



Race Report

HOY HALF MARATHON

Date: 12th June 2011
Location: Orkney Isles

By Tony Flint

Peter Chittenden and Tony Flint were in the Orkney Islands, north of Scotland, for the Hoy half marathon on Sunday 12 June 2011.

Staying in Kirkwall on the main island, we were collected by bus at 8 am on the day of the race and taken to the ferry port for the 45 minute crossing to the island of Hoy. The race started in the desolate Rackwick valley and followed a very hilly single track road to the finish at the islands only school.

The first inhabited house on the course was at about 10 miles, and the worst hill was at about 5 miles it just went up and up for a mile and a half and then dropped sharply for the next mile, and there was another at mile 12, a nasty little hill which got worse around the corner, after this we coasted downhill to the finish.

Later at a presentation in the school hall, each runner received a medal and a timed certificate. Trophies were awarded to the age category winners and Peter won the over 70s section again and retained the Zimmer Frame trophy he won at Hoy last year.

Our times:

Peter 2 hours 08 minutes 06 seconds.

Tony 2 hours 13 minutes 17 seconds.