

South of England Cross Country Champs – Beckenham Sat 29th January

Freddie Rowe came within a whisker of a podium place as Havering teams tackled a very hilly course at the South of England Cross Country Championship at a sunny Beckenham on Saturday.

County Champion and Essex League winner Freddie was pipped on the line for a medal in the **Under 13 Boys**' race, ending up in fourth, only yards away from both silver and bronze in a close finish after the three kilometres contest. Shea Sweeney was 53rd, Liam Battrum 82nd and Jude Hearn in 131st completed the eleventh placed team, with Aiden Doherty (135th) and Ethan Carroll (137th) just behind the scorers.

There was also an eleventh-place finish for the **Under 15 Boys** as Jack West (76th), with not much to choose between Daniel Lammas (92nd), Sean Langan (101st) and Oliver Taylor-Bush (106th).

The **Under 15 Girls** finished twelfth as Charlotte Evans was the first home in 41st in a field of almost 200. Rosie Warner was ten places back in 51st with Hannah Evans 67th and Abigail Swan 117th. The **Under 17 Men** also placed twelfth with Matthew Blacklock 53rd and Charlie Burgess 92nd, while Owen Fisher (101th) and Max Robbins (116th) were the other scorers.

Havering's **Senior Men** achieved a good result with a nineteenth place finish out of forty-six complete teams. James Connor had a great run to lead the squad home in 29th place, with Ben Davis running well in 66th and Rob Warner not far behind in 75th. James Stewart started well but faded, holding on to come home in 133rd with James Blogg 324th in his first major cross-country race as Gary Atkins completed the scoring six in 389th. Steve Walker 501st was just outside the top five hundred in a race with over seven hundred starters and Roy James 614th and Tony Collins 631st both did well.

The **Senior Women** were twenty-second of the 40 teams. Leading the club quartet was Ginte Bailey in 64th place of the 366 finishers with Robyn Matson 130th, Clare Davies in 155th and Emily James completing the line up in 314th.

Sydney Foley flew the flag in the **Under 20 Women** competition finishing in a respectable 23rd and Jessica Page 94th and **Isabella Taylor-Bush** 167th ensured the club had a presence in the **Under 13 Girls**' event.

Results

Senior Men: 29th James Connor 50:20; 66th Ben Davis 52:15; 75th Rob Warner M40 52:38; 133rd James Stewart 55:06; 324th James Blogg M40 61:24; 389th Gary Atkins M50 63:46 (**Team 19th**); 501st Steve Walker M50 67:36; 614th Roy James M50 74:08; 631st Tony Collins M40 76:08

Senior Women: 64th Ginte Bailey 33:07; 130th Robyn Matson 35:33; 155th Clare Davies 36:38; 314th Emily James 45:05. (**Team 22nd**)

Under 20 Women: 23rd Sydney Foley 25:57

Under 17 Men: 53rd Matthew Blacklock 22:13; 92nd Charlie Burgess 23:30; 101st Owen Fisher 23:56; 116th Max Robbins 24:32 (**Team 12th**)

Under 15 Boys: 76th Jack West 17:19; 92nd Daniel Lammas 17:38; 101st Sean Langan 17:45 106th Oliver Taylor-Bush 17:48 (**Team 11th**)

Under 15 Girls: 41st Charlotte Evans 16:15; 51st Rosie Warner 16:28; 67th Hannah Evans 16:45; 117th Abigail Swan 17:59 (**Team 12th**)

Under 13 Boys: 14th – Freddie Rowe 10:38; 53rd Shea Sweeney 11:57; 82nd Liam Battrum 12:23; 131st Jude Hearn 13:15 (**Team 11th**) 135th Aiden Doherty 13:22; 137th Ethan Carroll 13:30

Under 13 Girls: 94th - Jessica Page 13:32; 167th Isabella Taylor-Bush 14:38















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