

Border League Race 4- Christleton- 13 February 2011

Almost 270 runners turned up to take part in West Cheshire's host event, an undulating and partly off-road 9.4k in blustery conditions. Unfortunately the field did not include Andy Edwards, who had planned to do the course as part of his long run marathon training, as he took a wrong turn somewhere past Christleton and ended up at the venue just too late to join the race. In fairness to him, he had just run 11 miles from Deeside! However even without the talented junior, the men managed to field a full team.

Jay Jennions has had two disastrous runs here in past years however this time round she finally broke the curse of the course as she led the club home with a commanding performance, coming home fourth lady in 36.56. She even managed to hold off Martin Witty, who's been overtaking her in recent times, which might have had something to do with him running 20 miles the day before, and indeed he was never far away and finished in a brilliant 37.12. Nick Chadwick, who had an injury-ravaged 2010, is back very close to his best with 39.34. Phil Taylor's unstoppable run of improvement continues as he powered round in 41.54. Another club member back at her best is Linda Martin with 43.08 and she was pushed to the line by Mike O'Brien in an excellent 43.11. Peter Rooney was next in with a strong 44.02. Very good performances from Kev Burns (46.26) and Mac McColl (46.36) were followed Lorna Royle and Becki Hall coming in in quick succession. Quality performances from both ladies in the battle to be third scorer for the women's team but Lorna just managed to hold off her young challenger this time with 46.47 to 47.05. Mike Norris then brought the boys home in a determined 48.32 and Val Blair anchored the girls in a course best of 56.46.