**ERRA Championship Secretary report May 2021.**

**Combined Autumn Relay Sunday 6th October 2019**

1. **Senior Men. 6 x 5.88Km**

79 teams completed the first leg with Newham & Essex Beagles A.C first home. An impressive, but brief, stay at the front for the club however, as they only had 2 athletes in their team.

Astonishingly Leeds City the eventual winners were down in 29th position ( 1 place and 4 seconds ahead of their “ B “ team )

Before they progressed as follows 14th after leg 2, 4th after leg 3, 3rd after leg 4, and 5.

It was only on the last leg that they passed Aldershot to win by 33 seconds with Cambridge & Coleridge 3rd.

Fastest Leg: Marc Scott Cambridge and Coleridge, 16.46

1. **Senior Women 4 x 4.33 K**

77 teams completed the first leg with Lincoln Wellington holding a 9 second lead over Cardiff with Aldershot 3rd. Cardiff moved up 1 place on the 2nd leg and then remained at the front for the next 2 legs to win by just under 2 minutes from Tonbridge with Aldershot 3rd

Fastest Leg: Charlotte Arter. Cardiff 14.00

1. **Young Athletes. (all relays were 3 x 3.88Km )**

**Under 13 Boys.**

What a great race this turned out to be with some excellent team management from Chiltern Harriers being rewarded with winner’s medals.

( 9th on leg 1 , 4th on leg 2, 1st on leg 3 )

However it was a close finish with South London Harriers being awarded 2nd place, but with the same time.

Cambridge and Coleridge were 3rd.

Fastest Time: Alden Collier Chiltern Harriers 12.29.

**Under 13 Girls.**

A double victory in this age group for Chiltern Harriers.

They won by 96 seconds this time, from Wreake & Soar Valley, with Wolverhampton & Bilston 3rd. 61 teams finished the first leg.

Fastest Leg: Isabelle Martin Abingdon A.C 13.46.

**Under 15 Boys.**

74 teams completed the first leg with North Shields Poly at the front with Joshua Blevins producing the fastest time 12.29.

Eventual winners, Vale Royal, were 17th on leg 1 but came through on the 3rd leg to win by some 18 seconds from South London Harriers, with North Shields Poly in 3rd place.

**Under 15 Girls.**

69 Teams finished the first leg, but in this age group Vale Royal A.C. were the club winning both the races. They finished 53 seconds ahead of Saffron A.C, with Chiltern Harriers in 3rd

Both Chilton and Vale Royal had 2 athletes in the fastest 10 times, however the fastest time belonged to Elsie Robinson 13.43, from Saffron.

**Under 17 Men**.

Cambridge & Coleridge finished first of the 68 teams thanks to the overall fastest leg from O Parmenter 11.47. It took the 4th fastest time 11.54 from Will Barnicoat, Windsor, Slough, Eton & Hounslow, to move his club from 3rd to 1st on the final leg.

Cambridge & Coleridge were 2nd and Aldershot 3rd.

**Under 17 Women**.

49 teams finished leg 1 with Wreake & Soar Valley finishing first, ahead of Salford. Leg 2 saw the fastest time, Kirsten Stilwell, 13.36, to move Wycombe Phoenix up a remarkable 21 places, whilst Salford moved into the lead, a position they retained on leg 3 to finish 31 seconds ahead of Aldershot with Wreake & Soar Valley 3rd.

**2020 Both championships were cancelled due to Covid.**

**Equalisation of Distances.**

Northern Athletics have increased their Autumn championship distances for women, so that the men and women both run the same distance on the 6 and 4 stage.

**Marshals**

There are no clubs forthcoming to provide marshals at our fixtures. Do we consider using turn signs, with just the Stone having usual the officials

**Ken Smith 14 /05/2021**