

Email from Giles Bennett reporting on the first six months statistics for Selby parkrun

All,

Please find attached a report back in respect of funding statistics from the first six months of Selby parkrun.

We have laid on a total of 25 runs in that time - we have had to cancel a total of four times, once due to inclement weather, and the remaining times due to flooding on the track...it has been an exceedingly wet winter and a puddle at the north east corner of the perimeter track rapidly developed into an inland lake which hung around for much longer than we would have hoped. We are looking at ways of mitigating the risk that it reoccurs next year.

We are averaging almost exactly 150 runners per run, which we are very pleased with, of whom 55% are men and 44% women, and 11% are juniors (under 18).

Each week, around 33% of those are first timers - whilst this will incorporate a number of people for whom it is their first parkrun ever, the majority of these are parkrun "tourists" visiting from other venues, and bringing those "tourists" to Selby on a Saturday morning and encouraging them, as we do, to stay and visit the town, grab breakfast in a local farm shop, and so on, is an unexpected, but pleasant, side-effect.

In total, the participants over the 25 runs have, between them, run 18720 km, which is just about the distance from Selby to Christchurch in New Zealand.

Also attached is a demographic breakdown showing the gender and age breakdown of those who have registered with Selby parkrun since its inception, although I stress that simply registering doesn't mean that the individuals have attended.

Kind regards,

Giles