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## PRESS RELEASE

### Beverley 10k update and January

#### **Beverley 10k sells out in record time**

Entries for the 25<sup>th</sup> running of the Pittaway Beverley 10k road race opened on Saturday 3 February – and promptly sold out after five and a half hours! All 1,850 places were snapped up by hundreds of members of local clubs, unaffiliated local runners and dozens from across Yorkshire and the North. The first 600 places were filled within ten minutes of going on sale, which is one entry per second!

This year's race is again sponsored by Pittaway Painting and Decorators, with the fun run sponsored by B&A Scaffolding. Entries for the 2km fun run remain available, please visit our website and go to the Beverley 10k page for details.

The club would like to thank all entrants, race sponsors and the people of Beverley for their continued wonderful support for this important annual event for the town and looks forward to another fabulous event on 13th May.

#### **East Yorkshire Cross Country League nears finale**

The fifth race of the six East Yorkshire Cross Country league of the 2017-18 season took place on 4th February at Welton, hosted by Goole Viking Striders. Beverley AC took a healthy quota of runners who competed strongly, with the ladies' team of Emma Greensmith, Lucy Stamford and Sam Allen finishing in second place in the team rankings. There were notable male performances from Darren Edge in sixth

place and David Morrison eleventh, from a total of 198 runners. The final race of the season takes place at Sewerby on 4 March, hosted by Bridlington Road Runners.

## **Other events**

A strong contingent of Beverley runners took part in the recent Ferriby 10 Mile Road Race, organised by our friends at City of Hull AC, with Darren Edge, Jackie Hardman and Pam Atkins all winning their respective age category prizes and Mark Dalton second in his category. This race was the first of the races chosen in the club's 2018 handicap series. As well as taking part in the race itself, Beverley AC runners are competing against their own handicaps, which are set based upon previous race times. The club chooses 13-14 such races each year as handicap events, including the Hornsea Third Marathon, Humber Bridge Half Marathon and Withernsea 5 Mile race. In addition to these, the club organises its own handicap races for members only, ensuring that members of all abilities have a chance of success.

One of the more bizarre events with which to start 2018 was the York Bloodaxe Challenge, where runners complete as many laps of a 1km course as possible within a two hour time limit. Beverley AC's David Brown and Andy Johnson both completed a creditable 26 laps, finishing ninth and tenth overall respectively. Pete Watkinson also ran 21 laps of the course, finishing in 57<sup>th</sup> place.

## **New members welcome**

Beverley AC welcomes any new runners to its friendly fold! We encourage anyone to come along and sample our club nights on a Wednesday, meeting from 6.25pm at the Leisure Centre on Flemingate (running around 6.30pm). There are always groups to run with at any pace and we hope you will feel most welcome and able to become part of our wonderful club. New members can contact our Club Secretary Fiona Oakes for more information at [secretarybeverleyac@gmail.com](mailto:secretarybeverleyac@gmail.com).

## **Attached photographs:**

- Team photo at Welton Cross Country race.
- Darren Edge on his way to an age category win at the Ferriby 10 Mile race.

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