



REPORT ON RUN 438 ON 7th JANUARY 2024

I used AI to write the report and provided it with a few details. It got a little confused about there being a warm fire in the pub but I have left it in because it made me laugh.

Mud, Puddles, and Dilemmas: The Hash Run Adventure in Midhurst

Midhurst, January 2024 - The Grange Community and Leisure Centre car park in Midhurst played host to the first hash run of the year, and what an adventure it turned out to be. Organized by Becca and Jim, also known as the Alpha and Beta Blockers, the hash took participants through the charming town and beyond.

The recent rains had left their mark, transforming the trail into a challenging course filled with puddles and mud.

The front-runners, in their eagerness, missed a crucial turn on the trail, leading them to a picturesque viewpoint. A quick 'on back' call prompted a U-turn, setting them back on the right path. The descent down the hill brought a mix of running and sliding, only to be followed by a steep uphill climb to a familiar and breathtaking viewpoint. A group of new runners embraced the hash spirit, with one of them (naming herself Random) volunteering to capture the moments through her camera lens.

The middle of the pack navigated the trail with a steady pace, enjoying both the challenge and the scenery. There were some aquatic challenges to be faced. At the gate in the field, donning snorkels and flippers to navigate the watery obstacle was considered. Some runners, equipped with clean shoes for the post-run pub gathering, found themselves facing a conundrum—wet socks or no socks at all after navigating the soggy terrain.

As the trail concluded, the participants gathered at the Bricklayers Arms pub, ready to unwind after the exhilarating run. Little did they know that an unexpected twist awaited them—the pub was on fire. The flames, however, did not dampen the spirits of the hashers, who quickly adapted, making the unexpected incident just another chapter in the hash run adventure.

The Midhurst hash run of 2024 will undoubtedly be remembered for its twists, turns, and the resilient spirit of the running community, proving once again that hash running is not just a sport but a celebration of camaraderie, laughter, and the unexpected.

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