



ESSEX SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS GOOD FOR OUR MEMBERS

Held back for two weeks because of the weather the Essex Schools Cross Country Championships the event staged at Basildon on 2nd February still found parts of the course underwater despite the organizers making changes to the start and finishing areas to cut out the more dangerous parts.

Not always members of Chelmsford A C the Mid Essex team had a good day with three team wins and a second from the six results.

No fewer than fourteen of our members made the top eight in their events to qualify for the Essex teams to contest the English Schools Championships in Derbyshire next month.

It was the junior girls leading the way with four members making the cut - three in the colours of other districts. Khai Mhlanga (North West) came through 1st to take the title heading Jodie Judd (Castle Point), in 6th place Katie Faint (Southend) placed sixth whilst Rachel Broome (Mid Essex) was 8th. It was Mid Essex to the fore in the team rankings as they had other club members in Emma Perks 11th, Kate Etheridge 16th, Phoebe Knight 21st and Georgina Sturgeon 22nd packing well.

To the intermediate girls and Georgia Tuckfield (Waltham Forest) Katie Solis 4th and Cameron Venton 8th made the Essex team whilst Millie Smith placing 10th takes a reserve berth. Megan Williams 14th and Christy Dailly 17th ensured that the team result went the way of Mid Essex.

With Stephen Woodford 4th and Sam Robinson 7th they not only get their places in the Essex team but were leading Mid Essex to another success. With the intermediate boys however our two members George Elliott (3rd) and James Nadin (8th) had the satisfaction of leading the Southend team to victory.

For the senior girls Kim Johansen took 2nd spot to lead the Mid Essex team also to 2nd place with Issabella Warren 8th and Jessica Swain 10th completing the scorers whilst Rebecca Wade was also in contention being 14th.

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