



PSUK CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

6 March 2024

Chatsworth, Derbyshire

Dear Colleague,

Derbyshire is proud to be hosting the 2024 PSUK cross country championships this season.

We are very grateful to the Duke of Devonshire and his family for allowing us the use of Chatsworth Park.

Here is the basic information about the race and the evening function and how to enter.

Venue.

Chatsworth is one of the finest estates in the country and is situated in the Peak District not far from Bakewell.

Access to the area being used for the race is by following the tourist road signs to Chatsworth House off the B6012. No other park entrances will be open.

Parking will be marshalled and the area to be used is adjacent to the House.

We can use the toilets there too, but there will be no proper changing facilities. We'll put up a few gazebos which can be used for preserving your modesty and, although a Wednesday in early March is unlikely to attract much in the way of visitors to Chatsworth, it will be open to the public so please bear that in mind.

There is a café too should you wish to use it.

Entries.

We are using Fabian 4 as our entry system - <https://www.fabian4.co.uk/default.aspx?EventID=3550>

There are two options:

Race only - £12

Race + evening function - £52

There is a third option on the system for the evening do only, but this is reserved for race PSUK / Team Police officials and is not to be used without prior permission from the organiser.

There is an unlimited number of places for the race but there are only 250 places for the evening function.

Race.

The ladies' race will be at 1.30pm over a distance of approximately 7km.

The men's race will be at 2.30pm over a distance of approximately 10km.

The start and finish will be close to the car park just to the front of the House.

There will be an army of volunteer helpers and a retired colleague photographer so please look and act as cheerfully as you can.

We've been asked to see if we can incorporate anything relevant to International Women's Day which is two days after the race. One suggestion has been to provide a creche for the afternoon. Please let me know if you'd be interested in taking up this offer (email address below).

There's also the Chatsworth Farmyard next to where the race will be, so any kids might like to go there and see some cute animals rather than watch a load of boring runners!

Evening presentation.

This will be held at the Palace Hotel in Buxton (SK17 6AG) with arrivals from 6.30 for a 7pm start.

Buxton is approximately 20 minutes from Chatsworth and is a pleasant drive.

The event will comprise an arrival drink, the presentation of the race awards, a "hot fork" buffet and live entertainment and your chance to display your dancing skills. We will have a DJ and dance floor saxophonist Cat Hanson (Saxophonique) who will liven the place up and get you to shake of the race aches and pains interspersed with music from local singer-songwriter Tom Whitehead. You will not be disappointed!

There will be a charity collection on the night so please come armed with some money.

Accommodation.

The Palace Hotel is quite big and will accommodate many of you but Buxton, being a Victorian spa town, has plenty of other options ranging from small B&Bs, a Premier Inn and other small hotels right up the sumptuous St Anne's Hotel at The Crescent. Accommodation is for you to book separately.

Facebook.

Regular news and updates will be on [\(20+\) PSUK Cross Country Champs 2024 \(Chatsworth, Derbyshire\) | Facebook](#)

Please ask for an invitation to join through the page.

Further information.

I will endeavour to answer any questions via email – karl.webster@derbyshire.police.uk

Hoping to see you in March.

Karl Webster.



