

## McCains Cross Challenge Cardiff Report 27 January 2011

McCains Cross Challenge, Cardiff 16th January 2011.

Recent difficulties in organizing teams and Team managers to represent the North made it a pleasure to accept the invitation from the Welsh AA to send teams to represent the North at the Cardiff Cross Challenge.



Northern Athletics has now hopefully resolved the problems and will try to send teams to all the events to which representative teams are invited.

Selection of two full teams for Cardiff was complicated by the Christmas & New Year period which made contacting athletes and coaches difficult, and the number of athletes suffering from colds flu and injuries meant that we had to seek late replacements. Thankfully we fielded two enthusiastic and competitive teams!

Our thanks and appreciation go to the team manager, Peter Shields, (his first appointment as Northern TM) for an excellent job, particularly in light of the limited time for planning and organising for this event.

The teams, and race results were:-

### Men

Andy Heyes (Hallamshire)	9th 34:22
Rob Little (Hallamshire)	25th 35:59
Tom Adams (Ilkley)	26th 36:02

The men's race was won by Frank Tickner in 32:05, with the South West team filling 1st, 2nd & 5th places.



### Women

Jo Buckley (Bingley)	5th 26:50
Nicola Squires (Hallamshire)	13th 28:09
Amy Talbot (Junior - Warrington)	17th 28:22

The race winner was Charlotte Purdue in 24:27, with Charnwood's Gemma Steel 2nd in 25:25.

At the time of submitting this report, the area team placings are not shown - but we have been promised they will be added.

Thanks and congratulations to Peter and all the athletes for great individual & team performances.

We are expecting invitations for the Home Countries International, to be held in Antrim on the 26th March. We await confirmation of which age categories will be required. If any

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athletes are interested in competing at this event please contact me and you will be considered for selection.

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