



Mayor of Thatcham Suzanne Adamantos with race medals Ref: 15-0825E

Thatcham 10k racers enjoy a run in the sun

Aldershot ace Jack clinches victory in record time after race around town

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HUNDREDS of runners took part in the second annual Thatcham 10k on Sunday.

Runners of all ages and abilities gathered under a glorious sun at the Lower Way Playing Fields, with spectators arriving in force to support both the 10k and the inaugural 1.5k Kid's Race, which took place before the main event.

The route incorporated the scenic paths of the Nature Discovery Centre, run by the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust.

A total of 245 runners completed the 10k, while 48 children finished the Kid's Race.

This year's winner was Jack Boswell (Aldershot, Farnham and District AC) in a course record 35:06.

In second place was Matthew Woolridge (unattached) and third place went to Andy Goddard (Basingstoke and Mid-Hants AC).



Runners in the 10k race

Ref: 15-0725U



Race for the line

Ref: 15-0925D



A happy finisher

Ref: 15-0925Z



Run in the sun

Ref: 15-0925W

The first female over the line was Emily Craggs of Newbury AC with a time of 45:20.

And in second place was Corinne Callaway (Reading Joggers), with Alice Snare (unattached) following in third place.

In the Kid's Race, the top three finishers were Matthew Jones, Liam Watson and Joshua Bailey.

This year also saw the introduction of a Non-Binary category to represent the event's inclusivity.

In first place for this category was Freddie Watson Stubbs (unattached) in 55:31.

Newbury AC retained their Club Team title (Ethan Kuijten, Jeff Bird and Emily Craggs).

Mayor of Thatcham Suzanne Adamantos awarded medals and trophies to the winners and was inundated with requests to have her photo taken.

Her chosen charities Cruse Bereavement Care and

Thatcham Youth will receive the proceeds raised.

Race director and Thatcham town councillor Ben Schiffer-Harte (Lib Dem, Thatcham North East) said: "The weather was glorious, which helped to keep the course nice and dry, especially around the paths running next to the fishing lakes, which last year were very soft underfoot due to the amount of rainfall."

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"Many runners from the 2024 race decided to come back again for a second time."

"The race committee was created to raise not only money for charity but also to raise the profile of health and well-being."

Event sponsor Roots Estate Agency also retained its Corporate Team title (Ben Perrins, Paul Slater and Craig Butcher).

The organisers wish to thank main sponsors Roots Estate Agency, English Provender Company, Bella Luna Restaurant and Howden Insurance, without whose support the event would not be possible.

Visit <https://my.raceresult.com/331918/results> to view the results from this year's event.

The *Newbury Weekly News* understands there are plans to introduce a 5k next year to make the event even more inclusive.



The start of the Kid's Race

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Matthew Jones, Liam Watson and Joshua Bailey with the mayor and their certificates

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Race winner Jack Boswell of Aldershot, Farnham & District with mayor Suzanne Adamantos Ref: 15-0825P



The running men Ref: 15-0825I



Hand in hand Ref: 15-0925AC



Ready for the off! Ref: 15-0725D



Smile for the camera! Ref: 15-0725H

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B | We visit the nearby Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage
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Bomber Command Museum in the country and there
is also a Lancaster Bomber on site. Later we follow
the A153 across the Wolds, which are designated as
an 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty', to Louth.
Louth is a historic town which retains a natural charm
with its narrow, winding streets and marketplace.

There will also be a free day in Skegness with its Blue
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