



Blackburn Road Runners Winter Warmer
Witton Park Arena
Witton Country Park
Preston Old Road
Blackburn
BB2 2TP
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Blackburn Road Runners Winter Warmer 2026

10k Race & 2k Junior Fun Run

Sunday 1st February 2026

2k Registration open from 09:00 - Race starts 10:00

10k Registration open from 09:00 - Race starts 11:00

Thank you for entering our event, which is in its 33rd year. Please read the following information carefully:

LOCATION & PARKING - Witton Park Arena, Preston Old Rd, Blackburn BB2 2TP

Parking is available at the main entrance to Witton Park. The parking charge is 80p for up to 2 hours and £2 for all day via Pay & Display machines. These accept cash and cards.

There is free parking available at Tower Road and at Witton Park School, Car Park C situated off Buncer Lane. These are both a 5-10 minute walk from Witton Park Arena.

There will be car park marshals at Witton Country Park main entrance if you require directions to the parking areas.

YOUR ENTRY

Race numbers for the 10k race and 2k junior fun run will be available for collection on the day at registration in the Indoor Arena. Please fill in your In Case of Emergency details on the reverse of your race number. Your timing chip will be a tag that you must attach to your shoe and will be removed at the finish line. Please wear your race number on the front of your top.

For your own safety and in accordance with UK Athletics, please do not run in another person's race number.

HEADPHONES

For Safety reasons, in-ear or over-ear headphones of any kind are **NOT** permitted in this UKA-licensed event. If you are seen wearing them at any point during the race, you will be disqualified by the UKA adjudicator. Bone Conductor-type headphones are permitted.

RACE TRANSFERS

Race transfers will be available for the 10k race. If you wish to transfer on the day, please go to the 10k Registration Desk. For transfers before the day, please email entries@blackburnroadrunners.net

2k JUNIOR FUN RUN (Minimum age 5 years, maximum age 14 years on 01/02/2026)

The 2k junior fun run is entirely within the confines of Witton Country Park and is fully marshalled and traffic-free. Please be aware that the area is open to other park users.

If necessary, parents can run alongside younger ones. It is your responsibility to supervise the children in your care.

2k JUNIOR FUN RUN PRIZES

There will be prizes for the first, second and third male & females across the line. Prizes will be presented in the Indoor Arena at approximately 10:30.

LOST CHILDREN POINT

The lost children point will be situated beside the bag drop in the Indoor Arena. Any marshal will be able to assist.

10k RACE (Minimum age 15 years on 01/02/2026) Race Licence 2026-30449

The roads will be open to traffic. On the route, there are sections of road without pavements; please be careful and adhere to the marshals' instructions. Keep to the left at all times and do not run in the middle of the road. Please be considerate to other road & path users.

Please be aware that there are very bad potholes in the road surface on Old Hall Lane, which is at the 7km marker, so extra care and attention are required along this quiet lane.

If you or another runner becomes ill or succumbs to injury, please alert the nearest marshal, and we will get assistance to you as soon as possible.

Water will be available at the 5km marker and at the finish.

10k RACE PACERS

Pacers from Blackburn Road Runners will be available for the following times: 38 mins, 40 mins, 45 mins, 50 mins, 55 mins, 60 mins, 65 mins & 70 mins.

10k RACE PRIZES

Medals, goody bags, bananas and water will be available on the outdoor track after your timing chip has been removed.

Prizes for the 10k Race will be presented in the Indoor Arena at approximately 12:30. There will be the following prizes:

Overall: First, second & third male and female.

Age Category Prizes: Junior (aged 15-17), senior (aged 18-34), V35, V40, V45, V50, V55, V60, V65, V70, V75, V80 (male and female in each category).

Team Prizes: First male and female clubs of 4 to count, and one mixed team of 10 to count.

Course Records: The prize for breaking the male and female course records is £200 each. The current course records are male 31:16 set by Matt Ramsden representing Blackburn Harriers in 2024, and female 34:53 set by Olivia Walwyn representing City of Norwich AC in 2009.

Provisional results will be displayed in the Indoor Arena as soon as they are available. Full results will be available at: www.ukresults.net

TOILETS & BAGGAGE DROP

Portable toilets for our event will be situated on the park avenue directly ahead of the main park entrance. There are no toilets available inside the Indoor Arena.

A Baggage Drop will be available in the Indoor Arena. Any items left in the Indoor Arena or Baggage Drop area are left at your own risk.

FIRST AID

Chorley's Angels First Aid will be available to provide first aid and medical assistance on the day.

REFRESHMENTS

There will be a Charity cake and brew stall in the Indoor Arena to raise money for Rosemere Cancer Foundation, our 2026 club-nominated charity.

CANCELLATION

In the event that the race has to be cancelled due to adverse weather, this will be posted on our Facebook page. There will be subsequent correspondence by email. Should the race be cancelled, then the rescheduled date for the event will be Sunday 8th February 2026. If this is not possible, there will be a deferral offered to our 2027 race. No refunds will be offered.

Thanks go to Andrew O'Sullivan MBE (Race compere), Jerry Bunn (EA Race Adjudicator), John Schofield (UK Timers), Chorley's Angels First Aid and all the Witton Park staff, marshals and other supporters, without whom the event could not take place.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at entries@blackburnroadrunners.net

Sid Makinson
Race Director

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