



English National Cross Country Champs – Parliament Hill Sat 22nd Feb 2025

Kate O'Neill was a brilliant tenth in her first English National appearance for five years as over 20 Havering athletes tackled the treacherous muddy conditions at the National Cross Country Championships at the iconic Parliament Hill course on Saturday.

After finishing fourth at the recent Southern Championships Kate had set herself a target of a top ten National finish and she achieved this in a tight finish ahead of 11th and 12th placed athletes. It was an early birthday present for the Brentwood based athlete who celebrated her 24th birthday the following day and it was Kate's third top ten National finish to match her two placing as an Under 20. Her performance led the Havering squad to 24th place in the team standings as Ginte Bailey was 134th, one place better than her last National three years ago, with Robyn Matson 181st for her best position since 2014 with Clare Davies' in 421st completing the scoring quartet with Rebecca O'Rourke in 505th of the 830 finishers.

The **Under 20 Women** were the highest placed club team in eleventh in the three-to-score competition as Maddie Barker came home in 43rd with Hannah Evans finishing 65th and 97th placed Charlotte Evans making up the club trio.

The **Under 15 Girls** also fielded a complete team, finishing 22nd as Poppy Vines was 99th, Jasmine Asmal in 164th, Ruby Beasley in 185th and Jessie Lynes in 264th ensuring a full scoring four all gaining experience of the challenging muddy and hilly National course.

There were incomplete teams in the other age groups. For the **Senior Men** James Stewart led the way in 278th and Jason Crispin and Gary Atkins were 1078th and 1085th of the almost 1800 finishers. The **Under 13 Girls** were one short of a scoring four as Lucy Tregidgo was 193rd, Violet Everett 241st and Isla Herrera 257th all getting a taste of the National action. The **Under 13 Boys** were represented by Callum Millard Jennings in 276th and Cruz Carvell in 299th while Grace Tilson flew the flag for the **Under 17 Women** in 191st and Liam Battrum placed 306th and was the only **Under 15 Boy** competing.

RESULTS

Senior Men: 278th James Stewart 53:53; 1078th Jason Crispin M45 67:12; 1085th Gary Atkins M50 67:20.

Senior Women: 10th Kate O'Neill 31:43; 134th Ginte Bailey W35 36:37; 181st Robyn Matson W35 37:50; 421st Clare Davies 44:12. **Team 22nd**; 508th Rebecca O'Rourke 46:43.

Under 20 Women: 43rd Maddie Barker 29:43; 65th Hannah Evans 31:24; 97th Charlotte Evans 34:02. **Team 11th**

Under 17 Women: 191st Grace Tilson 29:03.

Under 15 Boys: 306th Liam Battrum 20:15.

Under 15 Girls: 99th Poppy Vines 20:19; 164th Jasmine Asmal 21:35; 185th Ruby Beasley 22:15; 264th Jessie Lynes 24:13. **Team 24th**

Under 13 Boys: 276th Callum Millard Jennings 16:17; 299th Cruz Carvell 17:27

Under 13 Girls: 193rd Lucy Tregidgo 16:38; 241st Violet Everett 17:50; 257th Isla Herrera 18:44.

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