

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **THE HEARTSCAN NEW YEARS DAY ROAD RACE 2019**

Morpeth Harriers & AC are absolutely delighted and very grateful to be able to unveil a new link support from a brand-new sponsor for the 2019 New Year's Day Road Race, an event already firmly established in the North Eastern Counties athletics calendar.

Heartscan, based in Newcastle, offer their first-class heart screening services from the North East, and already have a strong connection with many individuals, and professional sports clubs in the region.

They are delighted to be supporting an event which relates well with them, and which will hopefully provide a happy, healthy, and enjoyable beginning for those who participate, and many others that involve themselves in similar activity throughout the competitive sporting year.

Screenings for Heartscan, are interpreted by Dr Antoinette Kenny, who has been a cardiology expert for the Football Association for over 20 years.

The screenings are available for anyone who participates in sport, whether amateur or professional. Find out more at [www.heartscan.co.uk](http://www.heartscan.co.uk).

As a direct result of all of this, we are pleased to announce that the event is to be called "The Heartscan Morpeth Road Race 2019," and pre-race entry is now readily available online at [www.racenumber.co.uk](http://www.racenumber.co.uk).

Action gets underway on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 (New Years Day) at 1.00pm from the bottom of Dogger Bank on Mitford Road.

The race follows the attractive usual route through historic Northumberland, going via Mitford, Mitford Steads, and the Whalton Road, returning into Morpeth via the Golf Club, the Sun Inn, into Carlisle Park, along the Promenade to the finish line on the Stanners, where the first 200 finishers will receive a Happy New Year Greeting, laced with a commemorative water bottle to mark the occasion.

Runners will be competing over approximately 11k, on (ARC Permit No 19/062).

The event prize list includes overall prizes and various veteran categories, both Male and Female, only one prize per athlete, (the higher value gained in each case).

Online Entry is available until Midnight on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at rates of £7.00 Club Members, and £9.00 Non-Affiliated Athletes.

Registration and Late Entry on Race Day will be available from 11.30 am till 12.30pm at Race Headquarters, which are at Morpeth Rugby Club, Grange House Field, Mitford Road, Morpeth, NE61 1RJ.

Late Entries, which also include full prize eligibility, are available at rates of £10.00 Club Members, and £12.00 Non-Affiliated Athletes.

All numbers, including Online and Late Entry, are to be picked up on the day.

Please Note, All entrants must be at least 17 on Race Day.

Changing Facilities, both Male and Female, are available at the Morpeth Harriers Clubhouse, next to Morpeth Rugby Club.

Race Parking is available at Morpeth Rugby Club, Scots Guild Car Park, further along Mitford Road, or Town Centre Car Parks.

The after-Race Presentation will be held at Morpeth Rugby Club, with light refreshments available, including cakes, and other sweet treats being made available, to begin your New Year in enjoyable comfort and style.

The Online Entry link, plus late race information, and any last-minute adverse weather conditions, or updates affecting the event can be found on the Morpeth Harriers website on, [www.morpethharriers.com](http://www.morpethharriers.com)

In closing, Morpeth Harriers & AC, are eagerly looking forward to working closely with their new event sponsor over the forthcoming months, and hope that both parties enjoy mutual benefits that may be built from the relationship.

Yours in Sport

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