

For the attention of LDWA members

The LDWA Executive Committee, and especially the Events Secretary, have found that the Requirements for Challenge Events require that if the event is to be publicised by the LDWA, it must meet 17 specifications. Because the Round Rotherham does not match all of the requirements, it is said that it cannot be listed as in Strider. This would also apply to other trail running events that seek to open the event to walkers without prejudice to those who want to run.

Our belief is that many LDWA members have found the Round Rotherham in the Strider listings and entered as a result. Some certainly seem to have enjoyed the event as they have returned on a regular basis. Without the Strider listing, they would not have been aware of the Round Rotherham.

Most of the 17 specifications of Challenge Events are quite consistent with TRA requirements, such as having public liability insurance, and be organised with proper risk assessment, etc. However, the Round Rotherham is said to fail to meet the requirement that *“The event is not advertised as a race & the emphasis is on walking rather than jogging or running.”* Our view is that the Round Rotherham does not emphasise any particular mode of locomotion, but primarily the challenge of getting round....

For an event to be classified as an LDWA Challenge Event, it clearly needs to meet the 17 requirements.

For a non-LDWA event to be listed in Strider, it clearly needs to be adapted to accommodate walkers, with adequate feedpoints and a reasonable time limit. However, this does not preclude others in the field racing, if they so wish, or for a particular limit to the field size.

Would you support a motion for the LDWA AGM to propose that events not organised by an LDWA section can be listed in Strider provided:

- The event is mainly cross-country.
- The event is adapted to accommodate the requirements of walkers, with regard to time limit and feeding stations
- There may be several routes, but at least one is 20 miles or more in length.
- The event is organised with due regard to safety, meeting the requirements of the TRA or other body.

If you would be prepared to support (or propose) such a motion, please talk to us or email henry@hmarston.co.uk (LDWA member 11220)

Although the Round Rotherham is currently listed with a number of other non-LDWA events on the LDWA website, the position of non-LDWA events should be clarified.