

There was only one thing on a lot of Harriers mind's this weekend and that was a run-out at the inaugural Congleton Bypass 10k organised by Boalloy Running Club. With a route on a closed road between the Somerford roundabout and the Manchester Road roundabout there was a huge interest generated within the club and it resulted in one of, if not the largest turnouts of Harriers for a race in the club's history with 40 Harriers taking part. Keen to participate, other Harriers supported Boalloy with marshalling duties and yet more lined the route to offer encouragement. Race conditions were near perfect and the smooth tarmac of the new road coupled with cool overcast conditions meant many runners were able to put in a shift and deal with the undulating nature of the course as it climbed up to the roundabouts at each end of the route and to the final finish line.



Harriers pre-race

Photo: Congleton Harriers

There were two Harriers who made it into the top 10 of the 205 runners who completed the course. Chris Moss, was first back finishing 9<sup>th</sup> in 37:46 closely followed by Stuart Rider, who was 10<sup>th</sup> in 37:56. Behind them Emily Nott, was 14<sup>th</sup> in 39:47, Bryan Lomas, was 18<sup>th</sup> in 40:45, Ian Stanway, was 25<sup>th</sup> in 42:10, Jack Sargeant, was 27<sup>th</sup> in 43:06, Charmaine Wood, was 30<sup>th</sup> in 44:24, Dean Windsor, was 33<sup>rd</sup> in 44:45, Adam Powell, was 36<sup>th</sup> in 45:19, Paul Hoban, was 41<sup>st</sup> in 46:00, Nick Wilkins, was 44<sup>th</sup> in 46:44, Nick Budd, was 49<sup>th</sup> in 47:19, Lucinda Brown, was 56<sup>th</sup> in 47:34, Danny Jackson, was 62<sup>nd</sup> in 48:37, Paul Steel, was 66<sup>th</sup> in 48:49, Georgie Budd, was 69<sup>th</sup> in 49:30, Ian Prime, was 77<sup>th</sup> in 50:00, Louise Roberts, was 79<sup>th</sup> in 50:29, Will Roberts, was 80<sup>th</sup> in 50:30, Linda Fairbrother, was 84<sup>th</sup> in 50:58, Ellie Dick, was 86<sup>th</sup> in 51:07, Graham Cooper, was 88<sup>th</sup> in 51:11, Peter Ling, was 93<sup>rd</sup> in 51:31, Nigel Poole, was 99<sup>th</sup> in 52:10, Beth Ambler, was 107<sup>th</sup> in 53:10, Jess

Jardine, was 108<sup>th</sup> in 53:19, Jackie Moss, was 121<sup>st</sup> in 54:49, Josie Galbraith, was 127<sup>th</sup> in 55:20, Michelle Hillier, was 128<sup>th</sup> in 55:26, Stephen Canning, was 131<sup>st</sup> in 55:30, Sharon Hopkin, was 137<sup>th</sup> in 56:00, Ella Lyman, was 144<sup>th</sup> in 56:49, Rich Benson, was 145<sup>th</sup> in 56:53, Trish Ryan, was 147<sup>th</sup> in 57:12, Christine Gilligan, was 152<sup>nd</sup> in 57:36, Andrea Whiteley, was 156<sup>th</sup> in 58:01, Nicky Glover, was 160<sup>th</sup> in 58:26, Vic Maguire, was 162<sup>nd</sup> in 58:21, Alison Procter, was 181<sup>st</sup> in 62:16, Sarah Richards, was 188<sup>th</sup> in 63:39 and Clare Flint, was 201<sup>st</sup> in 70:07.

Chris Moss's run meant he finished as age category winner in the MV50 category and Dean Windsor's run saw him take 1<sup>st</sup> place in the MV40 category (he evidently could have run a bit faster given he celebrated with another six mile trail run in the afternoon). Emily Nott recorded a Personal Best and was second woman overall. There were also quite a few 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> age group placings: Stuart Rider, Emily Nott, Bryan Lomas, Char Wood, Nick Budd, Georgie Budd were all second in their respective age categories and Louise Roberts and Rich Benson were third in theirs. For Jess Jardine it was her first race as a Harrier, so congratulations to her on commencing her competitive running with the Harriers.



Char Wood and Dean Windsor

Photo: Bryan Dale

All in all it was a great day's racing, so a massive thankyou to Boalloy RC for organising another local event, one we hope will become a regular event.

If interested in joining us, there are club runs on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday with most runs setting off from the Congleton Tennis Club. The club is always keen to see new members whether you are a speedy racer or more of a social runner. So, if you are thinking of joining then just come along to one of the regular/ club runs for a few weeks and try us out for size; you will be made to feel more than welcome with no obligation to join. You can find full details

on our Congleton Harriers website: [Congleton-harriers.co.uk](http://Congleton-harriers.co.uk). You can also connect with the club on Facebook where details of club activities are posted regularly.