

Glossop Midco Half Marathon

13.1 miles, 1,000 feet of ascent, 1 lap. Years Active 1983 to 1988.

Information courtesy of Nev McGraw and Tony Hillier...

Stuart Robertson who was a director at Midco Builders Merchants at Woolley Bridge, a runner himself, sponsored and staged this great event. First held in May 1983, High Street West was closed for the Sunday morning

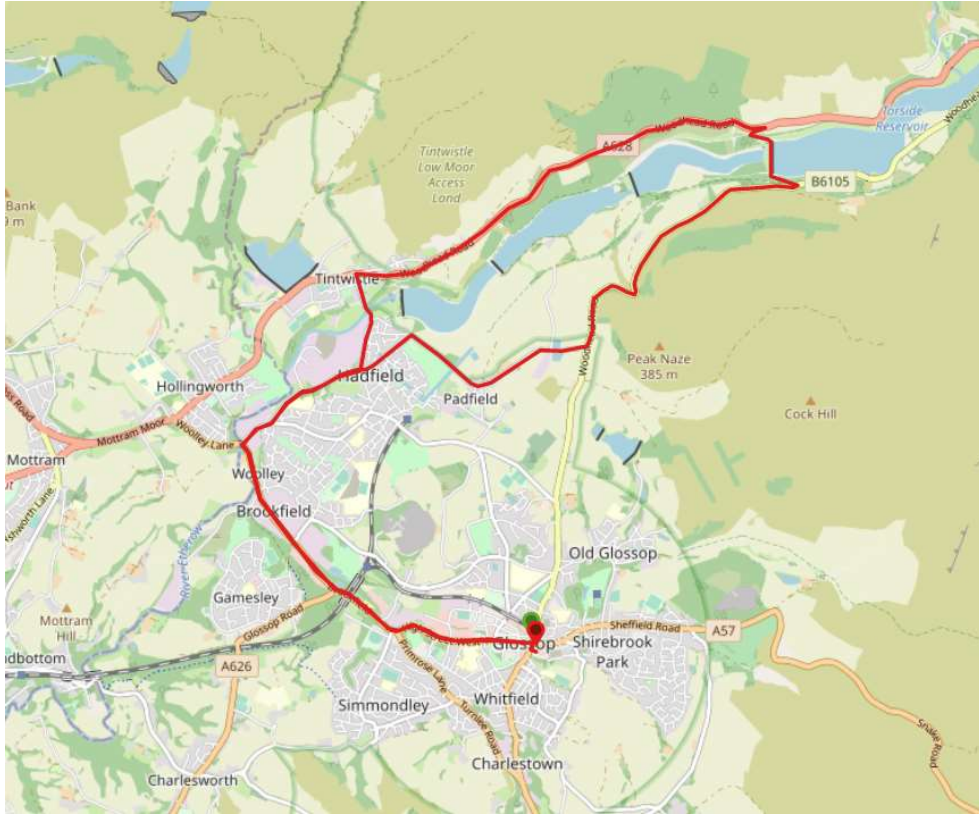
That year the race was won by legendary former Olympian and fell runner Jeff Norman in 1:05:26. Mike Prady, of the newly formed Glossopdale Harriers was 17th 1:14:49, followed by Dave Ibbetson a few seconds later.

The 1986 MIDCO half marathon was rated the 4th best race in UK, coming in behind Derby & London Marathons for organisation etc.

Glossopdale Harriers officially took over the organisation of the race in 1987, with Andy Trigg managing a fantastic Glossopdale best of 1:11:00, but in the absence of the results, it's unclear if that was enough to win the race.

Attached are results from 1988, which was to be the last Midco version of the Half Marathon. From 1989 however, it was replaced with "The Glossop Half Marathon" on a different route (see separate route description).

The route starts on High Street West by Norfolk Square, making its way westward along the A57. At Woolley Bridge roundabout the route turns along Woolley Bridge Road and up Brosscroft, before turning for the long pull up Padfield Main Road. Turn left on the B6105 Woodhead Road as continue far as Reaps Farm, and cross Torside Dam. Climb up onto the A628 Woodhead Pass and head for Tintwistle, taking New Road before re-joining the outbound route at the bottom of Station Road. Turn back along Woolley Bridge Road and retrace your steps up High Street West. To finish, turn onto Victoria Street and into Smith Fold, where the finish line was somewhere near the entrance to what is today, Marks & Spencer's Car Park.



And they're off!

OVER 250 runners braved the brilliant sunshine last Sunday to take part in the Glossop Midco half marathon.

Voted the fourth best road race in Britain by the runners themselves, the 13.1 mile route attracted entrants from throughout the country.

The overall winner was international runner Geoff Norman with a time of one hour and 12 minutes.

The Altrincham based athlete won a beautiful silver trophy and vouchers for the Running Wild sports shop who helped sponsor the event.

For the second year running the prestigious amateur race was organised by the Glossop Dale Harriers.

Spokesman Vaughn McKay told the Echo: "It was very arduous, the weather was very windy and hot which produced slow times — but it is a demanding course."

The gruelling route, started from Glossop High Street, where crowds gathered to wave on the brave participants. It is a one lap race around Longdendale reservoir which covers some of the most spectacular scenery in the High Peak area.

Despite the blistering heat, most entrants completed the race and there were no injuries although the St. John's Ambulance brigade were on hand for any emergencies.

Keith Maddox was the first Glossop man to cross the finishing line with a time of one hour and 27



On the run — the athletes start out on the gruelling Glossop Midco half marathon (E&E, 018/2)

Picture by Frank Bennett

Report by Emma Chadwick

minutes. Hot on his heels was Sharon Jones who clinched the women's local title with a time of one hour and 45 minutes.

First lady to cross the line was Julie Clegg with a respectable time of one hour and 38 minutes.

The winning team, which is judged on the time

of the first three runners to cross the line, were the Manchester YMCA.

And there was plenty of opportunity for the older runners to show their flair with the Stockport Harriers' team winning the team veteran's award.

But no-one left empty-handed as the first 100

runners were each given a commemorative pottery mug. The remaining entrants were given medals.

As for the Harriers it was a triumphant day with over 70 or more entrants than in last year's race, putting Glossop well and truly on the runners' map.

They will be ploughing back any profits made this year into next year's race and wish to thank sponsors Midco — the do-it-yourself shop and building company for all their help.

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RESULTS

POS'N	NO.	NAME		CLUB	TIME
1	241	NORMAN, G	M 40+	ALTRINCHAM & DIST.	1:12:20
2	20	BRADSHAW, A	M 40+	MANCHESTER YMCA	1:13:18
3	4	HOLDEN, J	M	EAST CHESHIRE	1:13:52
4	12	MILLINGTON, S	M	HALESOWEN A&CC	1:14:22
5	110	JOHNSON, C	M	Unattached	1:14:30
6	39	SPARROW, W	M	MANCHESTER YMCA	1:14:45
7	210	RAWLINSON, G.	M	ST. HELENS AC	1:14:52
8	55	DAVIES, G	M	SALFORD HARRIERS	1:16:31
9	28	LEACH, C	M 40+	MANCHESTER YMCA	1:16:47
10	48	OGDEN, K	M	RADCLIFFE A.C.	1:17:17
11	54	DOBSON, C	M	SADDLEWORTH R.C.	1:17:28
12	193	MARLAND, S	M	MANCHESTER YMCA	1:17:59
13	169	McGANN, M	M 40+	EAST CHESHIRE	1:18:09
14	180	BALL, D	M	MIDDLETON R.C.	1:18:15
15	208	FINGLETON, K	M	STOCKPORT HARRIERS	1:18:20
16	66	THORNTON, M	M 40+	STOCKPORT HARRIERS	1:19:09
17	211	JACKSON, S	M	Unattached	1:19:52
18	126	MOSS, J	M	Unattached	1:19:52
19	240	BRADLEY, D	M	STOCKPORT HARRIERS	1:19:55
20	38	SHAWCROSS, K	M 45+	MANCHESTER YMCA	1:20:01
21	51	HARTLEY, A.C.	M	ROYAL BANK SCOTLAND	1:20:38
22	45	WATHEY, V	M	FENNINE FELL RUNNERS	1:20:52
23	215	MCDONALD, S	M	STOCKPORT HARRIERS	1:21:09
24	132	OWEN, E	M	Unattached	1:21:29
25	221	CROOKALL, P	M	EAST CHESHIRE	1:21:34
26	37	SHANLEY, N	M	MANCHESTER YMCA	1:21:44
27	62	DUNN, A	M 50+	STOCKPORT HARRIERS	1:21:45
28	32	NEILL, A	M 40+	MANCHESTER YMCA	1:21:59
29	264	MATTHEWS, G	M	EAST CHESHIRE	1:22:35
30	262	MANCLARK, C	M	STOCKPORT HARRIERS	1:22:38
31	7	ARNOLD, D. J	M	GLOSSOPDALE HARRIERS	1:22:42
32	218	LANGRIDGE, M	M	Unattached	1:22:53
33	224	COLLINS, J	M	GLOSSOPDALE HARRIERS	1:23:08
34	5	PEARSON, P	M	EAST CHESHIRE	1:23:11
35	230	GEE	M 45+	EAST CHESHIRE	1:23:13
36	200	MARN, A	M 40+	Unattached	1:23:31
37	67	WALKER, G	M	STOCKPORT HARRIERS	1:23:33
38	178	STABLER, E	M 50+	Unattached	1:23:34
39	194	HARRIS, M	M	STOCKPORT HARRIERS	1:23:42
40	18	BARKER, L	M 40+	MANCHESTER YMCA	1:23:54
41	268	HILLIER, T	M 40+	EAST CHESHIRE	1:23:58
42	246	GARTLEY, D	M	MIDDLETON R.C.	1:24:03
43	223	GREEN, D	M	EAST CHESHIRE	1:24:11
44	205	HALL, D	M 40+	STOCKPORT HARRIERS	1:24:20
45	206	GREEN, M	M 40+	STOCKPORT HARRIERS	1:24:24
46	177	CHARLES, S	M	Unattached	1:24:37
47	83	CAWTHORNE, E	M 40+	Unattached	1:24:52
48	21	CLAYTON, S	M	MANCHESTER YMCA	1:24:58
49	86	COLLIER, R	M	Unattached	1:25:29
50	167	MATTHEWS, S	M	EAST CHESHIRE	1:25:32
51	252	ASPINALL, P	M 40+	EAST CHESHIRE	1:25:48
52	35	PEEL, S	M	MANCHESTER YMCA	1:26:25
53	41	LAMB, C	M	MID-CHESHIRE AC	1:26:29
54	40	WALSH, D	M	MANCHESTER YMCA	1:26:57
55	190	HOWBROOK, B	M 40+	GLOSSOPDALE HARRIERS	1:27:03
56	24	DOYLE, T	M 45+	MANCHESTER YMCA	1:27:04
57	120	MADDOX, K	M L	Unattached	1:27:06
58	122	MARTIN, G	M	Unattached	1:27:15
59	267	CARLISLE, G	M	ALTRINCHAM & DIST.	1:27:30
60	189	TWIST, H	M	Unattached	1:27:37

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RESULTS ... CONTINUED

POS'N	NO.	NAME		CLUB	TIME
61	235	HINCHLIFFE.R	M 40+	EAST CHESHIRE	1:27:49
62	88	COTTAM.M	M 40+	Unattached	1:28:01
63	266	WOOLMER.R	M 50+	EAST CHESHIRE	1:28:08
64	163	BEEDIE.P	M	FELL RUNNERS ASS.	1:28:21
65	23	CRUTCHLEY.D	M 50+	MANCHESTER YMCA	1:28:24
66	181	WOLSTENHOLME.I	M	MIDDLETON R.C.	1:28:33
67	259	BRADSHAW.G	M	GLOSSOPDALE HARRIERS	1:28:55
68	13	AMBLER.G	M 40+	HATFIELD RD.RUNNERS	1:29:06
69	11	MATTHEWS.N	M	GLOSSOPDALE HARRIERS	1:29:09
70	161	HOLT.R	M	EAST CHESHIRE	1:29:15
71	191	GOULDINK.D	M	GLOSSOPDALE HARRIERS	1:29:26
72	33	O'BRIEN.M	M	MANCHESTER YMCA	1:29:39
73	135	PROUT.W	M	Unattached	1:29:50
74	91	CUDDY.M	M L	Unattached	1:29:56
75	234	PEDLEY.J	M 45+	EAST CHESHIRE	1:29:58
76	116	LITTLE.D	M 40+L	Unattached	1:30:00
77	34	O'LEARY.D	M 50+	MANCHESTER YMCA	1:30:39
78	213	WALLWORK.S	M	EAST CHESHIRE	1:30:49
79	188	DAVIES.Z	M	SWINTON JOGGERS	1:30:54
80	243	DURCAN.M	M 40+	SWINTON JOGGERS	1:30:58
81	22	CREIGHTON.B	M	MANCHESTER YMCA	1:31:17
82	44	JOHNSON.I	M	PENNINE FELL RUNNERS	1:31:23
83	251	CONNELLY.A	M 40+	Unattached	1:31:28
84	31	MISKELL.P	M 45+	MANCHESTER YMCA	1:31:55
85	263	SIMPSON	M 45+	GLOSSOPDALE HARRIERS	1:32:13
86	162	MORRIS.P	M	Unattached	1:32:44
87	143	THOMPSON.M	M 45+L	Unattached	1:32:48
88	237	FAIRFIELD.W	M 50+	SADDLEWORTH R.C.	1:32:55
89	269	JACKSON.T	M L	Unattached	1:32:59
90	27	INGHAM.S	M	MANCHESTER YMCA	1:33:03
91	199	SALMON.R	M 45+	EAST CHESHIRE	1:33:11
92	26	GRUNDY.T	M 45+	MANCHESTER YMCA	1:33:13
93	255	FOLEY.C	M 50+	GLOSSOPDALE HARRIERS	1:33:22
94	56	EATON.A	M	SETT VALLEY TRAILER	1:33:25
95	36	PEERS.B	M 45+	MANCHESTER YMCA	1:33:28
96	247	DAVIS.N	M L	Unattached	1:33:33
97	219	LITTLE.B	M 40+	EAST CHESHIRE	1:33:39
98	140	SIMMS.D	M	Unattached	1:33:45
99	99	GROSVENOR.A	M L	Unattached	1:33:52
100	203	ROBINSON.W	M	Unattached	1:33:54
101	209	HOLMES.J	M L	Unattached	1:33:58
102	136	ROBERTS.P	M L	Unattached	1:34:00
103	226	WALTON.P	M 45+	GLOSSOPDALE HARRIERS	1:34:03
104	196	TAYLOR.I	M	GLOSSOPDALE HARRIERS	1:34:15
105	253	MORRISON.M	M 45+	GLOSSOPDALE HARRIERS	1:34:24
106	61	ALDRED.M	M	STOCKPORT HARRIERS	1:34:45
107	9	FIELDING.F	M	GLOSSOPDALE HARRIERS	1:34:51
108	10	HART.R	M	GLOSSOPDALE HARRIERS	1:34:56
109	80	BUTTRILL.K	M 40+	Unattached	1:35:00
110	46	RANKIN.C	M 50+	PENNY LANE STRIDERS	1:35:02
111	250	READE-JAHN.C	M	Unattached	1:35:03
112	43	CONWAY.D	M	PENNINE FELL RUNNERS	1:35:15
113	192	COOPER.C	M	BRIT.AEROSPACE	1:35:20
114	49	FEARNHEAD.A	M 40+	RED ROSE RUNNERS	1:35:20
115	258	LOGAN.S	M L	Unattached	1:35:35
116	8	CHADWICK.D	M 45+	GLOSSOPDALE HARRIERS	1:35:36
117	183	WHALLEY.C	M	RADCLIFFE A.C.	1:35:44
118	239	WALSH.S	M L	Unattached	1:35:47
119	170	BUTTERWORTH.L	M	Unattached	1:35:56
120	117	LOUGHREY.A	M	Unattached	1:35:57