON

Open 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Female..... 1st, 2nd & 3rd



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In 1821 the tradition began of caring for the area by local residents and this is continued today by the Trustees for The Friends of Whitcliffe Common.

The Friends of Whitcliffe Common is a registered charity and relies on donations to be able to carry out the essential conservation and maintenance work needed to keep this iconic area of Ludlow safe and accessible.

Vital woodland management is undertaken for the long-term well being of the trees and grassland and also the safety of the people using the Common. Recent work on the common has included:

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