

XC Report AGM April 2025

British and Irish Masters Cross Country International took place in Belfast on the 16th November, 2024. Although England did well in some Individual and Team age groups it was not enough to beat a strong Republic of Ireland team.

Individually the Women had 4 winners out of 9 age groups and the Men had 5 winners out of the 10 age groups. However when it came to the team age groups the Women only managed 2 out of a possible 9 teams and the Men did slightly better winning 4 out of the 9 age categories.

EMAA would like to thank all the runners who made the journey to Belfast to represent England. EMAA appreciates the effort you made in order to compete on the day and thanks you for it.

A big thank you goes to XC secretary, Sue Cordingley and Team Manager, Roland Gibbard for all their hard work in organising the teams and ensuring that the runners had all the information they required to enable them to be able to compete in Belfast. It was all the more remarkable as this was their first involvement in this type of responsibility. So Very Well Done to the pair of you.

Cross Country News At present we are looking for a Cross Country secretary as Sue has stepped down from the role. The post has been advertised on the EMAA website hopefully we will get an appointment at this AGM.

Selection Meeting Some problems arose during the selection meeting which required a Zoom meeting for the selectors. It was decided that in future it may be better not to hold the selection meeting immediately after the selection race but to delay the selection process by perhaps a week so that all selectors can be in receipt of the race results. The selection process would then take place by Zoom or at a mutually convenient location on an agreed date and time.

It was also hoped that there could be a way that entries for the trial on Open Track could have their details sent to the appropriate area club selector for reference.

It was agreed that the trial at Betley was a well run event and if the date in 2025 was suitable then it should be used again.

2025 International Cross Country The event organised by EMAA is scheduled to be held in Leeds at Roundhay Park on Saturday 15th November. Contact has been made with a company to provide medical cover as well as a company which can supply toilet hire. The 2 coach companies to provide transport to the park which have been contacted have not replied.

The International Future As Wales were unable to organise the International in

2025 England have stepped in to organise it. Representatives of the involved countries met to discuss the way forward. It lead to a suggestion that each country would make a yearly contribution of £3,000 to assist with the expenses of organising the event. However the question of finding a suitable venue for the evening reception of up to 500 participants at a cost which was not too prohibitive still remains an issue,

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