



## **Around Rotherham in 80 kilometres!**

Dearne Valley College was the venue for torch donning runners as they set off at 6am on their quest to complete the 27<sup>th</sup> 80km/50m Rowbotham Round Rotherham ultra marathon!

Many people opt to run the marathon in teams completing a leg each, but not Rotherham runner Laura Cooper. After organising a team last year and again this year, Laura decided to attempt the whole thing herself and was absolutely elated to finish in around 11 hours. Laura ran to raise funds for Edale Mountain Rescue – of which she is a member, and British Heart Foundation. She was sponsored by Sheffield city centre Solicitors, Watson Esam, where her mum Michelle is a partner and head of the family department. Michelle said “I am absolutely amazed at Laura’s achievement. She has run half marathons before, but never anything at this level. It is a great way to see parts of Rotherham, running through the South Yorkshire Forest, taking in places such as Treeton, Maltby and Denaby and taking in Roche Abbey, but it is a heck of a way to do it! Watson Esam is always keen to put as much back into the community as possible and so we were delighted to have been able to support Laura”.

The Rowbotham Round Rotherham marathon is often used by super athletes as training for extreme marathons across deserts and mountains such as the Ultra Trail du Mont Blanc.