

Report on the 2017 County Cross Country Championships for the AGM

A brief report, paraphrasing my comments at the Executive Meeting of January 13th. The Championships were a success, however the trial of having only three to score in the U17/U20 age groups has yet to show fruition. Maybe next year it will encourage more entries in those age groups. Also the use of one start for the two age groups, with a split for the U17s to finish appeared to work well. The athletes did not feel that they were isolated out on the course in a small field of runners.

The Security firm managing the car parking did a good job, I did not receive any complaints from athletes or spectators. Although we paid slightly more for the First Aid providers, I was extremely happy with their performance. Also having the Refreshments for the public near to the entrance/exit to the arena seemed to work too.

Colin and I spent some time shouting at various people to clear the 'Out of Bounds' area, they got the message in the end though. I was concerned at reports that there were dogs sighted in Fairthorne Manor grounds throughout the day. I will have to reconsider where I put signs alerting people to the fact that dogs are not allowed in site.

Financially, the County made some income from the Championships, despite the increased costs. We have provisionally booked Fairthorne (on their suggestion) for 2018, date 6th January.