

## **Molly Barnett incl. EA 10km Championship 1st Mar 20**

The long-established Molly Barnett 10km in Coventry once again hosted the England Athletics 10km and was well supported by the elite squad. Perhaps it was inevitable that Olympian and Commonwealth silver medalist Tom Bosworth would be an easy winner. However, if his position was clear, this was certainly not an easy effort and, at just over 39 minutes, he achieved a road best record. The total fields were fairly good but the elite presence was not matched in numbers by visitors from the slower ranks and those who had appeared prominently in our more local races fell well behind in this company although performances were good for almost everybody as befits a national championship. Surrey Walking Club's representation was limited to Francisco Reis in tenth but towards the top in terms of performances beating his excellent Southern time by a quarter of a minute. Besides Tom, who was originally coached by our Peter Selby, several younger SWC coached walkers were out including three Blackheath & Bromley members. Of these Abi Smith, now guided by Noel Carmody, had the best performance although, like the others, was down the U17G result. We all hope that the realization of the national standards will encourage our Southern youngsters to strive for these levels.

### **Results:**

#### 10km Men

1. T.Bosworth (Ton M) 39 min 10 sec; 2. C.Corbishley (M&M M) 40 min 59 sec; 3. T.Partington (Manx U23 M) 44 min 43 sec; 8. **F.Reis** (Sy WC M55) 52 min 18 sec.

#### 10km Women

1. H.Lewis (P'broke W) 45 min 14 sec; 2. G.Bridge (Oxford AC) 48 min 5 sec; 3. A.Jennings (AFD U23W) 52 min 26 sec.

#### 5km Men

1. C.Hopper (Camb H U17B) 25 min 10 sec.

#### 5km Women

1. M.Dunwell (Nthn(IOM) U17G) 26 min 54 sec; 2. A.Hughes (Tam U17G) 27 min 11 sec; 3. K.Stringer (M&M U17G) 27 min 11 sec; 7. A.Smith (B&B U17G) 29 min 55 sec.

#### 3km Boys U15

1. E.Simmonds (DASH U15B) 17 min 38 sec; 2. J.Ellerton (B&B U15B) 19 min 49 sec.

#### 3km Girls U15

1. G.Griffiths (Pemb TC U15G) 17 min 5 sec; 2. K.Tozer (Bir U15G) 18 min 21 sec; 3. C.Forsyth (B&B U15G) 18 min 43 sec; 4. L.Billingham (AFD U15G) 18 min 56 sec.

#### 2km Mixed U13 (4)

1. L.Burr (Ton U13B) 14 min 6 sec; 2. N.Gadsby (Dash U13B) 15 min 27 sec; 3. A.Powell (Wols U13B) 16 min 36 sec.