

A busy weekend of racing saw 12 Congleton Harriers taking part in five different events. On Saturday Ian Prime was at the Royal Armouries in Fareham for a Remembrance Day 10k with some of the proceeds going to service charities. After a two-minute silence, the 25 pounder World War 2 Howitzer was fired to get the race underway, 408 runners headed off on closed roads with views over Portsmouth and the Solent beyond, Prime finished 55th in 48:39.

At Boggart Hole Clough it was rounds two of the Manchester Area Cross Country League, with a competitive field of nearly 500 runners, Congleton Harriers sent along two of its finest, Bryan Lomas and Anthony Allan. A 10k course of grassland, wooded sections and parkland and heavy going in the mud, this was proper cross country running. Allan was 101st in 38:41 and Lomas 146th in 40:30 and an excellent 11th from 70 runners in his age group.



Lomas and Allan at Boggart Hole Clough 11.11.2017

Half a dozen Harriers turned up at Tatton Park on Saturday for a 10k on closed roads within the grounds of the Egerton estate. There were some excellent performances too, with Emma Weston at the head of the field finishing 77th overall in 42:30 and 2nd in her age group, James Yates grabbed himself a new PB time of 43:45 as he finished 96th. Alice Nimmo was 136th in 45:20. David and Val Fussell finished in 55:07 and 55:11 respectively with Val taking second place in her age category, and there was another PB as Jenni Armitt who was 552nd in 55:28.



Weston and Nimmo at Run Tatton 10k 11.11.2017

Bryan Lomas was back racing again on Sunday at Over Haddon for the 'Leg it Round Lathkil' fell race, just over seven miles with 950ft of ascent. A challenging course with steep climbs and even the flat bits were over wet limestone so by no means easy running but it's set in Derbyshire and has an uphill finish so Lomas was more than happy, full results not yet in, but Lomas was 36th in 54:19.

Many local races make good use of the varied terrain on offer and that certainly is true for the Roaches Fell race excellently hosted by Mow Cop Runners, any 15-mile race is a long way, but over the Roaches and the boggy terrain this one is a real challenge. Four Harriers were present from a field of 211. Andy Roberts was the quickest of the quartet coming home in 2:34:31 for 27th place, Anthony Allan was 64th in 2:50:33, Helen Jeffery 176th in 3:35:24 and Steve Webb 187th in 3:46:26.



l-r Roberts, Allan, Webb & Jeffery at Roaches Fell Race 12.11.2017

This weekend Congleton Harriers will be en masse as the North Staffs Cross Country League reaches round 3 at Stafford Common.