

Buxton & District Athletic Club

Derbyshire County Cross Country Championships 2008

This weekend saw the Derbyshire County Cross Country Championships at Markeaton Park in Derby.

The Buxton Teams were out in force and produced a tremendous performance against some much bigger clubs.

The first race of the day was the Senior Women's race which saw Wendy Higginbottom finish 4th overall and second vet in her category. Emma Wharton was 10th overall and 3rd senior lady. Sarah Nicholson was next to finish in 13th overall with Debbie Drabble not far behind in 21st position. The ladies took the team gold for the first year ever which is a real achievement.

The Under 13 boys saw Matt Lomas finish 10th, Jack Clarke 16th, Bradley Fowler 18th, Jake Bothamley 20th, Adam Stone 22nd, and Ewan Stoward 24th. The boys took fourth place in the team competition.

The Under 13 girls had Elle Twentyman finish in 6th place, followed by Natasha Lindley who ran exceptionally well in only her second ever competitive race to finish in 7th place and Jade Hill in 9th. Their team came second overall and the team that took third place and the bronze medals was Hannah Fenton 13th, Charlotte Collinge in 14th, and Lauren Greenhaugh in 17th.

In the Under 17 girls race Jenny Jackson had the run of her life to finish third overall and take the bronze medal, followed by Zoe Bayley in 9th.

In the Under 15 boys race Chris Rushworth finished 7th, followed by Jack Gregory 13th, Adam Sattuar 14th and Callum Booth 15th. They too took team silver medals finishing second team.

In the Under 15 girls race Jess Twentyman finished 7th overall followed by Charlotte Walton who finished 8th.

In the Senior Men's race Buxton fielded a team for the first time in a number of years and were very proud to finish 4th team overall in a very tough and highly competitive race. Rick Houghton was first Buxton finisher in 15th place, followed by Nigel Critchlow in 38th, Paul Drabble in 51st, Dave Nutton in 63rd and Terry Fowler in 78th.

Overall eleven athletes have gone through to the next round at Wollaton Park in Nottingham in March which is televised on Sky TV. All those through to the next round finished in the top eight in their race or are a travelling reserves if they finished in the top twelve in their race.

Well done, everybody! Congratulations to all athletes who have qualified to represent Derbyshire in the Inter-Counties.