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## NEWS RELEASE

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### 17<sup>TH</sup> FOLKESTONE ROTARY HALF MARATHON

*Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022*

Folkestone, Kent – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022

#### **Forward comment from Race Director Ray Johnson:**

“This year’s race was a great success with perfect weather conditions and over 30 running club teams participating along with the popular children’s race the event was certainly enjoyed by all. As ever the encouraging marshals pulled the runners along to achieve many personal bests. Heartiest congratulations to all the participants in the race and a special well done to both Marshall Smith Ashford AC as overall winner 1:09:33 and first female home Emily Nash Tunbridge Wells Harriers 1:32:01.

Well done Folkestone Running Club for winning both male and female teams once again. Many runners continue to raise funds for good causes, it is so nice to see everyone come over the finishing line achieving their own goals and enjoying the event.

Over 400 participants entered this year and lined up on the famous Folkestone Leas promenade on Sunday for the start of the popular 17<sup>th</sup> half marathon.

I was pleased to see once again so many newcomers to the event from as far afield as Bedford. A few 17-year-olds came on board and one runner at 75 who beat a few much younger!

Club president this year and Race Director Ray Johnson commented: “It is always a fantastic achievement for the runners to complete the course either as an elite runner or a new participant to a half marathons 13.1 miles and congratulations to all. The race encourages participation, assist charities, attracts visitors to our district, and promote good health and wellbeing. In addition, a good outcome is to increase the profile of sport. It was so nice to see so many runners and spectators chilling in such nice weather. Thanks to you all that have assisted the event once again.

This year we support The Folkestone Rotary Clubs giving where we support many local charities which will assist them greatly”

Help was received with sincere thanks from over 70 marshals and assistants including Hythe, Channel, Deal & Folkestone Rotary Clubs, Nice Work, Folkestone Running Club and many local support volunteers including the Police Cadets. I would also like to thank our

many sponsors including The Roger De Haan Charitable Trust, McDonalds, PodPlus and Folkestone & Hythe District Council for their valuable support.

Once again, we have received tremendous feedback from the runners congratulating us for such a great event, by way of organisation, encouragement from marshals and most importantly holding the event safely although some runners still prefer the return leg of the Road of Remembrance hill."

Further feedback / information can be viewed by going to: <http://folkestonerotary.org/half-marathon> Full race results can be found here: [The Folkestone Rotary Half Marathon | Nice Work Race Management \(nice-work.org.uk\)](http://TheFolkestoneRotaryHalfMarathon|NiceWorkRaceManagement(nice-work.org.uk))

Next year's race will be Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Prize Winners for Half Marathon 2022

Open Male

01:09:35	Marshall	Smith	Ashford AC
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Open Female

01:32:01	Emily	Nash	Tunbridge Wells Harriers
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Winning Team (Male) - Folkestone Running Club

Winning Team (Female) - Folkestone Running Club

We were delighted that this year's event included such a good field of runners.

A few points about the race

Total miles covered approx. 5,070

Over 1252 litres of water consumed

Each male and female winner received £100.00 sponsored by The Rotary Club of Folkestone

All runners received a medal

Excellent feedback received

Youngest runner was 17 and the eldest runner was 75

Sponsors for the event were:

Main sponsor:

The Roger De Haan Charitable Trust

Other key sponsors:

McDonalds Folkestone

Bannatyne

Pod Plus

Cafe2U

Other supporters

Nice Work    Academy FM  
Folkestone & Hythe District Council

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Pictures are available via <http://folkestonerotary.org/half-marathon> where you are free to help yourself.

Report Ends  
Produced by Ray Johnson, Race Director  
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#### **ABOUT FOLKESTONE ROTARY CLUB**

The club was formed in 1923 and in 2013 we celebrated 90 years.

Club members have pledged to:

- serve the community, locally, nationally and globally
- promote the highest ethical standards in all areas of working life
- work for peace and goodwill worldwide

Why not visit our website [www.folkestonerotary.org](http://www.folkestonerotary.org) to learn more about Rotary in Folkestone. You may also like to look at [www.rotary1120.org](http://www.rotary1120.org) or [www.ribi.org](http://www.ribi.org) for further information.

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