

**East Yorkshire Cross Country League 2015/2016 Race 4: Sledmere
And
Humberside XC Championships, Scunthorpe
Sunday 10 January 2016
Report by Lewis Holloway of Beverley AC**

Beverley Athletic Club's athletes were in action in two wet and muddy cross country events last weekend.



Twenty two club members were amongst the 157 runners from 8 local running clubs who completed the fourth event in this year's East Yorkshire Cross Country League, held in the grounds of Sledmere House and organised by Driffield Striders. This is the longest race in the series, at just over seven miles. The route is two laps of the fields and woods adjacent to the house. Although the course lacks the steep climbs of most of the other races, there is a long slow drag up to the highest part of the course and a steep, winding descent through fields before a final, draining climb to the finish line. The course was muddy and slow in places, but unlike most of the other races in the series also includes some dry tracks allowing runners to get up some speed.



Winning the men's race was Phill Taylor of Bridlington Road Runners. First man home for Beverley was Lewis Holloway, taking fourth place overall, in a time of 44:57. He was followed by Luke Davison, having a good run despite his dislike of the mud, in 47:39 and 15th place. Third was Edward Lisney in 49:05. The rest of the six-man team were Dave Morrison, Steve Evins and Paul Clark, finishing in 49:48; 53:09 and 53:14 respectively. The men's team were third in this race, finishing behind City of Hull AC and Driffield Striders, but have performed well enough in earlier races in the league to remain in second place overall.



In the women's race first finisher was Carla Stansfield (City of Hull AC), who was 13th overall in 47:13. Beverley's women's team finished seventh overall but are 6th in the

league after 4 races. The team was led in by Emma Greensmith in 55:05, and she was followed by Lynne Stabler (70:00) and Christine Hemingway (74:28)



The fifth race in the six-race series will be at Welton, on Sunday 7th February, with the finale at Sewerby in March.

On the same day, many of the club's junior members, and some of their senior team mates, took the trip to the Humberside Cross Country Championships held at Quibell Park, Scunthorpe. These races are used to select teams to represent the county at the national cross country team championships at Birmingham in March. In all, 13 Beverley AC juniors were chosen after some great individual and team performances. Becky Briggs won her Under 17 Women's race, and is now county champion for her age group. Along with team mates Laura Duncan and Eleanor Boyd, Beverley made up the first team for this age group. Taking second team in the Under 15 Girl's race were Isabelle Horrocks, Chloe Broadbent and Jordan Peacock. Beverley fielded the second place team in the Under 17 Men's race (Oliver Douglas, Jacob Chastaney and Greg Jackson) and were first team in the Under 15 Boy's (Taylor Arnott, Jonathan Dennison and Eira Lowery) and under 13 Boy's (Aidan Glover, Robert Smith and Guy Harbidge) events too. The Under 11 Boys were the third team, consisting of Joel Harbidge, Jack Marsay and Ryan Broadbent.

Beverley AC finishing times at Sledmere: Lewis Holloway 44:57; Luke Davison 47:39; Edward Lisney 49:05; Dave Morrison 49:48; Steve Evins 53:09; Paul Clark 53:14;

Emma Greensmith 55:04; Graeme Pittaway 56:00; Alan Flint 58:27; Pete Watkinson 60:40; Steve Richmond 61:55; Mike Oughtred 62:30; Alex Gymer 62:59; Adrian Holland 64:56; Andy Wilks 64:57; Steve Williets 66:24; Lynne Stabler 70:00; Christine Hemingway 74:28; Kay Farrow 78:10; Penny Booth 81:44; John Boardley 87:08; Carol Lingard 88:28

Beverley AC finishing times at Scunthorpe: Senior Men (12000m): Curtis Arnott 54:21; Andrew Tate 62:53; Under 17 Men (6500m): Oliver Douglas 27:51; Jacob Chastenev 28:17; Greg Jackson 31:25; Under 15 Boys (5000m): Taylor Arnott 21:55; Jonathan Dennison 22:09; Eira Lowery 23:00; Under 13 Boys (2700m): Aidan Glover 11.15; Robert Smith 11:36; Guy Harbidge 12:53; Jay Greenley 13:29; Under 11 Boys (2000m): Joel Harbidge 8:19; Jack Marsay 9:24; Ryan Broadbent 10:33; Under 20 Women (6500m): Elizabeth Evans 31:45; Dayna Arnott 49:17; Under 17 Women (5000m): Becky Briggs 21:19; Laura Duncan 24:48; Eleanor Boyd 26:13; Under 15 Girls (4500m) Isabelle Horrocks 21:22; Chloe Broadbent 24:11; Jordan Peacock 24:46; Under 13 Girls (2700m) Emily Peacock 15:05; Under 11 Girls (2000m) Erin Glover 9:14; Evie Ostler 10:32; Jorja Hutchinson 11:00