



25th March 2018 Spectator Information

If on Sunday 25th March you have chosen to watch friends or family members taking part in Yeovil Half Marathon or Fun Run we have done our utmost as Race Organisers to make the Race as spectator friendly as possible. Please note race day is the start of British Summer Time, so the clocks go forward 1 hour.

The Race HQ and the start are on South Street, Yeovil. Race start time is 09:00hrs.

Town Centre roads will close between 08:45hrs and 09:45hrs, so if you want to watch, particularly the Start, be sure to get to the town centre car parks before roads close. Or simply leave the car and take the healthy option of walking into town.

All Town Centre parking is free of charge on Sundays. As is walking!! Follow local pedestrian signs to Tourist Information.

The map below shows the location of the Start, Registration, Town Centre Car Parks and the Finish area and location of Public Toilets.

Spectator location 1: Start line, South Street, near the Globe and Crown BA20 1QF

Spectacular sight to see over 1500 runners leave the start. Be sure to keep to the pavements as you get close to the action at the start of the journey. It will be over in a flash!

At approximately 9:15am the Fun Run will start from the same location.

Spectator Location 2: Borough, High Street

Within less than 300m of the start, athletes will pass through Yeovil Town Centre greeted by Heron Brass Band from RNAS Yeovilton, before heading out of town. This is less than a mile from the start for the athletes, so be quick to catch the leaders. Stay inside the course so you can get easily to Location 3 should you wish.

Spectator Location 3: Goldenstones Leisure Centre/Yeovil Country Park:

The route enters the Ninesprings Country Park, opposite the Pen Mill Hotel on the A30 Sherborne Road. **Drinks**

Station 1 hosted by LED is at Goldenstones. Lead Runner due approx 9.15am. Last runner approx 09:50hrs

The route passes through the entire Country Park, to the exit on Lysander Road near B&M Store. Music and refreshments will be available at Goldenstones, courtesy of Ninesprings Cafe

The Ninesprings Café, Yeovil Country Park are delighted to be offering all hot drinks at 25% off race day and the following Monday. You just need to produce your race number. So if the weather is not great on race day, pop in and grab a hot drink to sustain you whilst you cheer your friends and family on!

Spectator Location 4: Airfield Tavern. Mile 5.5

This is the location of **Drinks Station 3 hosted by Boeing**. There is limited car parking here (please avoid parking in Palmers). We expect the leaders here at 09:30hrs, with the last runners at approx 10:30hrs. The section of road south from Palmers to the A3088 will be closed to all traffic during the race, so there is plenty of space to make some noise and spur on the runners, as they enter the toughest, final phase of the race. The Airfield Tavern will be open for Coffees and Bacon Rolls, and Palmers has a superb Fish and Chip Shop, and a Garden Centre with a Café. This will be open, and a full range of Refreshments available.

Finish Line: The finish is on Vicarage Walk in the Quedam. Fun runners 09:20hrs Half Marathon from 10:10hrs

You will be able to see your loved ones at the finish line and enjoy the hospitality and entertainment on offer. Shops in the town and the Quedam will be open for business as usual. Boswells Café - next to the finish line, are generously feeding our team of volunteers and a superb range of food and drink are available at excellent value.

The smart choice is to get in town, and stay in town, with Start, Locations 2, 3 and the finish line, all in easy reach.

Following the above advice is important to protect the legacy of the event. We need to do our utmost to minimise disruption to the town.

Road closures, and expected disruption

Most of the Town Centre roads will be closed from 08:45hrs until the final runners pass, including Petters Way, South Street, Addlewell Lane, Park Street, Brunswick Street, Hendford, High Street, Silver Street, Market Street, Central Road, Lower Middle Street, Sherborne Road (from Pen Mill Hotel to Newton Road) We expect roads here to re-open around 09:45hrs. A temporary diversion route will be in place.

Runners will be crossing Lysander Road near the Watercombe Lane roundabout, operated by a Police crossing patrol between 09:15hrs and 10:15hrs, so delays can be expected here.

The section of road between the A3088 Cartgate Link Road roundabout, and the roundabout at the Airfield Tavern will be closed between 09:00hrs and 11:30hrs. A diversion route will be in place.

Runners will cross, near the Houndstone roundabout on Bluebell Road, with a crossing patrol in place between 09:20hrs and 10:30hrs so expect delays here.

The road known as New Road between Montacute and Yeovil, will be closed to eastbound traffic, for runner safety, from the Borough in Montacute to the roundabout at Bluebell Road. Traffic from Yeovil to Montacute will be unaffected. Between 09:30hrs and 11:30hrs, with a diversion route along the A3088 Cartgate Link Road.

Lower Town in Montacute will be closed to traffic from Thorne Lane to Montacute, between 09:30hrs and 11:30hrs. Traffic from Montacute to Thorne Lane, will be unaffected.

Thorne Lane/Balls Hill from Lower Town, Montacute to the un-named junction to Lufton, will be closed in both directions between 09:30hrs and 11:30hrs.

Thorne Lane, near the junction with Western Avenue, will see delays between 09:35hrs and 11:35hrs with Police stopping traffic to allow runners to cross to the pavement on Thorne Lane.

Larkhill Road/Preston Road traffic lights will experience some delays between 09:40hrs and 11:55hrs. Lights will remain active, with qualified personnel stopping traffic to allow runner priority. For safety of runners the following options to turn will be prohibited:

- Right turn from Preston Road to Larkhill Road
- Left turn from Preston Road to Preston Grove
- Left turn from Preston Road into Larkhill Road
- Straight ahead from Larkhill Road to Preston Grove
- Right turn from Preston Grove to Preston Road
- Straight ahead from Preston Grove to Larkhill Road.

The organisers have worked closely with Police and Highways to come up with a plan which keeps the runners safe, traffic flowing, and allow local residents and businesses to go about their work or leisure activities largely unaffected.

The advice being to make yourself aware of where the disruption is. Plan your journey, and if possible avoid the areas mentioned.

As mentioned previously, these measures are designed to help you enjoy the day, and to add to the safety of the competitors who are running alongside open public roads. Your co-operation is hugely appreciated.

Volunteering: Finally, if you wish to make a contribution to the success of the event we are inviting support from all of you to join us as Volunteer Marshals. This will mean you get a Street Side location to get Close-Up and Personal with the race and your loved ones.

For your efforts, we will give you a snack and a drink, and a free entry to next year's Yeovil Half Marathon, should you desire. You can run for charity, run for you, and run for free.

Please contact info@immortalsport.com with your details.

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Most importantly, all of us in Yeovil hope you enjoy your time at the Yeovil Half Marathon 2018

Bring on next year. Race day confirmed 31st March 2019

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