



South of England Cross Country Champs – Beckenham Sat 27th January 2024

Havering athletes wore the club colours with pride at the South of England Cross Country Championships held at a tough, hilly and very muddy Beckenham Place Park course on Saturday.

Freddie Rowe was always in medal contention but had to settle for fourth place to lead home the **Under 15 Boys** squad to a seventh-place team finish. Findlay McLaren (39th), Shea Sweeney (53rd) and Stevie Reynolds in 100th place completed the scorers with Liam Battrum (119th) and Sean Mugagga (162nd) also competing.

The **Senior Men** were led home in their tough 12km event with a good run by James Connor in 20th place. He was followed home by James Stewart in 55th, Ben Davis in 61st and Sam Atkins 67th all making the top 100 of the 700+ finishers. James Blogg (267th) and Ian Anthony completed the twelfth placed team of the 45 clubs who finished teams. Matthew Bland in 402nd, Tony Pecoraro (509th) and Roy James (639th) rounded off the Havering contingent.

The **Under 17 Women** were the only other club team to have a full complement. Hannah Evans was first home in 71st with twin Charlotte just behind in 74th as 97th placed Rosie Warner and Abigail Swan in 104th made up the 13th placed team.

Ginte Bailey in 78th, Robyn Matson in 102nd and Clare Rugeley (282nd) were one short of a scoring quartet for the **Senior Women** as were the **Under 13 Boys** squad as their fourth team member was held up in traffic and was unable to support 35th placed Joe Sewell, Callum Millard Jennings (64th) and George Burgess in 122nd.

Havering had two **Under 20 Men** competing at the challenging Beckenham course, and both did well with Matthew Blacklock 55th and Charlie Burgess placed 72nd while in the **Under 20 Women's** equivalent race Rebecca O'Rourke was the only club competitor in 67th as was Grace Tillson who placed 170th for the **Under 15 Girls**.

Senior Men: 20th James Connor 45:52; 55th James Stewart 47:25; 61st Ben Davis 47:40; 67th Sam Atkins 47:52; 267th James Blogg 54:31; 292nd Ian Anthony 55:27 (**Team 12th**); 402nd Matt Bland 58:56; 509th Tony Pecoraro 63:08; 639th Roy James 69:40

Senior Women: 78th Ginte Bailey W35 31:35; 102nd Robyn Matson 32:24; 282nd Clare Rudgley 40:02

Under 20 Men: 55th Matthew Blacklock 27:11; 72nd Charlie Burgess 28:08 ; **Under 20 Women:** 67th Rebecca O'Rourke 28:06

Under 17 Women: 71st Hannah Evans 25:04; 74th Charlotte Evans 25:10; 97th Rosie Warner 26:12; 104th Abigail Swan 26:52. (**Team 13th**).

Under 15 Boys: 4th Freddie Rowe 13:49; 39th Findlay McLaren 14:58; 53rd Shea Sweeney 15:06; 100th Stevie Reynolds 15:57 (**Team 7th**). 119th Liam Battrum 16:26; 162nd Sean Mugagga 17:42

Under 15 Girls: 170th Grace Tilson 21:20; **Under 13 Boys:** 35th Joe Sewell 10:36; 64th Callum Millard Jennings 10:57; 122nd George Burgess 11:40

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