

## **Sixt rent a car Team 10 Kilometre Run**

In aid of the [Regine Sixt Children's Aid Association](#) and [Helen's Trust](#)

On Sunday 31st May eight of the Sixt UK Head Office Team became "Golden Gaters" in the second annual Chatsworth Golden Gate 10 Km run.



### **The Duke of Devonshire Starts the Race**

The Sixt Team acquitted themselves well as temperatures soared into the 80's on the hottest day of the year so far.

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire started the race just after 10:00 and the eight intrepid Sixt athletes set off in searing heat in a field of 900 runners, twenty head of cattle and fifty sheep up the hill towards Dobbs Edge, the Emperor Lakes and the famous Chatsworth Hunting Tower.

They climbed 150 metres in the first 2 Kilometres of the run, a very steep climb over those last 200 metres with a welcome decent over the last 2 Kilometres into the deer park and back to those Golden Gates.

The Sixt Team was made up of Richard Cusworth of Partner Relations, Wai-Yan Fung the Finance Director, David Jackson of Online Marketing, Mark Jones of Central Reservations, Ian Lawrence the Managing Director, Erica Read of Credit Control, Karen Robson of Accident Claims Unit and Adam Wilkes of Central Reservations. Leading from the front (as ever!) the Sixt Managing Director, Ian Lawrence, crossed the finish line first of the Sixt entrants, rapidly followed by Richard Cusworth.

The first lady home was Erica Read with her fiancée Mark Jones just behind. (It will always be that way Mark!!)



Team Sixt begin the race

The team were cheered on by Amy Clarke of ACU, Lee Cousins and Cameron Harvey of CRU, Michelle Needham of Accounts and her parents David and Christine (and their dog Ellie), Erica's dad Arthur and brother James, and Mark's mum Sue and brother Sean, Dave Jackson's parents Neil and Wendy and sister Anna, Karen's fiancée James and their friends Natalie, Andrew, Kirsty, Dale, Cheryl and Chris and Lynne and Andy Miles.

Dave Jackson was the next runner home and Wai-Yan Fung and Karen Robson then crossed the finish line together, with Adam Wilkes playing sweeper and ensuring they were all back safely came in just behind.

After the race Ian Lawrence commented

.....a beautiful morning in a beautiful location. Congratulations to everyone on finishing!



Ian Lawrence leads the way

and he added comments from some seasoned runners about this year's event: -

"I read the reviews from last year about the first 3km and the hill and I thought "right, ok it's gonna be tough" but I didn't quite imagine how tough. That first 3-4km is the toughest I have come across so far in my 10k experiences"

"Wow so many hills and one very steep - after this run everything else is down hill".

"Great run just be prepared for the hill climb after about 1 mile it is very, very steep"

“Fabulous scenery, tough race! - one of the toughest 10k’s on the calendar”

“I’ve been visiting Chatsworth for many years but never realised how large the hill was behind the house! The first 5K was pretty much all uphill with two particularly brutal parts to the climb”

So all in all - well done everyone a brilliant performance and thanks again to our colleagues, friends and families for cheering us on and taking the photographs - we really appreciated (and needed) it!

Ian Lawrence