

## Manx King of the Mountains 2009

Despite rumours of interest in this year's King of the Mountains Challenge, just three

hardy individuals tackled the demanding course on Bank Holiday Monday.

Joanne Clark put the men to shame by turning out in the strong winds and, at times,

heavy rain. She made it to St Luke's (64km) in 3:23:12. A worthy effort!

Julian Corlett demonstrated powerful form even though hampered by the battering winds

and poor road conditions to set a course record of just a shade over 5 hours at 5:00:43; his sub-5-hour time being spoiled by the traffic lights above Foxdale. He is

this year's undisputed King of the Mountains - demonstrating the fastest times on every

leg.

Kale Hawkins, recovering from a back injury and clearly suffering, also soldiered on to

complete the full distance in an impressive time of 5:33:27.

The event has been blighted by poor turnout although it is understandable that many

were too shy to venture out. Next year may be the last chance to show support if the

concept is to be saved. Tough sportive events are immensely popular elsewhere but it

appears that the Island is slow to catch on.

Full results showing the split times at Maughold, Tholty, St Luke's, Niarbyl, Round

Table and Colby Glen are on [www.results.manxtiming.com](http://www.results.manxtiming.com)