

POSTPONEMENT NOTES

We've taken the very tough decision to postpone the Doncaster City Half Marathon for 2023.

This has been a very hard decision to make. The first running of the new DCHM in 2022, took us 3 years of hard work to bring it to fruition and we could not have done it without the support of our incredible partners and friends of the event.

What's next?

The Half Marathon is an absolute project of passion for us. It's far wider reaching than just a simple run. It has brought runners and communities together, inspired others into physical activities and raised thousands of pounds for charities.

We are currently working at a return for 2024/25 and are already connecting with potential sponsors and supporters. Once we're ready (and we have the full plan) then we will let you know.

The community and charity fun run events on the cycle track we are still planning for the 2023 event date and we will release more information on these once were set.

Our reasons for the decision,

- **Costs-** While our events continue to sell out and are hugely popular, we've seen a decline in interest for the Big City Half Marathons across the running community. This, combined with people entering later, is a challenge for a new event without history. It has left us in a position where the event may be at risk of making a loss. To help put this into context, we operate with our ethos 'purpose before profit' so we're not profit driven, but clearly, we can't make a loss. This event has a lot of costs (circa £40k-50k) and for a very small team, this is a huge commitment.
- **Dates-** On the same weekend, we have a major event taking place in the city and we don't want a full weekend of closures, or risk greater disturbance. The event also clashes with other events (which is hard to avoid) so we need to re-visit the right weekend and month for future.
- **Team-** We've got a fantastic reputation, and a great testament to our very small team is that we've been offered opportunities to take on some dream projects and roles. We've got some great new team members coming on board, but the nature of this event is operationally one of the most demanding. We wouldn't want to push the new team too much in their first weeks, or risk putting on something that we weren't proud of.

As you know, we have been one of the few teams to deliver Covid safe events during the pandemic, and we have overcome many challenges to keep bringing new events back since. The great news is, we've lots of new events this year, as well as our existing and hugely successful established races.

We also have more opportunities to deliver community projects that support our core ethos of getting people moving... so you will see more exciting local opportunities to get more people involved in physical activities coming soon!

We are sorry that we have had to make this decision and we hope that you understand our reasons for doing this. For those of you who have been training, fundraising, and supporting many charities that are very close to our heart, please reach out to us, as many of our charity partners we are taking across with us to our other events for 2023.

What happens for the runners already entered?

We will be forcing out a question via the entry system, which will list all of the options available to you. Should you not receive the email (or not respond) we will automatically refund your ticket price after 7 days (this will take 5-10 working days to appear in your account)

As we need to firm up dates and work with our potential partners for 2024/5 events, we're not able to offer a transfer to the new event date (as we don't have it yet.)

We can't offer a transfer to all events, as some are already full, and some are partner events that we support operationally, but we have still lots to choose from. If the event costs more money, then you will be getting a free upgrade, or if it's less, we will be refunding the difference.

Your options:

- Refund your ticket price- this will take 5-10 working days to process as it goes through our entry system and over to your card payment provider. We will start processing in one week's time.
- Transfer to Big Green Scunthorpe 10k - 21st May (with refund of the ticket difference)
- Transfer to Normanby Hall 10k - 9th July (with refund of the ticket difference)
- Transfer to Big School 12 hour run – 5th August (team entry, no additional charge – worth around £20)
- Transfer to Big School 12 hour run – 5th Aug (solo entry, no additional charge–worth £20)
- Transfer to Run for Wildlife 5k – 8th Oct (with refund of the ticket difference)
- Transfer to Hedgehog Half Marathon – 15th Oct (with refund of the ticket difference)
- Transfer to Brigg Poppy 10k – 29th Oct (with refund of the ticket difference)
- Transfer to Doncaster City 10k 26th November (with refund of the ticket difference)

- Transfer to Sprout Scuttle 10K or Rudolph's Revenge- 17th December (with refund of ticket difference.)