

# Runaway Train 2026

## Event Information & Marshal Notes

*updated 1 May 2026*

### Route Marking

The route will be well marked with a trail of flour by Viv Fursland, Martin Berkeley & Alex Meadows on Saturday afternoon.

Waymarking signs will be set at main junctions by Martin Berkeley & Alex Meadows late on Saturday afternoon.

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Notes are provided on the pages below for each marshal location. There is a map & marshal list at the end of this document.

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### Safety

Please take a fully charged mobile phone with you and this information document.

Dial 999 in the event of any serious medical issue.

### St John Ambulance Contact

St John Ambulance are located at the Finish, where they have an off-road first responder vehicle. Contact their leader **Adam Atkins on 07765768934** with any medical issues.

Contact numbers for all marshals and event organisers are at the end of this document.

There are basic first aid kits and marshals at the following locations:

- Ham Woods Quarry
- Crocombe Water Station
- Maesbury Castle Water Station

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### Nearby Defibs

Morrisons, 30 High St, Shepton Mallet BA4 5AN <https://w3w.co/partied.movie.scratches>

Community Hospital, Bucklers Way, Shepton Mallet BA4 4PG <https://w3w.co/emporium.tidal.yappy>

Screwfix, 64 High St, Townsend, Shepton Mallet BA4 5AX <https://w3w.co/typically.skill.scoping>

2 Back Lane, Downside, Shepton Mallet BA4 4JR <https://w3w.co/takeover.revamping.rise>

Crocombe Village Hall, Crocombe, BA5 3RJ <https://w3w.co/downfield.televise.amber>

# Registration - Shepton Mallet Market Place

Map Location 1 <https://w3w.co/stopwatch.correctly.leaves>

Martin Stapleton & Martin Berkeley in charge

Marshal1, Marshal2, Marshal3, Marshal4, Marshal5 assisting

Set up at 07:00 for action between 07:30 to 11:00

## Entries On The Day

The event is officially full and we are not promoting entries on the day but there are a very small number of spare race numbers for exceptional circumstances.

## Race Number Collection

Race numbers will have been assigned to entrants in advance.

The task will be to look up runner names on an alphabetic list and to then find their allocated number from one of several numeric stacks, which will be set out on tables.

## Emergency Contact Details

Ensure that all runners fill out the emergency contact details section on the back of their race number.

## Change of Start Time

Martin Stapleton marshal in charge.

Runners have selected their start time when they entered but may choose to change at registration. A dedicated marshal will complete this task using the Split Second app to update the results system.

Runners will continue to use the race number that was allocated to them, even though it will now display an 'incorrect' colour to their actual start.

## Bag Drop

Angela Morley in charge.

Runners may leave bags at registration, for them to collect after the event.

Runners **MUST** write their **race number** on a luggage label, which they should attach to their item and place in the dedicated bag drop gazebo. Strictly hno bags accepted without labels.

Luggage labels and pens will be provided.

Runners must present their race number to be able to collect their items after the event.

## T-Shirt Collection

Cossima Roth in charge.

Pre-ordered t-shirts will be collected at registration, either before or after the event. There will not be any additional t-shirts available to buy on the day.

The task will be to find orders on an alphabetic list and tick them off as they are collected. T-shirts are individually labelled.

# The Start - The Meadows

Map Location 2: <https://w3w.co/watched.ownership.boarding>

Alex Meadows in charge, with Keith Batten, Amanda Batten and Mark Rickard

Set up at 09:00 for action between 10:15 to 11:30

Results timing relies on each start taking place as scheduled and should not be delayed. Make sure runners are on their start line in plenty of time. Anyone late can fall back to the next start wave or will have to catch up. Do not delay the start!

Race number colours are a **guide only** to start times, as some runners will have reassigned their number to a different start time.

## 8½ mile race **RED ROUTE = RED RACE NUMBERS**

- 8000 - 8150 = 10:15 start
- 8151 - 8300 = 10:30 start
- 8301 - 8450 = 10:45 start
- 8451 - 8600 = 11:00 start

## 6 Mile Race **GREEN ROUTE = GREEN RACE NUMBERS**

- 6000 - 6200 = 11:15 start

## 3 Mile Race **BLUE ROUTE = BLUE RACE NUMBERS**

- 3000 - 3150 = 11:15 start

There is a single portaloo in the street at the end of Draycott Road.

### Top Drop / Bag Drop

Amanda Batten in charge.

Runners may leave tops and bags at the start, for them to collect from the finish after the event.

Runners **MUST** write their **race number** on a luggage label, which they should attach to their item and hand over to the dedicated bag drop marshal. Strictly no bags accepted without labels.

### Pre-Start Tasks

1. Collect start area materials from the Market Place:
  - “to the start” signage
  - bunting & signs decoration
  - top-drop luggage labels
2. Put out “to the start” signage
3. Unlock portaloo at end of Draycott Rd
4. Set up start area bunting & decoration
5. Herd runners

### Post-Start Tasks

1. Take down bunting and decoration
2. Lock portaloo
3. Collect signage
4. Deliver tops & bags to Bag Drop in Market Place

## Runner Pre-Start Briefing

These are the essential points to be communicated to runners just before they start the race:

### Finding Your Way

1. The route is marked with blobs of white flour, marshals at major junctions and colour-coded pegs which match your race number.

● **8½ mile race RED ROUTE = RED RACE NUMBERS**

● **6 Mile Race GREEN ROUTE = GREEN RACE NUMBERS**

● **3 Mile Race BLUE ROUTE = BLUE RACE NUMBERS**

### Safety And First Aid

2. Call 999 in the event of a serious medical incident
3. St John Ambulance are located at the Finish, where they have an off-road first responder vehicle
4. There are basic first aid kits and marshals at the following locations:
  - Ham Woods Quarry
  - Croscombe Water Station
  - Maesbury Castle Water Station
5. Please help anyone in distress

### Have Fun

6. This is a friendly event, run by Mendip Hash House Harriers. All proceeds are shared between the performers on the route and with local causes. We hope you enjoy it.

## **Forum Lane - Lower Crossing**

Map Location 3 <https://w3w.co/younger.magma.mothering>

Vehicle access point

Robert Goodhand (Drummers) 07710 296708

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## **Forum Lane - Entrance to Rubble Lane**

Map Location 4 <https://w3w.co/minority.flame.expensive>

Vehicle access point - no marshal

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## **Top of Rubble Lane**

Map Location 5 <https://w3w.co/tops.wreck.owes>

Vehicle access point - no marshal

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## Ham Woods

Tom Blatchford in charge, with 5 marshals assisting. Set up at 09:45 for action between 10:30 to 12:00

The marshalling task in Ham Woods is to direct runners & walkers at three key locations, which are indicated on the map below and known to Tom Blatchford.

### Map Location 6 - Left Turn into Ham Woods quarry

<https://w3w.co/applauded.guises.clown>

There will be sea shanty singers in the quarry, so it will be a shame if they are missed.

### Map Location 8 - 8½ Mile Divide <https://w3w.co/sampled.sonic.testing>

This is where 3 mile and 6 mile runners continue straight ahead to loop back right onto the multi-user pathway and the 8½ mile runners turn left towards Croscombe.

### Map Location 17 - 3 Mile & 6 Mile Divide <https://w3w.co/seaside.expensive.cupcake>

On the multi-user pathway, where the 6 mile turns left towards Thrupe Lane and the 3 mile route turns right onto the Ham Woods viaduct, towards Shepton Mallet. Runners on the 6 mile and 8½ mile routes will return to this location from the direction of Burnt House Farm and then proceed onto the Ham Woods viaduct towards Shepton Mallet.

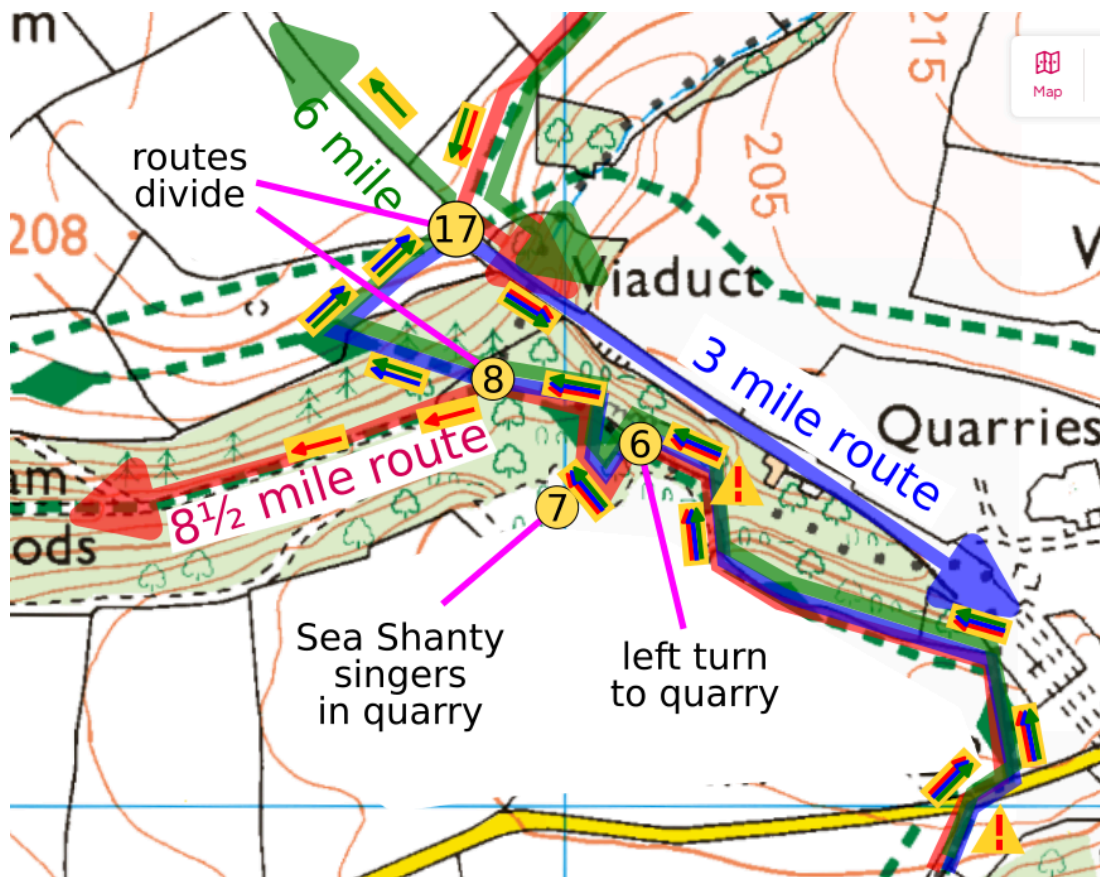
3 mile runners have **BLUE** race numbers, 6 mile runners have **GREEN** numbers whilst 8½ mile runners have **RED** race numbers.

Collect all signs and message the WhatsApp group when all runners have passed through.

### Nearest First Aider

Lynne Elstob is a trained first aider, with a basic first aid kit and will be in Ham Woods quarry singing Sea Shanties.

Call 999 in the event of serious incidents and escort minor injuries to find Lynne in the quarry.



# Croscombe - Water Station

Map Location 10 <https://w3w.co/keepers.befitting.pads>

Rita Powers in charge, with an assistant set up at 10:15 for action between 10:45 to 11:45

## Logistics

Marshal materials will be delivered to your location in advance.

## Water Station

Set up the water station outside Richard & Estelle's house at: Edelweiss, Pound Fold, Croscombe BA5 3QY

Water, cups, bin liners, signs and table will be provided.

The water station marshal is traditionally in fancy dress at this location.

## Traffic Warning

Set up the signs supplied and locate one marshal on the runner's route into Croscombe to warn them of traffic as they cross Thrupe Lane. Except in the case of an emergency, do **not** attempt to slow or direct traffic as you are legally not allowed to do so.

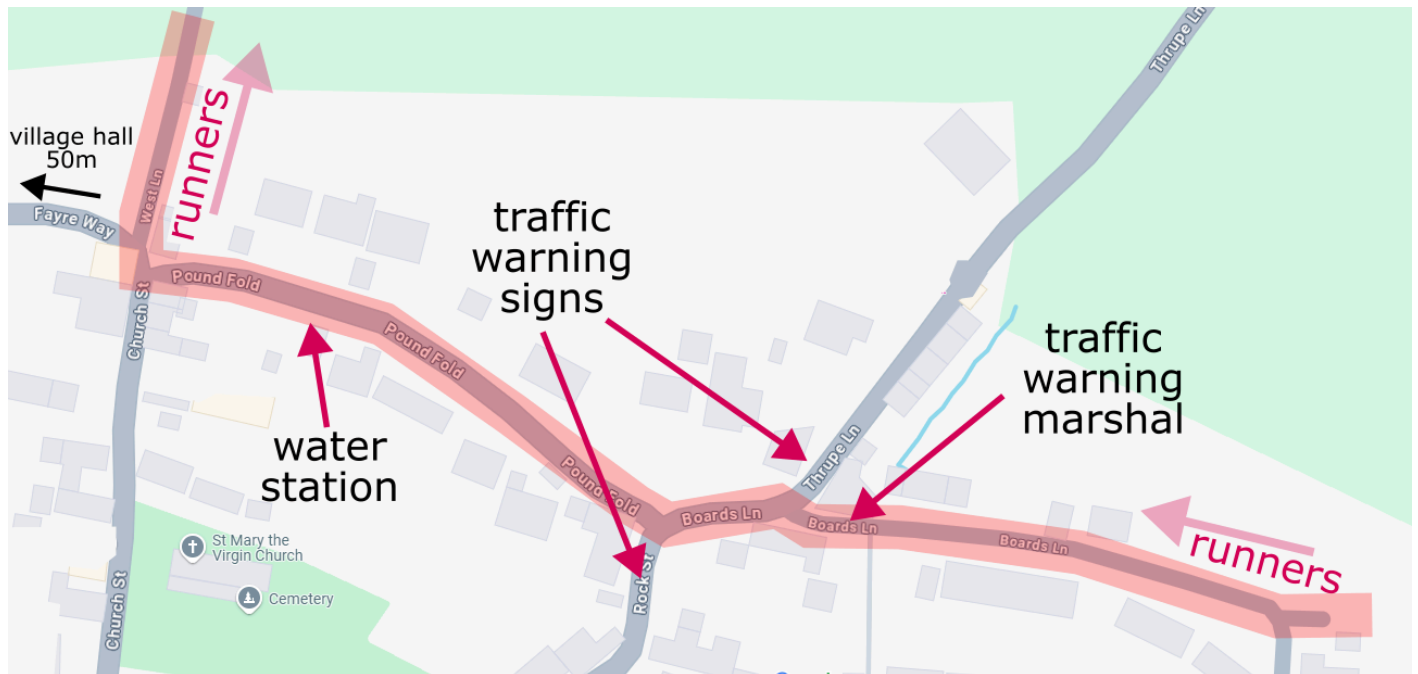
Collect all signs and message the WhatsApp group when the sweeper has passed through.

## Nearest First Aider

Rita Powell, marshal at this location, is a first aider and will have a basic first aid kit.

## Nearest Defibrillator

There is a defibrillator in Croscombe Village Hall. Call 999 in the event of serious incident, who will provide instructions on access.



## **Bottom of Ham Woods valley**

Map Location 9 <https://w3w.co/mildest.troubles.soups>

Vehicle access - no marshal

## **Bottom of West Lane, Croscombe**

Map Location 11 <https://w3w.co/loads.luring.poses>

Vehicle access - no marshal

## **Top of West Lane, exit onto Thrupe Lane**

Map Location 12 <https://w3w.co/smaring.bulge.wriggle>

Vehicle access - no marshal

## Maesbury Up - Road Crossing

Map Location 13 <https://w3w.co/freezers.evidently.cabinet>

John Reynolds in charge - set up at 10:45 for action between 11:00 to 12:30

### Logistics

Traffic cones and signs will be delivered to your location in advance.

The task at this location is to **warn runners** coming up Thrupe Lane about the traffic on Old Frome Road, as they cross to the stile into the field opposite. Except in the case of an emergency, do **not** attempt to slow or direct traffic as you are legally not allowed to do so.

Message the WhatsApp group when the sweeper has passed through.

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## Maesbury Castle

Map Location 14 <https://w3w.co/framework.admire.markets>

John Powell (Bagpipe Player)

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# Maesbury Down - Water Station & Road Crossing

Map Location 15 <https://w3w.co/diets.bets.remodels>

Jane Whittaker in charge with Jo Swift & Louise Stapleton - set up at 10:30 for action 11:00 to 12:30

## Logistics

Please collect your marshal materials in advance. Traffic cones and signage will be delivered to the location on Saturday afternoon.

## Gates & Parking

Open the three gates indicated on the map below, park well off the road on the track.

## Water Station

Set up the water station on the track, well away from the road and not too near to the bee hives.

## Cones and Hazard Tape

Set up the traffic cones and hazard tape along the roadside at the exit from the track; to stop anyone parking there and to prevent runners going into the road, directing them left along the grass verge.

The task at this location is to **warn runners** coming down from Maesbury Castle about the traffic on Old Frome Road, as they run 20m up the verge before crossing the road into the field opposite. Except in the case of an emergency, do not attempt to slow or direct traffic as you are legally not allowed to do so.

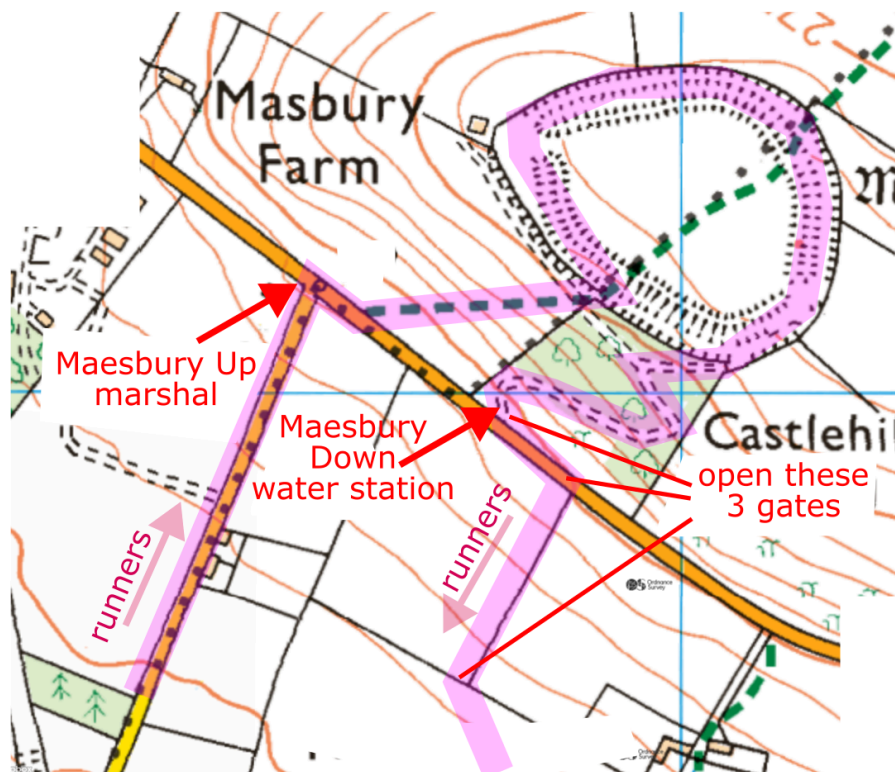
## Afterwards

Close gates, collect equipment & message the WhatsApp group when the sweeper has passed through.

## First Aid Kit

The marshals at this location have a basic first aid but are not first aid trained.

Call 999 in the event of serious incident, message the group chat or call the primary contacts listed, in the event of any minor issues.



## Burnt House Farm

Map Location 16 <https://w3w.co/whirlpool.necklaces.traps>

Vehicle access point - no marshal

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## Ham Woods Viaduct

Map Location 17 <https://w3w.co/roofer.croaking.toward>

Tom Blatchford in charge 07551 777470

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## Rock Farm

Map Location 18 <https://w3w.co/interviewer.chairing.spices>

Vehicle access point - no marshal

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## Windsor Hill Tunnel

Map Location 19 <https://w3w.co/digits.safest.yummy>

Jake Harrison (Tunnel DJ) 07561 832344

Tom Makin 07729 810099

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## Forum Lane Crossing

Map Location 20 <https://w3w.co/paid.tycoons.sway>

Vehicle access point - no marshal

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## Bath Road Viaduct - Marshal

Map Location 21 <https://w3w.co/roofer.croaking.toward>

Lucy Chard in charge

set up at 10:30 for action between 11:00 to 14:00

The task at this location is to open and close the gates at the east end of Bath Road viaduct and to politely encourage pedestrians to leave access for runners.

Pedestrian sightseers are expected to visit the Bath Road viaduct between 10:30 and 13:30 as it is not open at any other time.

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## Peter Street Crossing, Shepton Mallet - Marshal

Map Location 22 <https://w3w.co/intruding.tracking.drilling>

set up at 11:30 for action between 11:45 to 13:30

The task at this location is to **warn runners** coming up the steps from the pedestrian bridge over Lower Lane about any traffic that may be on Peter Street, as they cross the road to Church Lane opposite.

Except in the case of an emergency, do **not** attempt to slow or direct traffic as you are legally not allowed to do so.

If you are unsure of the exact location come and find Martin Berkeley who will be in the market place.

# Church Lane Finish Route

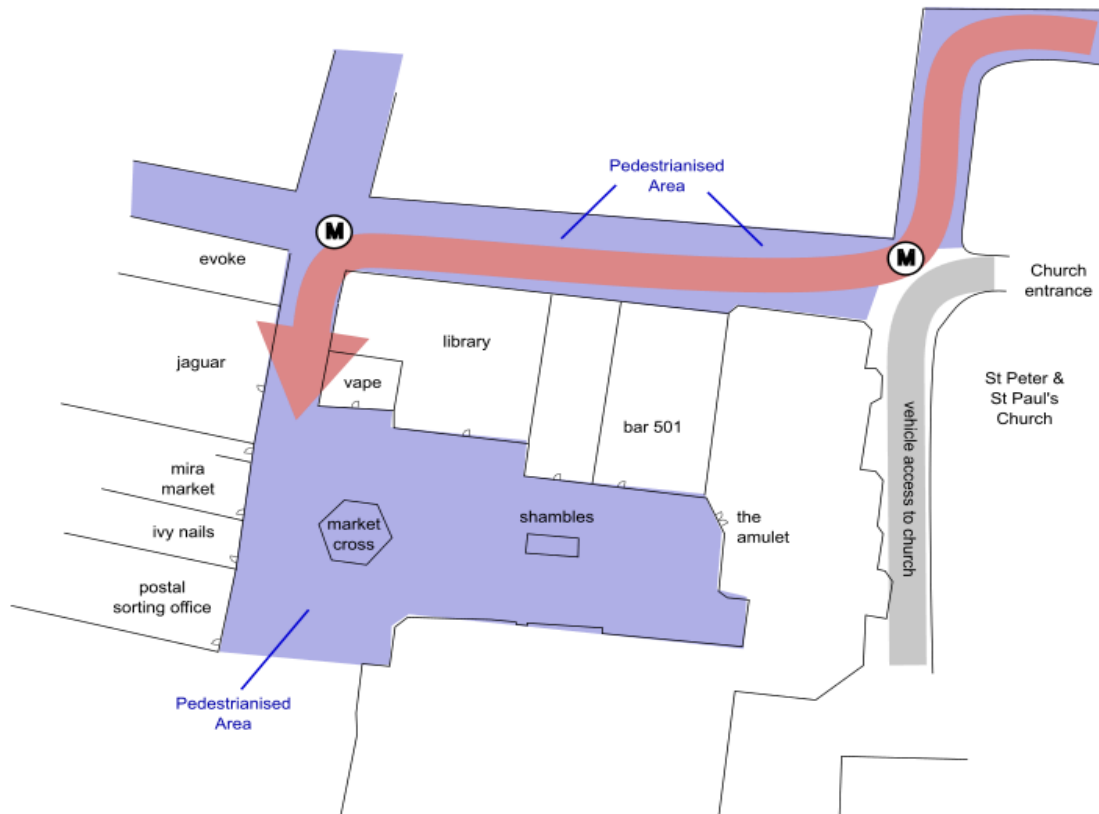
Map Location <https://w3w.co/ditched.grandest.mainly>

Map Location <https://w3w.co/howler.abstracts.central>

Two marshals from Park Lane Medical Practice are located as shown on the map below to guide runners away from the church entrance and from pedestrians on Church Lane and Town Street. set up at 11:30 for action between 11:45 to 13:30

Except in the case of an emergency, do **not** attempt to slow or direct traffic as you are legally not allowed to do so.

If you are unsure of the exact location come and find Martin Berkeley who will be in the market place



# **The Finish - Shepton Mallet Market Place**

Map Location 1 <https://w3w.co/stopwatch.correctly.leaves>

Martin Stapleton in charge & others assisting

Set up at 11:00 for action between 11:30 to 13:15

## **Chip Timed Finish**

Runners' times will be automatically recorded as they cross the finishing line.

## **Water Station & Finisher Medals**

Park Medical Practice are providing volunteers for the water station, where each running entrant will be presented with a medal.

A mains water tap will be set up in a gazebo near to the finish line, with marshals appointed to fill disposable cups for runners as they finish.

## **Prize Giving**

Prize giving will take place at 13:00 in the market place.

## **Boxty Food Tickets**

Marshal to be appointed

The marshal's task will be to hand out food tickets for pre-sold boxty meals. Boxty is sold out in advance, there are no sales available on the day.

Pete McGuire will provide a separate briefing to the catering team.

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## **Thank you**

Thank you for volunteering to help marshal at this year's event, it is much appreciated.

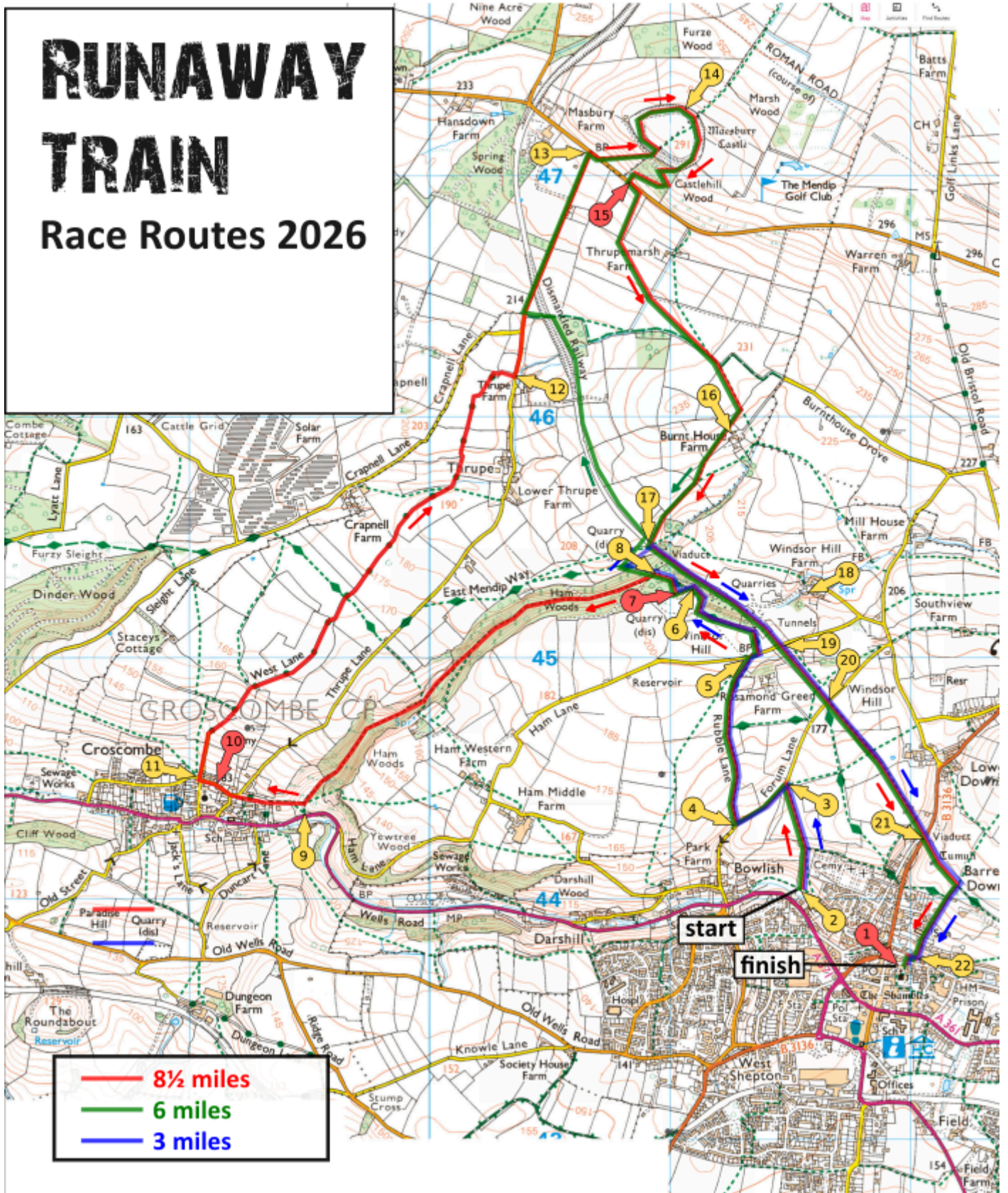
The event brings together social runners, keen racers and walkers to all enjoy a great morning out and to showcase Shepton Mallet's links to amazing countryside pathways, where cool things happen!

## Marshals 2026

Location	Role	Name	Mobile	Times
Market Place	St John Ambulance	Adam Atkins	07765 768934	
Race Route	Flour Marking	Viv Fursland		Sat 2nd
Race Route	Sign Marking	Alex Meadows		Sat 2nd
Race Route	Sign Marking	Martin Berkeley		Sat 2nd
Market Place	Registration	Martin Stapleton in charge	07941 103298 +radio	07:00-11:00
Market Place	Registration	Martin Berkeley	07966 008778 +radio	07:00-11:00
Market Place	Registration	Tim Saunders		07:00-11:00
Market Place	Registration	Rach Wren		07:00-11:00
Market Place	Registration	Thomas Ely		07:00-11:00
Market Place	Bag Drop	Angela Morley		07:00-14:00
Market Place	T-Shirts	Cosima Roth		07:00-14:00
Draycott Road	The Start	Alex Meadows in charge	07907 741711 +radio	09:00-11:30
Draycott Road	The Start	Keith Batten	07542 804502	09:00-11:30
Draycott Road	The Start	Mark Rickard	07803 272821	09:00-11:30
Draycott Road	Top Drop	Amanda Batten	07790 669720	09:30-11:30
Ham Woods	Marshal	Tom Blatchford in charge	07551 777470 +radio	09:45-12:00
Ham Woods	Marshal	+5 others	+radio	
Ham Woods	Shanty Singer	Lynn Elstob first aider	07411 199944	
Croscombe	Marshal	Rita Powers in charge	07717 598046	10:15-11:45
Croscombe	Marshal	Tatiana Storie		10:15-11:45
Maesbury Up	Marshal	John Reynolds	07745 351278	10:30-12:30
Maesbury Up	Marshal	Jo Reynolds		10:30-12:30
Maesbury Down	Marshal	Jane Whitaker in charge	07946 430421	10:30-12:30
Maesbury Down	Marshal	Jo Swift		10:30-12:30
Maesbury Down	Marshal	Louise Stapleton	07505 107777	10:30-12:30
Bath Rd Viaduct	Marshal	Lucy Chard	07518 397121 +radio	10:30-13:30
Peter Street	Marshal	Park Medical Practice	+radio	11:30-13:30
Church Lane	Marshal	Park Medical Practice		11:30-13:30
Town Street	Marshal	Park Medical Practice		11:30-13:30
Market Place	Finish	Martin Stapleton		11:30-13:30
Market Place	Finish	Martin Berkeley	07966 008778	11:30-13:30
Market Place	Water Station	Park Medical Practice		11:30-13:30
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8½ mile Route	Sweeper	Tom Kendrick	07746 218062	
Market Place	Boxy Feast	Peter McGuire	07825 338918	08:00-14:00
Market Place	Boxy Feast	Kai-Thomas Roth	07974 715999	08:00-14:00
Market Place	Boxy Feast	Caroline Crowley		08:00-14:00
Market Place	Boxy Feast	Park Medical Practice		08:00-14:00
Market Place	Boxy Feast	Park Medical Practice		08:00-14:00
Market Place	Chip Timing	Alex Bennett	07800 535139	
Windsor Hill	Entertainment	Tom Makin	07729 810099 +radio	

# RUNAWAY TRAIN

## Race Routes 2026



## Key Locations

1	Market Place	Registration & finish <b>DJ</b>	<a href="https://w3w.co/stopwatch.correctly.leaves">https://w3w.co/stopwatch.correctly.leaves</a>
2	The Meadows	Start	<a href="https://w3w.co/watched.ownership.boarding">https://w3w.co/watched.ownership.boarding</a>
3	Five Trees	<b>Drummers</b>	<a href="https://w3w.co/stopwatch.correctly.leaves">https://w3w.co/stopwatch.correctly.leaves</a>
4	Rubble Lane Bottom		<a href="https://w3w.co/minority.flame.expensive">https://w3w.co/minority.flame.expensive</a>
5	Rubble Lane Top		<a href="https://w3w.co/tops.wreck.owes">https://w3w.co/tops.wreck.owes</a>
6	Ham Woods Bottom of Steps		<a href="https://w3w.co/applauded.guises.clown">https://w3w.co/applauded.guises.clown</a>
7	Ham Woods Quarry	<b>Sea shanty singers</b>	<a href="https://w3w.co/wished.globe.commuting">https://w3w.co/wished.globe.commuting</a>
8	8½ Mile Divide	<b>Marshal</b>	<a href="https://w3w.co/sampled.sonic.testing">https://w3w.co/sampled.sonic.testing</a>
9	Bottom of Croscombe Combe		<a href="https://w3w.co/mildest.troubles.soups">https://w3w.co/mildest.troubles.soups</a>
10	Croscombe Water	<b>Marshal</b> & water-station	<a href="https://w3w.co/keepers.befitting.pads">https://w3w.co/keepers.befitting.pads</a>
11	West Lane Bottom	In Croscome	<a href="https://w3w.co/loads.luring.poses">https://w3w.co/loads.luring.poses</a>
12	West Lane Top	Exit onto Thrupe Lane	<a href="https://w3w.co/smartering.bulge.wriggle">https://w3w.co/smartering.bulge.wriggle</a>
13	Maesbury Up	<b>Marshal</b> road crossing	<a href="https://w3w.co/freezers.evidently.cabinet">https://w3w.co/freezers.evidently.cabinet</a>
14	Masebury Castle	<b>Bag-piper</b>	<a href="https://w3w.co/framework.admire.markets">https://w3w.co/framework.admire.markets</a>
15	Maesbury Down Water	<b>Marshal</b> water-station	<a href="https://w3w.co/diets.bets.remodels">https://w3w.co/diets.bets.remodels</a>
16	Burnt House Farm	Access point	<a href="https://w3w.co/whirlpool.necklaces.traps">https://w3w.co/whirlpool.necklaces.traps</a>
17	Ham Woods Viaduct	<b>Marshal</b> & <b>folk band</b>	<a href="https://w3w.co/seaside.expensive.cupcake">https://w3w.co/seaside.expensive.cupcake</a>
18	Rock Farm	Access point	<a href="https://w3w.co/interviewer.chairing.spices">https://w3w.co/interviewer.chairing.spices</a>
19	Windsor Hill Tunnel	<b>DJ &amp; light show</b>	<a href="https://w3w.co/digits.safest.yummy">https://w3w.co/digits.safest.yummy</a>
20	Forum Lane Crossing	<b>Ukelele band</b>	<a href="https://w3w.co/paid.tycoons.sway">https://w3w.co/paid.tycoons.sway</a>
21	Bath Road Viaduct	<b>Marshal</b>	<a href="https://w3w.co/roofer.croaking.toward">https://w3w.co/roofer.croaking.toward</a>
22	Peter Street Crossing	<b>Marshal</b> road crossing	<a href="https://w3w.co/intruding.tracking.drilling">https://w3w.co/intruding.tracking.drilling</a>

## Logistics Deliveries

Friday	
Rock Farm	3m gazebo, 60 X 863 pegs
Tom Blatchford	3 radios
Croscombe	2m gazebo, 3 water, cups, 10 jelly babies, 4 RIR, 1 RA
Saturday	
Five Trees	1 RIR, 1 RA
Rubble Lane Bottom	1 RIR
Rubble Lane Top	2 RIR, 1 RA
West Lane Top	2 RIR, 1 RA
Maesbury Up	2 RIR
Maesbury Down	2 tables, 6 water, cups, 2 jugs, bin bags, flour, 12 jelly babies, 3 RIR, 1 RA
Forum Lane Crossing	2 RIR, 1 RA
Sunday	
Market Place	registration, DJ, boxty kitchen, water
Start	bunting, signs, bag drop
Peter Street Crossing	2 RIR, 1 RA

## Route Marking Pegs

Description	Person	Quantity
8½ + 6 + 3 mile pegs	Martin	140
6 mile pegs	Martin	30
6 + 3 mile pegs	Martin	10
8½ mile pegs	Alex	130
8½ + 6 mile pegs	Alex	90
<b>Total</b>		<b>400</b>