



EVENT REPORT

UK Intercounties Cross Country – Wollaton Park, Nottingham

Saturday 8th March 2025

The UK Intercounties championships returned for the second year in a row to Wollaton Park in Nottingham, one of the UK's classic cross country courses. The races also formed the last in the five fixture British Cross Challenge series, so there were extra rewards on offer for the best athletes. This set things up for an exciting day for our Dorset athletes.

The conditions were very different to recent Intercounties fixtures. It was a beautifully sunny, clear and still morning and as the day wore on the athletes even complained that it was getting a bit too warm when racing. Apart from a few of the sharp corners which started to cut up, underfoot conditions were good and the racing fast.

Dorset fielded full scoring teams in all classes except for the Under 20 Women.

Will Rabjohns was without doubt the stand-out Dorset performer on the day, claiming a fine second place in the Under 20 Men's race, only beaten by the reigning champion Warwickshire's Aron Gebremariam who finished just five seconds ahead of Will.

The best team performance was Dorset's Under 13 Boys who placed 11th out of 41 scoring teams. This bodes well for the future. The highest placed Dorset athletes in each category were as follows:

Under 13 Boys: Joseph Preston (21st); Under 13 Girls: Abi Moors (60th)

Under 15 Boys: Theo Cobley (155th); Under 15 Girls: Aggie Magill (194th)

Under 17 Men: Charlie Collins (16th); Under 17 Women: Isabel Cherrett (14th)

Under 20 Men: Will Rabjohns (2nd); Under 20 Women: Erin Wells (12th)

Senior Men: Nat Willmore (241st); Senior Women: Fern Kimber (42nd)

Please follow this link to view individual and team results:

<https://results.sporhive.com/events/7304099165435330560>

Congratulations to all of our Dorset athletes who did their county proud. It was a long way to go to run in a race. Their rewards were: taking pride in wearing their county vest, running at a classic cross country venue and racing against the toughest competition most will experience at any event.

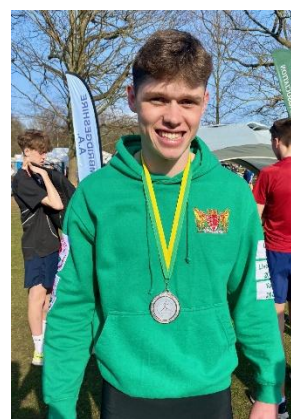
Thanks go to the team managers who spent many weeks assembling the teams: B Wells, Simon Hearn, Simon Saunders, Mark Pauley, Phil York and Andy Howse. Additional thanks go to Simon and Simon for setting up the Dorset tent and Andy for handling all the kit.

If you get the chance to run at the Intercounties, or indeed for Dorset in any event, be sure to take it. It will be a day to remember.

Andy Howse
March 2025



The start at Wollaton Park



Will Rabjohns, silver medallist in the Under 20 Men



Dorset Under 13 Girls Team



Dorset Under 13 Boys Team



Dorset Under 15 Girls Team



Dorset Under 15 Boys Team



Dorset Under 17 Women's Team



Dorset Under 17 Men's Team



Dorset Under 20 Womens Team



Dorset Under 20 Mens Team



*Dorset Senior Womens Team
(Fern Kimber, Sharon Hutchings
and Kirsty Drewett missing)*



Dorset Senior Mens Team



*Dorset team managers
(B Wells and Phil York missing)*