

## County Cross Country Championships 2026

Although the entry numbers were slightly up on previous years, prompting hopes of competitive races, numbers on the day were slightly disappointing, perhaps the early date was a factor. Nevertheless, those who did compete had nothing but praise, on the whole, for the competition. So, thanks again to Liz for her expertise with the ROSTER system, and her commonsense approach to Refereeing on the day. Thanks to Dave and Ann, underneath their canopy, producing results from the recording sheets. Thanks to the Start Team, the Finish Team, the Timekeeping Team for a professional approach to each race. To the marshals, again ably managed by Aryan, who sent everyone the right way each time and didn't lose anyone! To Jon and Malcolm for building the course, we have it cracked now, and I hope we don't need to change the distances when the new age groups come into effect in April. I don't think so. To Colin, calmly in the background, clearing the way with Hampshire Constabulary, the parking marshals and the off-site parking facilities.

Without this team behind and beside me, Hampshire would not be able to produce such a successful competition each year, our athletes would not have the opportunity to show their ability and go on to represent the County at Regional and National level.

The Treasurer has completed our accounts for the Championships, and we were successful again this year with managing our finances. I would like to use some of our excess funds on purchasing items necessary for the Championships. I will discuss these with the Treasurer and Executive Committee.

Pam Rogers