

East Yorkshire Cross Country League 2015/2016 Race 1: Bishop Wilton
Sunday 4 October 2015
Report by Lewis Holloway of Beverley AC

21 Beverley AC runners turned out for the first race in the 2015/2016 East Yorkshire Cross Country series, held last Sunday at Bishop Wilton. Beverley's male team secured second place in the league, with two men in the top ten finishing group in the race overall. The race covers a demanding and hilly six miles, heading steeply upwards on to the Wolds from the village, and ending with a steep and fast descent to the finish line. In beautiful and dry autumnal conditions for cross country running, the race included a field of 142 athletes representing 8 clubs from Hull and East Yorkshire.



In the men's race, Richard Buckle was Beverley's first runner, finishing in an excellent fourth place overall in 39:00. Lewis Holloway, finishing just 6 seconds behind Buckle, also took a top ten place, recording 39:06 to finish 5th. He was followed by Luke Davison in 42:30, with Philip Reese, Nick Riggs and Adrian Messingham completing the 6 man team in 42:35; 42:51 and 43:04 respectively. The race was won by Phill Taylor (Bridlington RR), who took 37:43 to complete the challenging route.



Carla Stansfield (City of Hull AC) won the women's race in 40:33. Beverley's first woman was Emma Greensmith, who finished in 7th place in 48:36. Her team mates Christine Hemingway and Lynne Stabler completed the route in 67:32 and 68:03.



City of Hull AC's men and women are currently in the lead in the team events. The next race in the series is another tough 6 mile route, and takes place on Sunday 8th November at Drewton Woods.

Beverley AC finishing times at Bishop Wilton: Richard Buckle 39:00; Lewis Holloway 39:06; Luke Davison 42:30; Philip Reese 42:35; Nick Riggs 42:51; Adrian Messingham 43:04; Dave Morrison 43:22; Emma Greensmith 48:46; Pete Watkinson 52:51; Steve Parkinson 53:56; Alex Gymer 56:12; Adrian Holland 56:37; Andy Wilks 57:00; Neil Plummer 57:51; Steve Williets 59:58; James Durham 61:06; Christine Hemingway 67:32; Lynne Stabler 68:03; Kay Farrow 73:51; John Boardley 76:12