

Well on Sunday I awoke to a nice sunny morning ready for my Clarendon Half Marathon, which was different in the fact that last year I awoke to a very damp morning. This was to be the only difference though.

I turned up to registration dropped my bag off at the bus so that it would be at the finish in Winchester and then set for a little warm up and a general chat with other people around. Everyone really friendly and all looking forward to the run ahead.

Well we started and we headed off and although once we came off road and went across the first of many fields and tracks it was nice to hit solid ground this year and not slippery mud it was still a tough course, the hills most definatley had not shrunk in a year, still I went through the first 6 miles in 54 min so I was fairly happy and with wanting to complete in under 2 hours I thought I had a chance. This was not to be the second half became very difficult as this has the longest hill in it and my cycle ride on Saturday was starting to tell in my legs, still I continued to plod on exchanging places with the same lady about every half a mile which kept us both smiling.

I crossed the line in 2 hours 13 min and 29 sec so not a record half marathon time however 22 min quicker than last year mainly due to the fact that I ran up all the hills! With the exception of about two min on one hill which I could walk quicker in and also there was not mud!

So sub 2 hours next year.

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