



Dear Sir or Madam,

We wish to inform you that the **Condor Executive Antrim Coast Half Marathon** will take place on **Sunday 23rd August 2026**.

The Antrim Coast Half Marathon continues to hold **World Athletics Elite Label Road Race** status and has firmly established itself as one of the world's leading half marathons. Renowned for attracting world-class athletes alongside thousands of runners from across the globe, the event also showcases the spectacular Antrim Coast to an international audience while delivering significant economic and tourism benefits to the local area.

We are writing to residents along the race route to provide advance notice of the arrangements for the 2026 event. As in previous years, every effort will be made to minimise disruption. However, temporary road closures will be necessary to ensure the safety of participants, spectators, volunteers and local residents.

This year's programme will begin with the **Antrim Coast 5K**, which will start at **9:00am**, followed by the **Antrim Coast Half Marathon** at **11:00am**. Detailed information regarding road closures, access arrangements and anticipated reopening times is enclosed with this letter and will also be available on our website.

Throughout the event, emergency access will be maintained at all times. Our traffic management team will work closely with the emergency services to ensure they can respond promptly should the need arise.

We would like to thank the residents of Larne, Drains Bay and Ballygally for your continued support. The warm welcome and encouragement you provide each year create a fantastic atmosphere for participants and visitors alike. We hope you will once again join us in celebrating another memorable day of world-class sport on the Antrim Coast.

If you have any specific questions or concerns regarding the event or road closures, please contact the event team by email at info@antrimcoasthalfmarathon.com.

For additional information, including road closure details and event updates, please visit our website:

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Thank you for your cooperation, patience and understanding. We greatly appreciate your support in helping to make this event a success for our local community and all those taking part.

Kind regards,

Ruth McIlroy
Event Director

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Note: roads will reopen behind the last runner and road closure timings are therefore likely to be shorter than that requested

Full Closure: **Promenade, Chaine Memorial Road** from junction of Tower Road to junction with Chelmsford Avenue. **06:00-15:00** Note: no parking cones will be placed along Chaine Memorial Road from Tower Road to Chaine Memorial Tower early Saturday 22 August to facilitate event set up. Residents will be advised in advance. This is a slightly earlier start time than in previous years to accommodate the 5Km race.

Full Closure: **Glenarm Road/ A2 Coast Road** from junction with Victoria Road to junction with Branch Road **06:00- 14:00** Note: No parking cones will be placed along Glenarm Road from Victoria Road to Town Parks carpark early on race day. Residents will be advised in advance and asked not to park on this stretch of the race route. They will be directed to park their vehicle lower Glenarm Road or Town Parks carpark if necessary. This is a slightly earlier start time than in previous years to accommodate the 5Km race.

Full Closure: **Victoria Road** from junction with The Roddens to junction with Glenarm Road. **08:00- 12:00** Note: no parking cones will be placed along this same stretch of road early on race day. Residents will be advised in advance and requested not to park their car along this part of the race route. They will be directed to leave their vehicle in Fairhill carpark and Tech carpark instead. PSNI will help facilitate access to churches on Victoria Road and the chapel on Agnew Street as able.

Full Closure: **Victoria Road** from junction with High Street to junction with The Roddens **10:00 -12:00** This will open behind the last runner when they reach ~6Km marker, entering Glenarm Road

Full Closure: **Pound Street** from junction with A8 to junction with High Street **10:30-11:30**.

Full Closure → Rolling Road Closure: **A8 dual carriageway** between Antiville Roundabout and Harbour Roundabout in both directions **10:30 -11:20**. This is to ensure all traffic on race route has cleared by race start time 11:00 and that there are no vehicles on the A8 part of route until last runner has entered Redlands Road. Note: Traffic Management coning of north bound A8 will permit vehicles to continue to exit the harbour beyond this time if required. Harbour traffic will be held from 10:45 to ensure race route is free of moving vehicles. Once the last runner has entered Redlands Road the A8 Harbour Highway will open with lane restriction in both north and sound bound directions.

Full Road Closure: **Redlands Road** **10:30- 12:00** This road will open behind last runner.

Full Closure: Rolling closure/restricted flow **A8 Harbour Highway** from junction of Redlands Road to A2 Coast Road/ Circular Road. **10:30-12:30**

Full Closure: **Main Street** from junction of Curran Road to High Street. From **10:00- 12:30** This will open behind last runner. The section of Main Street between Agnew Street and Curran Road will be coned to maximise the road width and facilitate the exiting of any fire vehicles required during the race.

Full Closure: Rolling closure/restricted flow for **High Street, Pound Street, Victoria Road**. From Junction of Bridge Street/Riverdale to Junction of Glenarm Road. **10:30-12:30** This will open behind last runner.

Full Closure: **A2 Coast Road** from Junction of Glenarm Road to Cairncastle Road Ballygally. An extended closure is required to facilitate the safe erection and dismantling of the road division (cones). This will be a rolling road closure with limited access being permitted behind the last runner (eg access to Cairndhu Golf Club from Larne estimated at 12:30) **08:00- 14:30**

Full Closure: **Grace Avenue and Grave Avenue North**, from A2 Coast Road to junction with Croft Road. **10:30- 14:30**

Full Closure: **Croft Road** from junction of Grace Avenue North to junction of Cairncastle Road. **10:30- 14:30**

Full Closure: **Cairncastle Road** from junction of Croft Road to junction with A2 Coast Road. **10:30- 14:30**