

Vets AC 5km Battersea Park 3rd Aug 21

As athletics events resume Veterans AC held the September Battersea Park walk and run under the new Covid safe rules. The course and the total distance were shorter for both racewalk and run at 5km. On this sunny but not hot evening 11 turned out with three Surrey Walking Club and one young Blackheath & Bromley guest, Johnny Ellerton (U17). Generally times were down with Covid restrictions and lack of events affecting most to some extent. At the front of the field Johnny had a very competitive match with Ilford's Stuart Bennett with the latter around his pre-Covid pace. The best that can be said of the 3 SWC men's result was that they occupied successive positions in age order at the rear. David Hoben and Chris Flint battled together to finish less than half a minute apart with a slightly better performance from David. Hannell was dropped early on but just beat his 40-minute target.

Results:

1. J.Ellerton (B&B U17B) 31 min 16 sec; 2. S.Bennett (Ilf M60) 31 min 23 sec; 3. P.Cummings (AFD W45) 31 min 46 sec; 4. M.Noel (Belg W55) 32 min 5 sec; 5. R.Lawless (Ilf W55) 32 min 29 sec; 6. F.Bishop (AFD W60) 33 min 10 sec; 7. **D.Maskell** (Sy WC M70) 33 min 10 sec; 8. L.Morris (Ilf W55) 33 min 19 sec; 9. **D.Hoben** (Sy WC M65) 36 min 56 sec; 10. **C.Flint** (Sy WC M75) 37 min 13 sec; 11. **P.Hannell** (Sy WC M75) 39 min 45 sec;