

Six Congleton Harriers made the short trip to Macclesfield to take part in the half marathon with impressive results. The race which starts and finishes on the running track attracted over 560 competitors, the track is probably the only flat section along the whole route as the 13.1 miles' snakes through the town and heads out towards Prestbury before turning left to Over Alderley with particularly hard climbs around miles 5 and 12. Brian Evans was the first to finish in a yellow vest coming home in 15th place in a time of 1:23:55 and second in his age category, Paul Steel was next in 1:36:52 for 86th place, Jo Moss was 93rd in 1:37:28 also second in her age category. Emma Weston recorded a personal best which begs the question how fast on a flat course? coming 138th in 1:41:06 and 4th in her age category, Steve Webb was 155th in 1:42:48 and Mike Stanley 258th in 1:49:54. With the way results are calculated there were prizes for both Evans and Moss.



Jo Moss smiling her way to 93rd place at Macclesfield half marathon 25.09.2016

pic Bryan Dale



Thumbs up all the way for Brian Evans at Macclesfield half marathon 25.09.2016 pic Bryan Dale

Meanwhile in Nottingham Bryan Lomas was attending the Robin Hood marathon, from the start in the city the first half of the course takes the runners out to Wollaton park via the castle and is quite hilly in places before returning to the start area where those runners who entered the half marathon get to finish, but Lomas still had another 13 miles to cover, this section flatter by comparison as the course crosses the Trent and heads towards the National Water Sports Centre and then back to the city passing the Trent Bridge cricket ground and Nottingham Forest football stadium before a final bridge crossing and the last mile to the finish. A fully committed performance as always from Lomas saw him finish 23rd from over 1,100 runners, crossing the line in 2:57:23 and a brilliant second in his age category from 138 runners.

This Sunday there will be many Congleton Harriers out on the streets as they take up their marshalling positions for the 33rd Congleton Half marathon starting at 09:30 from Congleton High School, places are still available with entries being taken on the day, all the details available at congleton-harriers.co.uk