

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR

2001	Julie Holdsworth for an impressive series of performances with many PBs set, consistently being placed first or second in her age category and winning both the Mileta 10 miles and the Holmfirth 15 miles outright.
2002	John Jennison for his tenacity in completing a 100 mile event in the Lake District. Despite the terrain, illness and friends dropping by the wayside, he got round in 41:23:51, sheer willpower got him round.
2003	Kate Taylor for competing in 6 marathons in 6 different countries as well as many preparatory races.
2004	Kate Taylor for competing in 7 marathons in 7 different countries, if you count the Isle of Man as a country! Kate was third lady overall in the Isle of Man race and also won her age category.
2005	Sue Coates for becoming Yorkshire F55 champion at 5 miles, 10 miles and the half marathon distances
2006	Andrew Travis for his magnificent effort in breaking 12 hours in the Ironman Triathlon in Austria.
2007	Quentin Lewis for his 40 th place finish out of a field of nearly 4,000 runners in the Sheffield half marathon in a time of 1:20:06 and for winning the Baildon Carnival Canter.
2008	Emma Hinkles for the Windermere Marathon in a time of 3:45:33 and the Wharfedale Off- Road Half Marathon, when Emma finished third female in a time of 2:07:00. Both events are much harder than the average race.
2009	Denise Johnson for her third F50 place finish in the Palma Half Marathon in a year when she set club age category records at every distance from 5K to 15 miles inclusive.
2010	Chris Burke for a string of performances such as first M40 at Wrose 5K, fifth M40 at Full Brontë 5 miles, competing in the Bradford Millennium Way relay, selection for the Airedale Athletics representative side, competing at the Northern Road Relays, managing a top 15 finish in the Winter League and achieving age category club records at 10K and half marathon. Topping this off was an excellent 1:04:15 at the demanding Otley 10 miles race on a hideously wet and windy night.
2011	Neil Fairburn for competing in 75 races this year over untold miles of running and feet of ascent. That's over 1½ races a week, every week, for 48 weeks! That dedication took Neil to runners up spot in the Summer Off Road league and winner of the Club Shield for highest points scorer in the Summer Championship.
2012	Quentin Lewis for PBs over three distances and several race wins in 2012, Quentin was nominated by club members for his début performance in the Three Peaks fell race and, if that wasn't enough, he went on to take 3 minutes off the course record and win the Wharfedale half marathon in 1:25:07.
2013	Michelle Morris for the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Race in a time just outside 5 hours, Michelle had not run anything like this distance before (it's around 23 miles and obviously very hilly!). If you've not done the 3 peaks it's difficult to appreciate what a feat this was. Even getting to the checkpoints inside the strict race cut-off times is difficult enough. Don Johnson for a parkrun in 29:36 when 8 weeks previously he was in a wheelchair and did not know if he would even walk again. He has since improved that time to 26:30 only 4 weeks later as he continues to go from strength to strength, not only in his running but also in his sheer determination to beat a very serious illness.

2014	Michelle Morris for the City to Summit race which is a 2.4 miles swim in the Firth of Forth, followed by cycling 112 miles to Glencoe and finished off by a full marathon up Ben Nevis.
2015	Michelle Morris for her Marathon des Sables which is 156 miles over 6 days across the Sahara Desert. Michelle was 700th out of 1,300 starters and 60th out of 250 ladies in 49:24:15.
2016	Michael Malyon for winning the Over The Odda 10K, the Baildon Carnival Canter and the Yorkshireman Half Marathon. Also for setting new club age category records for the 20 miles and marathon distances.
2017	Jim Wheldon for being second in the M65 category in the English Fell Runners Association Championship and for winning the Summer Off-road Championship resulting in being awarded the Airedale Athletics plaque.
2018	Emma Wilkins for winning the Airedale Athletics off-road summer challenge, finishing first female in the Yorkshireman off road marathon involving over 3,000 feet of climbing and playing a vital part in the club winning the West Yorkshire Winter League.
2019	Andy Robinson for winning the Yorkshireman Half Marathon in a time of 1:48 and achieving a sub 3 hour finish in the Lisbon Marathon.
2020	Not awarded due to the Coronavirus pandemic.
2021	Simon Bell, Chris Burke, Greg Edgley and Michael Malyon who made up the Three Peaks Fell Race team which came 7th overall, a truly outstanding achievement against the best fell runners in the country.
2022	Emma Wilkins for her performance in a number of ultra marathons.
2023	Josh Yeadon for his amazing performance in the Bob Graham Round and for his leading role at the National Fell Relays.
2024	Sam Cordingley stepping outside of his comfort zone as a runner and doing his first Ironman Triathlon in Copenhagen and smashing it.