

"Just a quick note to say thank you for your hospitality at the weekend. The accommodation and hospitality was superb and was a great way to prepare for what was a truly awesome event. Thoroughly enjoyed every minute, both at the event HQ and out on the stunning roads of Dartmoor".

Eddie Allen
British Cycling

"I rode the event on Sunday and thoroughly enjoyed myself. I would like to commend you on the event and particularly the quality and quantity of marshalling which was excellent".

Gareth Jones - Rider 1643

*"Each year I have ridden the Dartmoor Classic I end up thinking **"why can't all the others organise their events this well"**. Please pass on thanks to all of your excellent marshals who helped us on our way with cheerful encouragement and your helpers at the excellent feed station. Even the ladies at the registration tent made it feel like a special event. Makes me proud to live in Devon"!*

Mark Beacham

"Many congratulations to you all once again on such a well organised and friendly event".

John Emery

"I've just returned from riding the event, and would like to say how impressed I was with the signage, marshalling ,and in fact everything about the organisation".

Dave Wilson

"I participated for the 2nd time in the Dartmoor Classic, and it once again proved to be a great day out, the organisation and enthusiasm of the staff was infectious. I would like to congratulate the younger members of the team, car park marshals, computer operators; they were professional in their manor and a credit to the club.

A special thank's to the lady, sorry I didn't get her name who looked after me in the finishing tent, I was a bit dehydrated and she was so caring.

Pity the English Team didn't perform as good.

A great day and thanks to all"

Paul Hughes (3454)

*"Many thanks to you and the team.
We were blessed with such great weather and the support along the way was greatly appreciated, particularly on the long slog up towards Princetown. I have done many long distance events and triathlons, your feeding stations were brilliant.
Well done to you all".*

Alexander Newman-Burke [rider 1878]

"This is just a quick note to say that I thought that the whole organisation from the feed stops, marshalling, depart/finish village and of course the route were absolutely spot-on. I've ridden and completed many sportives across the country but I think that this has been the best yet. Please pass on my thanks to all those marshals who did such a sterling job making sure that we all knew where we were going and that we were safe".

Mark Pygott - Rider number 1985

"Many thanks for a very enjoyable day yesterday, the event and organisation was first class. The efforts of the marshals out on the route and support staff at the HQ and feed stations is much appreciated. This was my first sportive and my first century ride, and it was a great feeling to be clapped and cheered as I crossed the finish line"!

Can't wait for next year!

Stan Crumpler

"Excellent ride again this year and really enjoyed the day. Pre-ride administration arrangements very slick and organisation on the day, eg registration, food stops etc well organised and efficient".

David Ambrose

"Thanks for a great day yesterday. It was the best event I've been to, IronmanUK could learn a thing or two from you! You even arranged the weather! Special thanks the lady/man who made the chocolate cake at Princetown, bloody lovely. Many thanks and well done to you all".

Marc Jobson

"Many thanks to every single person involved in organising this event. It was my first ever cycling event and I couldn't have wished for a better experience, the organisation was faultless, food & drink provisions first class and the Marshalls were jovial and supportive despite the long hours in the sun".

Hayley Walker

"Please could you thank all who helped yesterday, Marshall and officials for their much appreciated Assistance. The day was really well organised although the weather was on the warmer side of perfect. Thank you all for a great day".

Tony Lamb. 3842.

"Thank you for a wonderful event, its the first time I've ridden 100m. Thanks to all your hard work, excellent signposting and marshalling I had a great time. Many thanks once again. The memories will stay with me for a long time".

Neil Black.

*"Your guys did great, **by far the best sportive I have taken part in.** The route is just stunning but your organization was a match".*

Andy Westcott
(YOGi)

"Thank you so much for the superb day out on Sunday.. the event was superb.. one the best sportive I have ridden on. The weather was superb, the route amazing, to include some monster climbs and beautiful scenery. The marshals did a great job.. I'm already looking forward to next year's event".

Dave Nickels

"Yesterday I had the most unpleasant experience of Blowing Up, I was very sick, very dehydrated and delirious etc. Your support and care was Fantastic, starting with Mike at the 60 mile check point, then Simon (Colin Lewis Cycles) the two St.John Guys at Princetown. Absolutely Amazing!

I am what would be considered a reasonable competitive cyclist, I ride between 12/14 hours per week, I've ridden 4 sportives this year inc. North Cornwall and I race at Portreath down here in Cornwall. I don't know what my outcome would have been without your superb organisation and professionalism. And I just wanted to thank you and let you know that, you and all your support team are doing a great job for the sport and us competitors".

David Wring

"To everyone involved in organising yesterday's event, a huge thank you. I rode the 100 mile event, and have to tell you it is the best sportive of the dozen or so I have ridden to date.

Best route-demanding but not too much, beautiful scenery, fantastic organisation and best of all, really, really friendly. The marshalling on junctions was particularly welcome, as was the free bananas and the pasta beforehand.

The one tiny thing I would change is to make the numbers smaller, if that hadn't have been so big, I'd have got gold for sure"!

Guy Buckland, 1175

[Uhmm, I have heard some excuses - but wind drag on your number? :o) - - Thanks Guy]

"I thought that the organisation was faultless; the marshals were great; the route was beautiful; the food & facilities at the Princetown Control were just right; and the applauding supporters along the way were invaluable for me". Thank you so much again, we'll definitely be back next year"!

Kate Burgess

"Thank you so much for organising such a wonderful event yesterday. It was the first Sportive I'd ridden (hence my rubbish time). But I was enormously impressed by the organisation: registration and parking were smooth, marshalling was clear, feeding provisions at Princetown excellent, and having the route posted online months in advance allowed me to recce the route (in sections) on my bike".

Matt Preston (rider no. 3690)

*"A short note to say thank you to you and the huge number of organisers, volunteers, marshals and helpers that made yesterday's ride a truly memorable event. I've done a handful of sportives to date, this was my first Dartmoor Classic and **it really is an example of how a sportive should be**. I'm hoping to be back next year to improve on my time.*

I can hardly begin to imagine the organisational effort that must go on behind the scenes – but judging by the number of riders and the atmosphere on the day something you've got just right".

Jez Pile

"Please could I thank you all and the Mid Devon Cycling Club for the organisation of this year's event. This was my first time doing such a ride and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. From start to finish it was really well marshalled even though I knew the route. I can't really complain about the weather but boy was it hot and I did feel very dehydrated even having gone through 4 bottles of water.

I would recommend this ride to anyone and though I thought "no, not next year" on Sunday afternoon, my thoughts are already turning how to turn my silver into a gold medal. (Buying a racing bike rather than a hybrid is a start)".

Martin Woolcott
Devon County Council

My husband took part in the Dartmoor Classic 100km on Sunday and I followed him by car to provide a bit of practical and moral support. As a result I was able to view the event from many angles over the whole route and I must say I was extremely impressed with the organisation and running of the event. Starting with the registration the day before, with lots of interesting things happening at Abbots Brook.

As it is the first cycling event my husband has entered, we had no idea what to expect at the start, so we were both amazed how smoothly it all went, and throughout the route the marshals were very clear and helpful. At the feeding station at Princetown, again we were very impressed by the facilities and level of support and the traffic control seemed very smooth even though there were cyclists going in all different directions.

At the end, everyone was given a good welcome home, even if they had taken a long time, and again the organisation seemed to go very smoothly.

You'll be glad to know that my husband really enjoyed taking part, although the hot weather made it hard work. I'm afraid to ask if he'll be taking part next year, I think I'll wait until he can sit down comfortably before trying to broach that subject !!

Once more congratulations on an extremely well run event, I know how much hard work goes into such days

Pauline Smith

Can I just say well done for organising such a great event. This was my first sportive and bagged a bronze medal with a time of 5hr.18 and now I'm hooked. Excellent, excellent day!!

Barry Gale
Liskeard

"I wanted to let you know that I was really impressed with the organisation, support and input from all at the "Dartmoor Classic" at the weekend. Yup, I found it tough in the heat, but the wonderful efforts of all should be fed back to every last person involved. I had done the "Dragon Ride" earlier in the month and certainly, felt that your event was in every way superior.

Please pass on my feedback to all possible who made it a masochistic (and possibly sadistic) but wonderful experience, everyone should be very proud. And I'll also let Gloucestershire County Council know that your roads are also in a vastly better state than the ones round here.

David Olliffe

You are ALL to be commended for the outstanding event you hosted on Sunday, not least for the weather. On the way back to London we tried, with 35 years experience of sportives on the continent and in the UK between us, to think of constructive criticism to offer. Apart from possibly age categories in the results because Stanton at 76 does not like beating guys 30 and 40 years younger than him, we couldn't think of one!

There were however numerous positives, too many to list, but I will mention:

- (a) the marshalling was the best we have seen in a UK event (for the second year running),
- (b) the two young guys on the computers signing the riders back in - well done to them for a great job, and finally
- (c) thanks for the warm welcome from you and all the crew to us all and particularly Stanton (76 years old) - he is quite a legend in these parts and I suspect is now in Devon as well.

"Wittsy" and Stanton
London Dynamo

"Just a note to says thanks for a wonderful event last weekend. The entire organisation was fantastic - right from the excellent depart village through to the marshalling, signage and, of course, the route itself. While I doubt you organised the weather(!), the inclusion of the extra water stops was perfect given the conditions".

Dr Graeme Boswell.

"Thanks for another great edition (my third) last Sunday. It just gets better and better!! Who made that Homity Pie?!"

Tom Butler

[Bakehouse Country Kitchens of Torquay Devon]

*"I had a great ride, really turned out to be a great day. I have to say, the organisation, the route, **everything about the event just sets it apart from all the other big UK events.** Even small things like bike racks in the feed stations to avoid the usual chaos are a genius idea, and the support from SIS was fantastic".*

David Arthur
Road Cycling UK (RCUK)

"Thanks for a great event. The marshalling and feeding stations were first class. The route was arduous and challenging but varied. You even managed to organise the weather".

Will Adams

I just wanted to let you know how well the event ran this year! This is my second year doing the 65miler and can't find one thing that was wrong with the event. The organisation, communication (pre event and event day) and atmosphere is second to none and the course is amazing with lots of support and marshalls! I hope to be back in 2011 for another great year. Keep it up!!!

Colin Castein

"A huge thank you for making this event so brilliant. This is my second time and I loved it, though it was plenty warm. All the marshalls were great, arrows in just the right places, lovely food to keep us all going and plenty of water stops. I only organises a small road running event here in the Teign Valley at Christow, and that is big enough for me. Something like this must take a huge amount of effort".

Penny Clapham
