

History of the Waseley Wobbler (formerly the North Worcestershire Hill Race)



Above: Tom Kenderdine (number 66) then of Kidderminster & Stourport leads at the start of the 2004 race.

In the early 1980's B&R staged the 15-mile hill race for several years over the Lickey, Waseley, Romsley and Clent Hills. Following a gap the race was resurrected by the present organisers in 1989 as a 14-mile event essentially over the same course. Despite its appeal to some it was a tough course that many declared "once is enough" and it was reborn as a 10-mile hill race in 1992. This proved a popular change but in 2000 the local police decided that traffic conditions had become such that they would no longer sanction a particular road crossing. Unfortunately there was just no way around this and the race was cancelled at short notice. After eventually accepting the situation we 'let-go' of the past and started again and have developed an entirely new event with full approval from the police and the local authority. The new course runs completely within the area of the Waseley and Lickey Hills and is varied and attractive to run. It has been reduced to 8 miles but contains four serious climbs. There is approximately 2700 metres of road and the rest is a mixture of open parkland, field paths and woods with mud likely in October. This course has been used since except for small diversions due to foot & mouth restrictions one year. In 2009 the race was renamed the Waseley Wobbler.

Note: Not suitable for spikes. Stud or waffle shoes advisable.

Details of the 2009 Waseley Wobbler

Date: Sunday 4th October 2009

Start time: 11.00am

Registration: From 9.30am

Venue: Waseley Hills High School, School Road, Rubery
Birmingham B45 9EL

Presentation: 12.30 p.m. (approx.)

Mementos and prizes:

All competitors who finish the race will receive a quality memento and the Prize Winners will also receive a further award.

Male First Three Men

Male O/40 O/50 O/60

Female First Three Ladies

Female O/40 O/50 O/60

Team Prize One Prize (Three to Score)

Note: One prize per competitor plus team prize.

Refreshments: Cakes (all home made), tea, coffee and squash served before, during and after the race.

Entry Details for the 2009 Waseley Wobbler

Competitors must be aged 17 before 1st September 2009

Entry form is available at www.bromsgroveandredditchac.org.uk

Fee £8 attached and £10 unattached

Entry on the day: £1.00 extra

Entries to: K. Walton
51, Marlborough Avenue,
Aston Fields,
Bromsgrove B60 2PH

Telephone 01527 835812

Cheques payable to Bromsgrove & Redditch A.C.
Enclose an A5 S.A.E. for confirmation of entry and directions.

Note: The majority of the course is off road therefore race numbers must be collected on the day for safety purposes.



Above: Climbing back on to Waseley in the 2004 race.