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Dear Mike,

I am writing on behalf of the Mid Lancashire League to thank you and Chorley AC for staging the excellent cross-country fixture for us on Saturday 10th December 2011.

Following your event I have heard so many expressions of appreciation that I can categorically say that it was a great success and very popular. Most comments were made verbally but here are some of the e-mailed comments: "Excellent course and organisation yesterday - thanks Chorley AC and Harriers" Peter Ramsdale, Horwich RMI; " really enjoyed today. Even though I didn't run, feedback was good and it's great to get Astley Park back on the circuit. Please pass on my thanks to the hosts for putting the race on." Richard Taylor, Blackburn Harriers; "Thanks. It was an excellent XC course, with good opportunities for taking interesting photos. You might like this comment from Thomas Matthews (U13B): "It was great fun and the best course yet. It was like climbing Kilimanjaro, wading through the Nile and getting through the Amazon." I agree with him, I wish I could have run it." David Wood, Blackpool Wyre & Fylde AC.

In spite of their appreciative comments few will understand how much work you have put into the organization. However, having been party to your various course trials and rejections, I do know that good courses such as Chorley's don't arrive ready made and that you have been refining the courses and arranging the off-course facilities such as the school access, pavilion accommodation, kiosk and officials food for a lot of this year. I want to say a very sincere thank-you and hearty congratulations.

We were lucky with the weather and, although wet underfoot, more than six-hundred runners, a good number for an event on one of the main Christmas shopping days, were given the benefit of sport at a time when choice of events is scarce.

Chorley AC's contribution to the League has been considerable and extremely valuable. Please accept my sincere thanks to every member of Chorley AC who helped but most especially to yourself. Once again, many thanks - you did a magnificent job.

Yours sincerely,

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