

Hare & Hounds, Old Town – Community Use Event Register

This register provides a chronological record of community, cultural, charitable, and social activities hosted by or centred on the Hare & Hounds public house, Old Town, Hebden Bridge (also commonly referred to locally as *Lane Ends*).

1999

21 December 1999

Event type: Community commentary / planning context

Description: In HebWeb letters and a related article discussing rural pub closures (focused on the Mount Skip Inn), the Hare & Hounds at Old Town (also referred to as Lane Ends) is cited as a *separate positive example* of a well-run hilltop pub that “arouses our loyalties”, illustrating its established reputation and recognised community value at that time.

Source: HebWeb letters and news archive, December 1999 (“Mount Skip Inn” / rural pub closures context)

2002–2015

Ongoing (2002–2015)

Event type: Fell race coordination / community sport

Description: The Wadsworth Fair Fell Race (later renamed the Tom Tittiman Fell Race) was organised by Calder Valley Fell Runners and used the Hare & Hounds as its race hub between 2006 and 2015. The pub provided space for race registration, kit storage, toilet access, post-race prize giving, food, and social gatherings.

Source: Calder Valley Fell Runners race history (Tom Tittiman Fell Race)

2005–present

Ongoing (annual, since 2005)

Event type: Fell race coordination / community sport

Description: The Wadsworth Half Trog, an annual fell race attracting approximately 60–120 competitors plus volunteer organisers, has been based at the Hare & Hounds since its inception in or around 2005. The pub has consistently acted as race headquarters, providing facilities for registration, kit drop, toilets, prize giving,

hot food, and post-race socialising.

Source: Calder Valley Fell Runners correspondence and club records

2006

July 2006

Event type: Community meeting / local history

Description: Hare & Hounds used as a venue for a public local history talk ("Down Your Way: Looking back at Old Town and district"), demonstrating use of the pub as a community meeting and heritage venue.

Source: HebWeb "What's On" archive

2010

December 2010

Event type: Charity / cultural support

Description: Hare & Hounds acts as a ticket outlet and informal hub supporting local charity and cultural events linked to Wainsgate Chapel and Old Town community activities, including fundraising concerts.

Source: HebWeb event listings

27 August 2010 - ongoing

Event type: Community group / gardening

Description: Establishment of the Wadsworth Gardening Group, meeting monthly at the Hare & Hounds, indicating regular structured community use of the premises as a group meeting venue.

Source: HebWeb news item (27 Aug 2010)

2011

2 April 2011

Event type: Charity walk / community fundraiser

Description: Organised 5-mile charity walk starting and finishing at the Hare & Hounds in aid of Calder Valley Search & Rescue Team. Communal food provided at the pub after the walk, reinforcing its role as a social hub.

Source: HebWeb event listing

June 2011

Event type: Visitor use / outdoor event coordination

Description: During a fell-running event weekend, participants staying at the nearby Little

Nook Farm CL (Certified Location) were encouraged to walk to and from the Hare & Hounds (Lane Ends), which acted as the primary social and hospitality venue for campers and runners. Contemporary accounts describe direct access being facilitated between the CL and the pub, evidencing active use of the pub by visitors staying at the caravan site.

Source: Dated fell-running forum discussion (2011)

22 October 2011

Event type: Charity walk / community social

Description: Organised Old Town circular charity walk starting and finishing at the Hare & Hounds, including raffle and shared meal at the pub.

Source: HebWeb event listing

2012

June–July 2012

Event type: Arts and cultural exhibition

Description: Hare & Hounds used as one of three main venues for the Old Town Art Mile, hosting exhibitions by local artists over a multi-week period.

Source: HebWeb “What’s On” listings

2013

June–July 2013

Event type: Arts and cultural exhibition

Description: Continued use as a venue for the Old Town Art Mile, hosting work by local artists and attracting residents and visitors.

Source: HebWeb “What’s On” listings

2014

31 October 2014

Event type: Live music / themed community event

Description: Halloween live band event hosted at the Hare & Hounds, publicly advertised and open to the community, demonstrating its role as a local live music venue.

Source: HebWeb event listing

2016

2 January 2016

Event type: Charity fundraiser / emergency response

Description: The Hare & Hounds hosted a large-scale charity fundraising event in support of Calder Valley Flood Relief following the Boxing Day 2015 floods. The event included a bring-and-buy sale, children's activities (face painting and mask making), afternoon tea, live music, and a public charity auction, with all landlord proceeds donated to flood relief. The event was publicly advertised and ran throughout the afternoon and evening, demonstrating use of the pub as a community coordination and fundraising venue during a local emergency.

Source: Calder Valley Flood Relief fundraiser poster and event notice (dated 2 January 2016)

30 April 2016

Event type: Community transport / sustainable travel

Description: Hare & Hounds selected as the launch site for the Old Town We:Cycle electric bike hub, supporting access for hilltop communities and acting as a focal point for sustainable transport initiatives.

Source: HebWeb news article

January 2016

Event type: Visitor and tourism-related community use

Description: A TripAdvisor exchange explicitly links visitor stays at Little Nook Farm CL with visits to the Hare & Hounds, with the pub's landlord acknowledging guests' use of both the caravan site and the pub. This confirms an established relationship between the CL and the Hare & Hounds as part of the visitor experience.

Source: TripAdvisor review and owner response (2016)

2016–2025

Ongoing (2016–2025)

Event type: Fell race coordination / community sport

Description: The Castle Carr Full and Castle Carr Half fell races were organised from the Hare & Hounds between 2016 and 2025, until the venue was no longer available and the races were relocated and re-routed. The pub provided space for race management, facilities for competitors and supporters, and post-race hospitality.

Source: Calder Valley Fell Runners correspondence

2017

June–July 2017

Event type: Arts and heritage event

Description: Hare & Hounds used as an exhibition venue during the Old Town Art Mile and

associated heritage-linked events, including family and community participation.

Source: HebWeb event listings

Recurring community use (multiple years, pre-2020)

Ongoing (multiple years)

Event type: Regular social events

Description: Weekly quiz nights held at the Hare & Hounds, repeatedly referenced by residents as a core and long-standing social activity.

Source: HebWeb forum testimony (October 2020)

Ongoing (multiple years)

Event type: Live music and seasonal events

Description: Regular live music, themed nights, and seasonal celebrations, including well-attended New Year's Eve events.

Source: HebWeb forum testimony; social media references

Ongoing (multiple years)

Event type: Seasonal community events (Bonfire Night and fireworks)

Description: Annual Bonfire Night and fireworks events hosted at or centred on the Hare & Hounds (Lane Ends), widely referenced by residents as major community gatherings forming part of the Old Town social calendar.

Source: Social media event posts; photographic evidence; resident testimony

Ongoing (multiple years)

Event type: Walking, cycling, and outdoor activities

Description: Use of the Hare & Hounds as a start, finish, or coordination point for pub walks, heritage walks, fell races, and informal walker and cyclist gatherings.

Source: HebWeb event listings; Calderdale Heritage Walks listings; fell race documentation

Ongoing (multiple years)

Event type: Cultural tradition (Pace Egg play)

Description: Hare & Hounds included as a performance stop in the traditional Midgley Pace Egg play route, evidencing participation in long-standing regional cultural traditions.

Source: Dated Pace Egg play route listings

2011–2024

Ongoing (multiple years)

Event type: Visitor and tourism-related community use

Description: Visitor reviews, caravan club listings, and travel forum posts consistently reference the Hare & Hounds (Lane Ends) as a nearby and regularly used pub for guests

staying at Little Nook Farm CL. This demonstrates sustained use of the pub by campers and motorhome visitors as part of local tourism activity.

Source: Caravan & Motorhome Club listings; visitor reviews; travel forum posts (2011–2024)

2020

October 2020

Event type: Community testimony

Description: Departure of long-standing landlords Jeanette and Dave after approximately 19 years. Public tributes explicitly reference quiz nights, live music, charity events, pub walks, fell races, Bonfire Night events, New Year's Eve celebrations, and the pub's central role in community life.

Source: HebWeb Discussion Forum, October 2020 thread

2 July 2020

Event type: Community support / partnership event

Description: Hare & Hounds hosted Calder Community Cares' "Eat Together, Stay Home" initiative during the Covid-19 pandemic, preparing and distributing approximately 80 roast meals to residents self-isolating, supported by volunteers.

Source: Calder Community Cares posts; dated photographic evidence

2021–2024

Ongoing

Event type: Community pub and visitor use

Description: Continued operation as a public house and destination for walkers and visitors, with regular public reviews and listings indicating ongoing social and visitor use.

Source: TripAdvisor; walking and pub stopover listings

Ongoing

Event type: Operational pattern change

Description: Public listings and resident accounts indicate periods of reduced opening days and limited availability, affecting consistency of community access during this period.

Source: Public listings; resident testimony; online reviews

Ongoing

Event type: Planning relevance note

Description: Periods of reduced opening hours should not be interpreted as evidence of reduced community demand or lack of viability, given the extensive documented history of sustained community use before and after this period.

Source: Planning interpretation based on documented community use and third-party listings

2022–2025

Ongoing (past 3 years)

Event type: Community sport / club social event

Description: The Calder Valley Fell Runners Summer Handicap, an internal club race attracting approximately 30–35 runners plus organisers and spectators, has been headquartered at the Hare & Hounds for the past three years. Each event concluded with a club social held at the pub.

Source: Calder Valley Fell Runners correspondence

December 2024

Event type: Seasonal food / Christmas opening

Description: Publication of Christmas opening arrangements and festive menu information, demonstrating planned use of the premises for seasonal gatherings and family meals.

Source: Hare & Hounds official website post (October 2024)

2025

27 April 2025

Event type: Tourism and media recognition

Description: Hare & Hounds featured by Visit Hebden Bridge in connection with national television coverage (*Perfect Pub Walks*), highlighting its role in walking culture, tourism, and community life shortly before sale.

Source: Visit Hebden Bridge social media post