

North Midland Cross Country League Secretary's Report 2023 / 24

Now in its 77th year the North Midland League continues to provide well organised low cost club athletics.

Once again can I acknowledge and thank that band of selfless die hards who manage the League and take on their responsibilities so proficiently. That is of course the League's Officials who turn up year after year, no fuss and do their jobs so efficiently and the four clubs who hosted matches last season, Derby AC, Corby, Heanor RC and Mansfield. The issue of venues is becoming an issue as Berry Hill Park at Mansfield is now under threat, the use of Markeaton Park, Derby for the County XC Champs was withdrawn by Derby City Council at the very last moment in January and Wollaton Park is no longer viable.

On the competition front the League again provided races for men and women of all abilities and all ages and as usual some good personal battles.

The introduction, six years ago, of £100 prizes to the top overall Male and Female athlete again proved to be very popular and we will be making the same awards at the end of this season. In addition we will consider an increase in prizes at the AGM on October 14th.

Also at the forthcoming AGM we will present a revised and updated Constitution.

Finally, on behalf of everyone involved can I thank Rob Jefferies and the Derby Runner for their generous sponsorship.

Mick Robinson
Hon Secretary

6th September 2023