

## Inter Area Race Walking match at Tamworth 30 May 2013

The Inter Area match at Tamworth on 18th May 2013, proved to be a hard fought affair, with the South running out the winners, Midlands second, with the North in third. South 56 points, Midlands 51, North 48.



The first race was the 5k comprising Senior Women, u20 women, u17 women and men.

Michelle Turner for the North, IOM, duly won the senior race in an excellent time of 24.55, with the North's Brenda Gannon, in her first full season, finishing a very creditable third, in 27.55, followed by Marie Jackson, North IOM, just out of the points, in sixth 28.45.

In the ladies u20, Alexandra Ross, North, IOM, was second in 30.44 and walked a good solid race.

We did not have any u17 walkers, which was unfortunate, as it cost us in points.

### **2k u13 Boys & Girls.**

Alana Zeidler, North, City of Sheffield, put in a fine performance, showing good judgement, winning her race in 10.52, just holding off the South's Evie Butcher 10.54.

In the boys race Stephen Waddington, North, IOM, who has just started walking, showed a good technique and battled well, to score for us in sixth place.

### **3k u15 Boys & Girls.**

What a race this turned out to be! The North had the hugely talented, 12 yrs old Ana Garcia, City of Sheffield, stepping up to the higher age group for the girls. Right from the gun young Ana exploded into action and had destroyed the field after only two laps. By then she had established a huge lead and went on to shatter the British best for u15s, by 20secs, finishing in 15.20.

In the boys race Jason Turner and Tom Partington both from IOM, put in solid performances, finishing in 2nd and third place respectively, 17.09, 17.15.



### **Senior Mens & u20 Mens 10k.**

The final race of the afternoon saw Jock Waddington North, IOM, walk an excellently judged race, to win in a good time of 50.54, well supported in third place, by the dependable Adrian Edwards, North, Lancashire W.C. in 56.52.

Unfortunately our u20 athlete, Adam Cowin, was disqualified, while well placed, but took his disappointment well and I am sure he will come back next year and confirm the good prospect he is.

All in all a very good performance by all our athletes, who represented the North with great credit.

Report Russ. Jackson

Photos Brian Adams

*top Alana Zeidler wins the U/13 event,*

*lower photo Ana Garcia who moved up an age group to win the U15 3,000m from the National RWA U15 champ and more importantly broke the British Best for U13 3,000)*