



## **South of England Cross Country Champs – Beckenham Sat 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Havering athletes contested the South of England Cross Country Championships held at a hilly and often muddy Beckenham Place Park course on Saturday.**

Freddie Rowe was always in the leading group and his eighth-place finish led home the **Under 15 Boys** squad to an eighth-place team finish. Findlay McLaren (22<sup>nd</sup>), Jack West (67<sup>th</sup>) and Stevie Reynolds in 97<sup>th</sup> completed the scorers with Shea Sweeney (109<sup>th</sup>), Sean Langan (165<sup>th</sup>), and William Tilson in 165<sup>th</sup> also competing.

Summer Smith also tracked the leaders in the **Under 13 Girls** race and finished in an excellent fifth place. Poppy Vines (157<sup>th</sup>), debutant Elena Williams and Callie Ziepe in 174<sup>th</sup> and 175<sup>th</sup> ensured the scoring four placed 21<sup>st</sup>.

Maddie Barker was 15<sup>th</sup> in the **Under 20 Women's** race with Rebecca O'Rourke placing 59<sup>th</sup>, and Luke Chester in 64<sup>th</sup> was the only one of the club's **Under 20 Men** in action. The **Under 17 Women** also lacked a scoring four with Abi Swan first home in 65<sup>th</sup> and Charlotte and Hannah Evans 69<sup>th</sup> and 85<sup>th</sup>.

The **Under 17 Men** placed 18<sup>th</sup> thanks to the efforts of Charlie Burgess (122<sup>nd</sup>), Toby Johnson (139<sup>th</sup>), Finley Wolton (144<sup>th</sup>) and Max Robbins in 149<sup>th</sup>, with Owen Fisher placing 161<sup>st</sup>. The **Under 15 Girls** were 20<sup>th</sup> as Rosie Warner finished 73<sup>rd</sup>, Daisy Leech 105<sup>th</sup> and Abi Rogers (154<sup>th</sup>) and Grace Tilson (180<sup>th</sup>) completed the team.

Ginte Bailey placed 51<sup>st</sup> for the **Senior Women** team who placed 16<sup>th</sup> as Robyn Matson was 94<sup>th</sup>, Clare Davies 164<sup>th</sup> and Jade Edwards in 196<sup>th</sup> the other scorers with Stephanie Phillips in 207<sup>th</sup>.

The **Senior Men** had a good turnout with nine athletes toeing the line. They were led home by Ben Davis in 66<sup>th</sup> with James Stewart 87<sup>th</sup> just in front of Rob Warner 94<sup>th</sup>. Ian Anthony in 300<sup>th</sup>, Martin Chester (344<sup>th</sup>) and Gary Atkins in 447<sup>th</sup> completed the scoring team which finished in 21<sup>st</sup> of the 44 complete teams. Steve Walker was not far behind in 496<sup>th</sup>. The team would no doubt have finished higher but unfortunately James Blog and Sam Atkins were both injured and failed to finish the tough nine-mile course.

## **South of England Cross Country Champs – Results**

**Senior Men:** 66<sup>th</sup> Ben Davis 50:20; 87<sup>th</sup> James Stewart 51:24; 94<sup>th</sup> Rob Warner M40 51:46; 300<sup>th</sup> Ian Anthony M40 58:49; 344<sup>th</sup> Martin Chester M50 60:52; 447<sup>th</sup> Gary Atkins M50 35:26 (**Team 21<sup>st</sup> – 1338 points**); 496<sup>th</sup> Steve Walker M50 67:10;

**Senior Women:** 51<sup>st</sup> Ginte Bailey W35 30:35; 94<sup>th</sup> Robyn Matson 31:56; 164<sup>th</sup> Clare Davies W35 34:05; 196<sup>th</sup> Jade Edwards 35:06 (**Team 16<sup>th</sup> – 505 points**); 207<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Phillips 35:28

**Under 20 Men:** 64<sup>th</sup> Luke Chester 28:34

**Under 20 Women:** 15<sup>th</sup> Maddie Barker 22:40; 59<sup>th</sup> Rebecca O'Rourke 26:43

**Under 17 Men:** 122<sup>nd</sup> Charlie Burgess 21:26; 139<sup>th</sup> Toby Johnson 22:11; 144<sup>th</sup> Finley Wolton 22:19; 149<sup>th</sup> Max Robbins 22:34 (**Team 18<sup>th</sup> – 554 points**) 161<sup>st</sup> Owen Fisher 23:20

**Under 17 Women:** 65<sup>th</sup> Abigail Swan 24:31; 69<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Evans 24:53; 85<sup>th</sup> Hannah Evans 26:05

**Under 15 Boys:** 8<sup>th</sup> Freddie Rowe 14:14; 22<sup>nd</sup> Findlay McLaren 14:33; 67<sup>th</sup> Jack West 15:18; 97<sup>th</sup> Stevie Reynolds 15:42 (**Team 8<sup>th</sup> – 194 points**). 109<sup>th</sup> Shea Sweeney 15:51; 165<sup>th</sup> Sean Langan 17:08; 168<sup>th</sup> William Tilson 17:08

**Under 15 Girls:** 73<sup>rd</sup> Rosie Warner 17:22; 105<sup>th</sup> Daisy Leech 17:58; 154<sup>th</sup> Abi Rogers 19:11; 180<sup>th</sup> Grace Tilson 21:28 (**Team 20<sup>th</sup> – 512 points**);

**Under 13 Girls:** 5<sup>th</sup> Summer Smith 10:39; 157<sup>th</sup> Poppy Vines 13:25; 174<sup>th</sup> Elena Williams 14:21; 175<sup>th</sup> Callie Ziepe 14:26 (**Team 21<sup>st</sup> - 511 points**)

