



WELCOME TO BVHALF 26

One week until the rescheduled Blackmore Vale Half Marathon (& Fun Run) 2026 (BVHM 26)(BV½ 26) Organized by Blackmore Vale Lions Club (BVLC) at 10.00 NOTE EARLIER START TIME on 12th July 2026 at Bishop's Caundle Village Hall DT9 5HG (Race HQ) & Recreation Ground (Start/Finish/ Parking)

Again, **Welcome**. This year we have chosen Prostate Cancer Charities as the major benefactors. There were and will be lots of other beneficiaries. On behalf of all of them **thank you for your generosity**.

Please read all of this notice. There are important admin details in it. It's the best way to pass them to you.

YOUR RACE NUMBER will be issued at race HQ on the day. **Book in starts 08.30**. Some people who transferred do not, as yet, appear on the race lists. If you contacted the Race Director, you will be on the day.

CAR PARKING Please follow the signs and the instructions of the parking marshals. They will show you where to park on the sports pitch. Parking around other cars and obstacles is your responsibility. **Do not use the Village Hall Car Park nor the Village School**. They are for Medical/Safety Staff only.

Please **PARK and THEN GO TO RACE HQ TO COLLECT NUMBER (sign in) and GO TO THE FIELD, do not stop and gas. Socialise on the field**. When you sign in you might be asked to complete a Gift Aid form. A signature only. This depends on HMRC delivering.

RACE HQ is in the usual place but laid out differently following feedback from previous competitors. **When you get to the hall you will see lists of race numbers numerically and alphabetically. Remember it and follow the signs to your registration point.**

PRIZE GIVING Slightly different format to usual. Follow the guides if you are due a prize.

REFRESHMENTS can be purchased; in the Village Hall, at the Community Shop (TBC), or at the White Hart Pub.

TOILETS There are temporary toilets in the hall car park (usually for the lady athletes) and on the recreation ground. **Toilets in the village hall quickly become overwhelmed with repeated flushing, they will be locked. Please Use the temporary toilets.**

UPDATES Keep an eye open for announcements on the BV Half Website <https://bvlhm.yolasite.com/>

IMPROVEMENTS We are always interested in any practical changes and improvements we can make. The changes this year are as a result of previous feedback. Please tell one of the officials not the whole world if something needs reconsideration (and no we are not going to flatten out the last hill!)

SPONSORS There are details of our sponsors in various places. They help pay for the facilities so please repay them by visiting them.

WEATHER ISSUES Both last and this year flooding caused postponements. This is always a difficult decision. Your patience and forbearance is much appreciated. It is unlikely that we will cancel due to heat though last year was to quote the Duke Of Wellington after the Battle of Waterloo "A damn close run thing" 0.50°C higher and the event would have been cancelled. All we can say is if we are going to cancel we will give you as much notice as we can. We can't guarantee the weather. This is UK! Please be sensible in the prevailing weather conditions. **If the marshals say you are suffering some form of climatic induced illness DO AS YOU ARE TOLD**. It may save your life. **There are lots of heat mitigation measures in place and we are starting earlier this year to keep you out of the hottest part of the day. See below.**



LAST POINT Allow yourself enough time to book in and get to the start. Booking in closes at 09.30 and registration ends at 09.40 **race starts at 10.00 and it's a few minutes from the hall to the start. Book in and go to the start.**