

## South of England Cross Country Champs – Beckenham Sat 25th January 2025

There was a good turn out from Havering athletes at the South of England Cross Country Championships held at a challenging Beckenham Place Park course in bright and sunny conditions on Saturday as three club athletes made top 10 placings.

The **Senior Women** placed ninth, led home Kate O'Neill who was one position short of a podium place in fourth in her first Southern Championships appearance for five years. Lauren Reed also made the top 10 in ninth with her first Southern since 2019 while Robyn Matson improved on her 2024 position finishing 66<sup>th</sup> and Rebecca O'Rourke in 183<sup>rd</sup> confirmed a scoring quartet as Amy Leech was 245<sup>th</sup> in her first appearance at this level.

The **Under 15 Girls** were also able field a complete team, also finishing ninth team overall thanks to Poppy Vines (27th), Ruby Beasley (85th), Jasmine Asmal (91st) and Orla Friel (116th) with Jessie Lynes also competing in 149th.

Essex Schools Champion Freddie Rowe was another top 10 finisher as he placed seventh for the **Under 17 Men** as Essex Schools runner up Sam Horsley placed 25<sup>th</sup>, with Findlay McLaren in 158<sup>th</sup>, leaving them one short of a scoring four.

The **Senior Men** were led home in their tough 12km event with a good run by James Stewart with his highest placing of 45<sup>th</sup> as Rob Warner was 113<sup>th</sup> and James Blogg finishing. Matt Bland (368th), Gary Atkins (450<sup>th</sup>) and 512<sup>th</sup> placed Steve Walker completed the scoring six who placed 24<sup>th</sup>.

The club had just one finisher in the **Under 20** races as Charlie Burgess was 51<sup>st</sup> for the men and Charlotte Evans 42<sup>nd</sup> for the ladies as sister Hannah Evans did not finish. Grace Tilson (91<sup>st</sup>) and Rosie Warner (101<sup>st</sup>) flew the flag for the **Under 17 Women**.

The other three teams were all one short of a complete scoring quartet. Millie Cook was highest placed for the **Under 13 Girls** in 35<sup>th</sup> with Lucy Tregidgo 141<sup>st</sup> and Bethany Friel 160<sup>th</sup>. The **Under 13 Boys** were represented by Callum Millard Jennings (89<sup>th</sup>), Harrison Sewell (109<sup>th</sup>) and Cruz Carvell in 119<sup>th</sup> while Aidan Doherty led home the **Under 15 Boys** trio in 75<sup>th</sup> with Sean Mugagga 166<sup>th</sup> and Liam Battrum 169<sup>th</sup>

## **RESULTS**

**Senior Men:** 45<sup>th</sup> James Stewart 48:51; 113<sup>th</sup> Rob Warner M40; 246<sup>th</sup> James Blogg M45 56:36; 368<sup>th</sup> Matt Bland M55 60:51; 450<sup>th</sup> Gary Atkins M50 65:04; 512<sup>th</sup> Steve Walker M55 68:20 (**Team 24<sup>th</sup>**);

Senior Women: 4<sup>th</sup> Kate O'Neill 28:43; 9<sup>th</sup> Lauren Reed W40 29:07; 66<sup>th</sup> Robyn Matson W35 33:07; 183<sup>rd</sup> Rebecca O'Rourke 39:05 (**Team 9<sup>th</sup>**); 245<sup>th</sup> Amy Leech W40 42:40

Under 20 Men: 51st Charlie Burgess 29:20; Under 20 Women: 42nd Charlotte Evans 26:36; Hannah Evans DNF

Under 17 Men: 7th Freddie Rowe 19:22; 25th Sam Horsley 20:12; 158th Findlay McLaren 25:58

Under 17 Women: 91st Grace Tilson 28:38; 101st Rosie Warner 30:02

Under 15 Boys: 75th Aidan Doherty 15:55; 166th Sean Mugagga 17:18; 169th Liam Battrum 17:24.

**Under 15 Girls**: 27<sup>th</sup> Poppy Vines 17:20; 85<sup>th</sup> Ruby Beasley 18:54; 91<sup>st</sup> Jasmine Asmal 19:11; 116<sup>th</sup> Orla Friel 19:52 (**Team: 9**<sup>th</sup>) 149<sup>th</sup> Jessie Lynes 21:34

Under 13 Boys: 89th Callum Millard Jennings 11:51; 109th Harrison Sewell 12:04; 119th Cruz Carvell 12:14

Under 13 Girls: 35th Millie Cook 12:48; 141st Lucy Tregidgo 14:01; 160th Bethany Friel 14:50

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