

5K Classic
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Report by Kay Farrow of Beverley Athletic Club

A new course record was set in the 5k Classic road run round the streets of Beverley last Friday evening. Pete Riley of Leigh Harriers beat the previous record by 20 seconds and finished a comfortable 39 seconds ahead of his nearest rival and previous record holder, Abdul Aziz of Birchfield Harriers.

The annual race is a precursor to the National Circuit Race Championship for cyclists and follows the same route round the narrow streets of Beverley town centre. The organiser, Kingston-upon-Hull Athletic Club, is striving to establish the run as one of the leading 5ks in the north. Athletes from all the local clubs were represented and as the reputation of the race spreads an increasing number of runners are travelling from further afield to take part.

The first lady to finish was local girl, Katie Clark of Kingston-upon-Hull Athletic Club. This was an excellent achievement for the junior runner. She finished in 17.32, only 4 seconds slower than the course record.

The four-lap race is aimed at faster runners and all competitors are expected to finish within 30 minutes. The elite runners set off at a cracking pace and the rest have to be very disciplined to avoid running too fast too soon.

68 runners completed the race this year including six from Beverley Athletic Club. Jon Leskiewicz was the first Beverley man to finish and ninth overall. His time of 17.12 was almost 30 seconds faster than last year. Helen Storr was the first Beverley lady to cross the line. Only 3 seconds slower than last year, her time of 22.26 was very respectable.

Beverley finishers:

Jonathan Leskiewicz 17.12; Paul Clark 18.55; Andy Tate 19.35; Lucas Meagor 20.14; Helen Storr 22.26; Jackie Wright 23.17.