

# HALIFAX URBAN TRAIL

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# **“A TRAIL RACE LIKE NO OTHER”**

*A wacky idea, perhaps, but the inaugural Halifax Urban Trail held on Easter Monday 2026 proved to be an extraordinary success. All comments in this booklet are direct quotes from those participating in or watching the event.*



**“I had a grin on my face the whole way round.”**

**“What an extraordinary idea which was so incredibly well executed by all involved. Please do pass on our gratitude to all your team and to all the buildings that threw open their doors to allow us to run through”**

**“Absolutely loved this race!! I’ve done about a million 10k’s but this is definitely my new favourite, what a great idea!”**

**“Well what can I say! I think the Halifax Urban Trail run is the best race I have ever done! And I have done hundreds of races over the years.”**

**“From everything I’ve seen and heard, the unanimous view was that the Urban Trail was a huge success – “best 10k I’ve ever done” (from a very experienced runner).”**



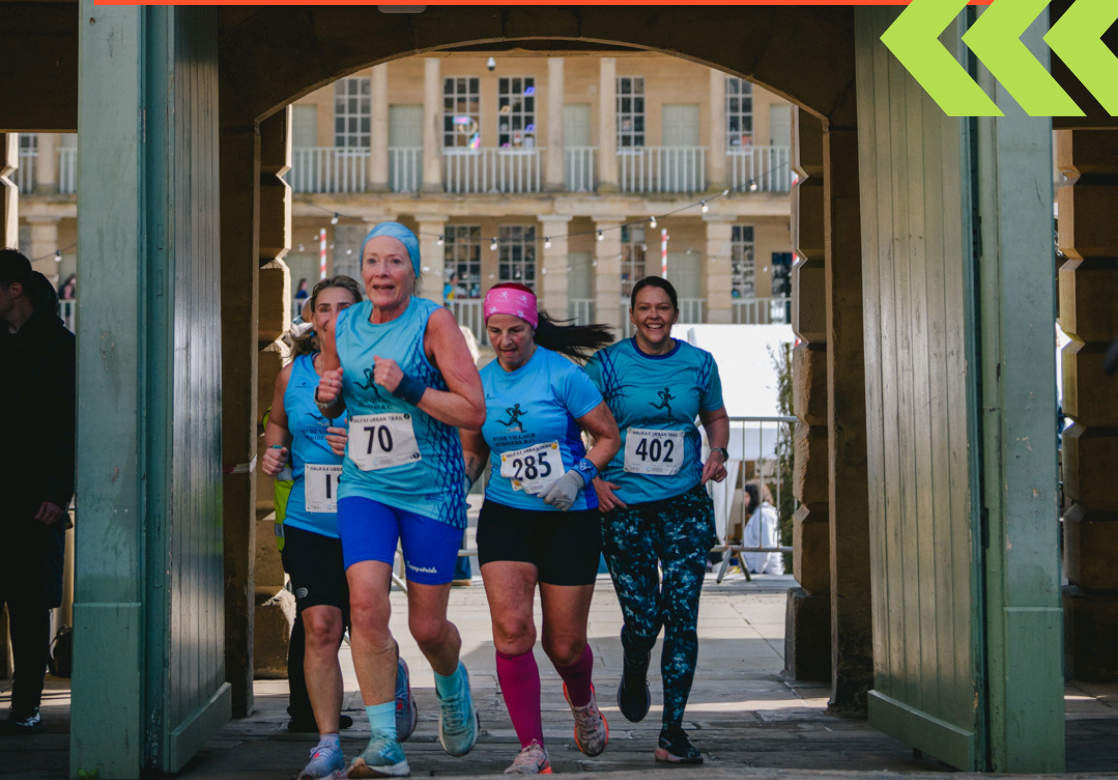
# THE PIECE HALL

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**“Yesterday's Halifax Urban trail race was one of the best races I have ever done”**

**“Wow! I am still buzzing, what a race! When are entries open for next year?”**

**“One of the most wonderful and astonishing experiences of my life”**





**“The support around the town was amazing”**

**“You all did Halifax proud”**

**“It was a fantastic event and route, thank you so much! The views after the first climb were incredible. First time visiting Halifax and it was beautiful to run through the town. What a great place to live.”**

# SHOWING HALIFAX TO ITS BEST

*A memorable bank holiday for the runners... but also an opportunity to show just what a fine town Halifax is – and to get a little bit of money into the local economy*

**“Events like this bring the community together in such a positive and inspiring way.”**

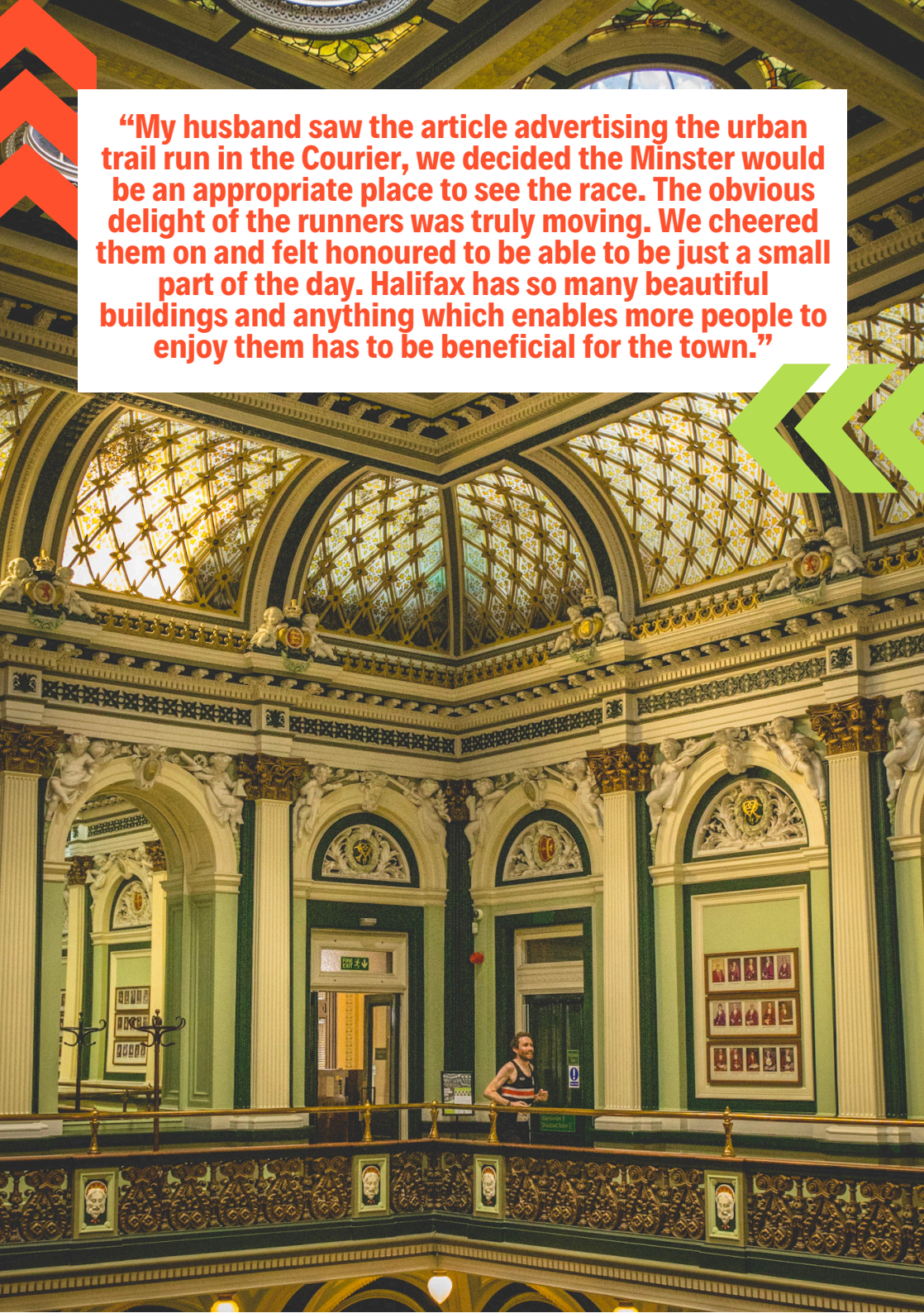
**“I genuinely didn’t know what to expect, but it completely exceeded anything I could have imagined. Despite being born and raised in Halifax, I found myself discovering places and perspectives I had never seen before, which made it feel really special.”**

**“Having lived in Halifax all my life ( 73) I entered out of interest. I was blown away from the whole experience and look forward to next year!”**

**“Fabulous, can't say it enough. We went [afterwards] to the Piece Hall after for a spot of shopping before heading back to Stockport as I expect others did too, so helping the local businesses also!”**

**“What a wonderful event in beautiful weather leaving Halifax looking at its finest.”**

**“My husband saw the article advertising the urban trail run in the Courier, we decided the Minster would be an appropriate place to see the race. The obvious delight of the runners was truly moving. We cheered them on and felt honoured to be able to be just a small part of the day. Halifax has so many beautiful buildings and anything which enables more people to enjoy them has to be beneficial for the town.”**





**“I wondered if you did it to encourage visitors to Halifax. If you did, it worked! We've only been [in the past] to go to Eureka and have never explored the town. However, it was clear from running around it that there's lots on offer that we would enjoy and we will be back for a family day out to explore the town.”**

# RUNNING THROUGH HALIFAX'S LANDMARK BUILDINGS

*Almost five hundred runners took part in the event, running through some of Halifax's most iconic buildings: the Minster, the Piece Hall, Borough Market, the Town Hall, and Dean Clough (Crossley Art Gallery)*

**“The highlight for me was the Minster with the sun shining through the stained glass and the organist belting out the tunes. Very moving.”**

**“Highlights have to have been the organist in the Minster, the crowds in the Piece Hall and the shop owners clapping us around. Beautiful piano pieces being played in the art gallery... just lovely.”**





**“For us the highlight was Halifax Minster, we could have gone round and round there several times. The support in there was fantastic and what a touch to have the organist playing, especially Chariots of Fire.”**

**“I'm not religious but found the section through the Minster with the organ playing very emotional. I also loved the pianist in Dean Clough!”**

**“Special mention to the musical accompaniment at the Minster and in Dean Clough.”**



**“The surprise pianist at Dean Clough was just incredible; it added something truly magical to the atmosphere and made the event stand out even more.”**

**“I absolutely loved the race! It was the wackiest and most fun I’ve ever done. The atmosphere around the Piece Hall was a highlight.”**

# THANK YOU, MARSHALS!

*Around seventy marshals, including volunteers from Halifax's Rotary Club, Overgate Hospice, the Piece Hall, the Minster, local running clubs, and local Scouts and Guides, were in place on the route around Halifax.*

**“Every single volunteer had a smile and all deserve a medal – please thank them.”**

**“I do want to give one massive thank you to you for organising it and to the marshals. They were brilliant. All so friendly and encouraging. Please, please let them all know how great and appreciated they were.”**

**“Halifax looked splendid in the sunshine, and your volunteers were super smiley and there were so many of them too.”**

**“The Marshalls were outstanding. Supportive welcoming and exactly where they needed to be”**



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**“Today, 500 runners will be dashing through Halifax on a 10km route that includes the minster, market, town hall, Dean Clough art gallery and the town’s Piece Hall. It is, the organisers believe, the first race of its kind in the UK”**

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