

Blackshaw Head Fete Fell Race 2022

With little rain in the month preceding the race it was always going to be fast but I don't think anyone expected overall winner Martin Howard of CVFR to take a minute and a half off Max Wharton's old course record. Martin led from the gun and time trialled his way to the win, but the remaining podium places were more hotly contested with Ed Hyland edging Andrew Worster by ten seconds to take 2nd place. Ed and Andrew were both clearly shifting with Ed only 2 seconds outside the 2015 course record.

With a Calder Valley lockout on the men's podium it was left to local legend Rebecca Patrick to make sure Todmorden Harriers were represented with Jenni Boocock and Catherine Holden rounding out the rest of the podium places.

The number of runners were not quite what we normally get but this seems to be a trend with the local races at the moment. The race is put on with the support of the local runners and community and this allowed the proceeds of the race (almost £400) to go to the CROWS (Community Rights of Way Service), a group of volunteers who improve and repair footpaths in the Calder Valley.