**Cross Country report February 2021**

It will come as no surprise to any of you reading this that the 2021 cross country report will be a brief one.

The corona virus restrictions meant that all the leagues the club compete in, namely the Hampshire League, the Southern XC League, the Junior XC league as well as all the major championships were cancelled for the 2020-21 season.

Luckily we are fortunate to have a dedicated team of coaches and organisers that managed to put on two competitions for our members this winter.

At Popham on 12th December, two seeded races were run on the usual HCCL course over 3km with 32 members taking part. This gave our athletes the opportunity to race safely distanced on a testing course and give each a taste of competition.
Comments from all those that took part were hugely positive for the ability to get the spikes on at least once over the winter.
First man home was Tom Sycklemoore with Mitch Lloyd first lady.

Eight days later at Down Grange, the club hosted a junior version with 5 races over varying distances for U9s up to U17s. Across all age groups, we had 52 athletes taking part and for some it was their first taste of cross country racing.
Well done to all those that competed, our age group winners were
U9B – William Brain
U11G – Georgia Barrett
U11B – James Grace
U13G – Immi Edwards
U13B – George Sharp
U15G – Isabelle Law
U15B – Sam Kemp
U17W – Megan Hope
U17M – James Harold

My thanks go to all those that made these events possible.
I’m optimistic 2021-22 will be a bumper season for racing!

Terry Wegg
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