

Northampton Half Marathon, Race Report

14th September 2014

In the shadow of the imposing Guildhall in the town centre the second running of the Northampton Half Marathon starting on a nice sunny morning. The increased field from the 2013 running completed two short laps in the town centre before heading off to the banks of the Nene via the Museum and the Derngate theatre.



Ahead of this Bannatyne's gym in Wellingborough had provided the warm up while the Old Bank Pub opposite the Guildhall had provided the hospitality for the registration.

Having negotiated the White Water Centre, runners headed towards Hardingstone and its tricky hill via Brackmills and then onto Great Houghton; which at its highest point provides a panoramic view of the town.

After Great Houghton it was back to Brackmills via Pocket Park and into Delapre for the final 1.1 miles and the finish.

The race was won by Jacob Allen (579) from Rugby and Northampton AC in a stunning time of 1:12:46 with David Green (175) from Northampton Road Runners in second in 1:13:15 and Martin Bateman completing the mens podium in 1:16:03 from Hillingdon AC.

The ladies were led in by Rebecca Mayles from Redway Runners in in 1:22:10 with Kelly Barnett from Wellingborough and District AC second in 1:27:31 and Debbie Channer, who also won the W40 category third from Vale of Aylesbury in 1:30:15.





Other age category winners were Tricia Harrison from Wootton Road Runners in the W50 and Dianne Lang from Northants in the W60.

Male category winners were Tony Letts in the M40 from Northampton Road Runners, Andy Green from Team East Haddon won the M50 and Michael Williams took the M60.

Wellingborough and District AC won the Team prizes for both Men and Women.

Thanks to the parish councils of Hardingstone and Great Houghton, the members of Treads cycling club who provide the lead and sweeper bikes and the Friends of Delapre Abbey for their support.

In particular massive thanks to the marshals around the course who were, as ever, incredibly supportive of the runners and frankly as with the bikes from Treads simply allow the event to take place and run smoothly.