



Wells Festival of Running

Sunday 24 May 2026



Thank you for entering the Wells Festival Running. You should find all you need to know before race day, but please ask if you have questions.

RACE HQ

The race HQ is [Wells Town Hall, in the Market Place, postcode BA5 2RB](#).

Please arrive in plenty of time to collect your race number on arrival.

Arrive early where possible to help prevent congestion - there will be a number of cafes open in the market place outside HQ where you can soak up pre-race atmosphere

START

Please note the start times:

10.15 hrs	5K
10.45 hrs	1.2K
11:00 hrs	10K
12:15 hrs	under 8s race

Most races start from the Market Place, just outside the race HQ, but registration and the start of the race for under 8s is on the [Cathedral Green](#)

EARPHONES

You need to be able to hear the safety briefing and directions from marshals, so please.....

IN-EAR OR OVER-EAR HEADPHONES → DISQUALIFICATION

as per UKA Rule 240 S5. Bone conducting headphones are permitted

GETTING THERE

Bus services from local towns and cities are run by [FirstBus](#) and train services to Bristol (connecting with the 376 bus service) by First Great Western (www.thetrainline.co.uk).

If you are arriving by car, please do not park in St Thomas Street – we have had complaints from a resident about poor visibility because of too many parked cars. Car parking is available in the Whiting Way (Waitrose), Union Street and Tucker Street 'pay and display' car parks (please do not try to park in the Market Place or in the "High Street" car parks, as they are affected by the road closures):

https://en.parkopedia.co.uk/parking/carpark/high_street/ba5/wells/?country=uk&arriving=202605240800&leaving=202605241300#google_vignette

Roads in the city will be closed from 09:00am, so please arrive in plenty of time.

SAFETY

The following roads will be closing to traffic from 09:00 hrs, but please be aware that, despite our best efforts, **vehicles can stray onto the route:**

Sadler Street	St John Street	Broad Street
High Street	Southover	Tor Street
Queen Street	Silver Street	Constitution Hill

FIRST AID

First aid cover will be provided by a2e medical at the start, finish and around the route. Please tell a marshal (wearing a hi-viz tabard) if you feel unwell

RACE NUMBER

Your race number should be secured to the **front of your clothing**. Safety pins are available.

Please complete the emergency information on the back of your race number (your name, emergency contact information, and medical information)

Your timing chip will be on the back of your race number. Do not remove or bend the race number.

Please make sure you do not hold your hand over your number/chip when you cross the finish line - you may not be registered by the timing system, and the backup video at the finish will not record your number.

Please keep away from the timing equipment at the finish line once you have finished the race to facilitate speedy production of race results

ROUTE

There will be a cyclist leading each race for the leaders to follow, and a route map on display at Race HQ. Route maps are available on the race website <http://www.wellscityharriers.org.uk/wells>

The under 8s race takes place on the [Cathedral Green](#). Parents/guardians can register their child at Race HQ until 10:30 hrs, after which registration will be on the Cathedral Green.

The [1.2K race](#) starts in the Market Place, goes down the High Street, right at Oxfam, left down Queen Street, straight over the crossroads into St John Street, turns right along part of Southover and then left into Silver Street and back to the moat.

The [5K race](#) starts in the Market Place, goes down the High Street, right at Oxfam, left down Queen Street, straight over the crossroads into St John Street, turns right along part of Southover and then left past the end of Silver Street, through Palace farm, out to Dulcote along the cycle track, back into Wells along the B3139 and alongside the moat of the Bishop's Palace. There are distance markers every 1km. It is mostly flat with one 30m hill 4K (and 9K) into the course.

The [10K race](#) is essentially two laps of the 5K route, but the route from Tor Street is along Silver Street to the corner of Southover, where runners turn left back into Palace farm.

Be guided by marshals at Dulcote, where the 10K route has an 'out-and-back' on the second lap only.

TOILETS & CHANGING FACILITIES

Please do not use the loos in the Bishops Palace unless you are a paying customer. There are public toilets just off the Market Place and additional loos behind the Town Hall.

Toilets are behind the Town Hall, in the car park

Baggage storage available in the Town Hall (please note that items are left at your own risk).

There is neither changing area nor showers in the Town Hall, but you can change at the Wells Leisure Centre for a £5 (subject to availability) and jog to the start: [Wells Sport and Fitness](#)

There are many cafes and restaurants (for food and drink) in the centre of Wells, both in the Market Place and along the High Street.

WATER STATIONS

Water will be available at the finish for all races, in Dulcote for 5k runners and 10k runners, and outside the Bishop's Barn in Silver Street for 10K runners

Location	5k	1.2k	10k	Under 8s
Dulcote	2.5k		2.5k	
Bishops Barn			5k	
Dulcote			7.5k	
Finish	5k	1.2k	10k	

Please make sure that you hydrate regularly, especially on a warm day.

RESULTS

The results will be posted on the K2 Timing website, to which a link will be on the [event website](#)

PHOTOS

Photographs of the event will be available a day or so after the event from

[Charles Whitton Photography](#)

MEDALS

It has come to our attention recently that the text printed on the medal ribbon has a spelling error. Can we take this opportunity to apologise to all participants of the 10km and 5km races for this error. After researching the financial and environmental costs of replacing the ribbons, we have taken the decision not to replace them. We hope that you will be proud of your achievements after completing this year's event and will be willing to recognise that this small mistake has not impacted your overall enjoyment of the day. If you are not happy with the quality of the ribbon on your medal, then please speak to the volunteers in Race HQ after your race who will replace the ribbon with an alternative unbranded clip-on ribbon. Ribbons on the 1.2km medals are unaffected.

FACILITIES AND OFFERS

Before and after your race there is plenty more to do! Wells Rotary has organised a number stalls and concessions in the [Market Place](#) and on [Palace Green](#), including food and drink, craft stalls and a pop-up running shop supplied by our prize sponsor [Kinsi Run Hub](#), who are offering anyone participating in the event a 10% discount on full price products online and instore (use code WFR10 at checkout).

Further, [flapjackery](#), which is only 100m from the starting arch, are offering both a 10% discount on 3 or more flapjacks, and a 5% discount on any bagged goods for anyone participating in the event. Flapjacks are runners' food, we think.

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES

The presentation of prizes for all races is scheduled for:

12:30hrs on [Palace Green](#) near the finish

Prizes for the 1.2K race are:

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd female and male
- 1st 12 year old female and male
- 1st 11 year old female and male
- 1st 10 year old female and male
- 1st 9 year old female and male
- 1st 8 year old female and male
- 1st local (BA5 postcode) female and male

Prizes for the 5K and 10K races are:

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd female and male
- 1st F35/M35, F45/M45, F55/M55, F65/M65, F75/M75
- 1st local (BA5 postcode) female and male

Only one individual prize will be awarded to each competitor, prizes are awarded in the order listed above.

SPONSORS

Thanks to our sponsors, Shepton and Wells Vets, and Bowleys Garage, whose premises are within 50m of each other in Wells. Please consider using them.



Bowley's Garage

FINALLY

We hope you will enjoy the event. See you there!

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With thanks to our event sponsors

...and to [Hot Fuzz](#) for publicity

