

Twenty One Mansfield Harriers gained their county vests representing Nottinghamshire at the Inter Counties Championships at Birmingham's Cofton Park.

With selection being made at this event for the upcoming World Cross Country Championships in Poland and for the Home Nations International in Mansfield's own Berry Hill Park on March 27<sup>th</sup> the standard was high.

Highest local placing of the day went to Nicole Goulding who finished 42<sup>nd</sup> in the U13G event recording a time of 11:57. In a highly competitive race less than half a minute separated the next 80 competitors.

Second back for Harriers was Caelidh Ross, clearly on the way back to recovery from a winter full of illness, and unlucky to just miss out on the top 100, clocking 12:19 to finish 101<sup>st</sup> in 12:19. Molly Johnson was nine seconds behind in 124<sup>th</sup>. Ella Shirley (167<sup>th</sup>), Claire Norris (230<sup>th</sup>) and Emma Heath (246<sup>th</sup>) completed the line up.

In the U13B race the winter battle between Lewis Ashmore, Alex Rieley and Sam Johnson continued. This trio really are a force to be reckoned with and if they can stick together are sure of age group medals in the future.

It was Ashmore that came out on top on Saturday with an excellent 52<sup>nd</sup> spot finish. Rieley was only seven seconds behind but could only manage 80<sup>th</sup> place with Johnson a further seven seconds back in 97<sup>th</sup>. George King and Finny Quilty provide good back up finishing 204<sup>th</sup> and 277<sup>th</sup>.

At Under 15 level Chevelle Baxter was first back in 199<sup>th</sup> spot clocking 17:50 with Hannah Hardy and Alice Mortiboy behind in 211<sup>th</sup> and 262<sup>nd</sup> recording 18:01 and 18:49 respectively.

Tom Wragg led the way for the U15B finishing 184<sup>th</sup> with Sam Dobb 264<sup>th</sup> whilst Claire Talbot was the only U17 representative finishing 138<sup>th</sup>. Kate Raynor and Georgia Milton were just eight seconds apart in the U20 Women's event, finishing 114<sup>th</sup> and 117<sup>th</sup>.

Just two Harriers made the Senior teams, Doug Ross finishing 239<sup>th</sup> in the Mens race with Luke Marshall returning in 260<sup>th</sup>.