

Northern Athletics 4 Stage Road Relay 26 September 2011

Just 5 minutes after the men, the 70 plus women were started on their 5k circuit. The 2010 champions, Chester Le Street , were absent, so for the first time since 2005 we would have a new name as Norther Athletics 4 stage winners . Morpeth had a strong team, and the local teams Salford and , Liverpool both podium placed last year, would also be up there and Leigh, hosts club next year, had a young and talent team.

First leg however had none of these teams at the front.

It was the yellow vest of Stockport' that got to the change over first,almost 20 seconds ahead of Durham City Harrier Rosie Smith. with the Sale vest of Donna Jones 3rd.

The end of leg 2 saw Lauren Howarth, Leigh, post the fastest time of the day, 15.41 and put them in the lead, by some 6 seconds ahead of Morpeth's Jane Hodgson 17.05, from Stockport

Leg 3 saw the return to the front of Stockport's, Eleanor Baker 15.44, some 40 seconds clear of Leigh with Morpeth 20 seconds behind. However as usual the glory leg did not get it's name for nothing,, and Morpeth had entrusted the experience of Sarah Wilkinson on this crucial leg. Sarah did not disappoint as she clocked a time of 16.51 to bring the team gold medal to Morpeth, just 29 seconds ahead of Stockport, (3rd and 4th fastest times of the day) . Bronze went to the young Leigh team , who must now be looking forward to next year when Joe, Galvin's Leigh host this event, now with renewed expectancy

RESULTS

1st Morpeth Harriers & A.C 1.07.46

2nd Stockport Harriers & A.C. 1.08.15

3rd Leigh
Harriers &
A.C. 1.09.28



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Women
Winning Team
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