

Walton are too hot to handle!

On Saturday October 29th, Nonsuch Park was the venue for the Surrey Masters cross-country championships for 2022 and Walton fielded a small but strong team. In almost absurd temperatures of 20 degrees Celsius, many athletes struggled to cope but Walton showed their class.

The first race of the day was Women and M60+. As we are accustomed to, **Hayley Carr** put in a scorching performance to finish 2nd W40, taking home the silver medal, exactly 60 seconds ahead of 3rd. Congratulations Hayley.

Mandy Ruks again showed her excellent endurance with a flaming second lap, making up a good number of places and finishing 13th W40. Great running Mandy.

In the M40/45/50/55 race, there was some very exciting racing going on. Defending M40 champion, **Duncan Woolmer** tried to cool us off by predicting a second-place finish. We should have known better; Duncan shared the lead on the first lap with Richard McDowell from Hercules Wimbledon, but showed his fiery side when provoked by Richard during the race. Duncan showed him a hot pair of heels and eventually ran out Surrey Champion again, finishing almost 30 seconds ahead of 2nd place. Congratulations Duncan. Double Surrey Champion!

Jamie McLoughlin ran a sizzling race in a very competitive field, finishing 14th M45 and 36th overall from a field of 106.

Chris Ness showed again that he is a master tactician a red-hot racer, perfectly judging his run to take a few places on the final lap to finish 7th M50 and 40th overall.

Congratulations to all the Masters athletes that come out on top in the heat of battle. A great day to be a spectator! Photos below.

Robert Smith



Hayley and Mandy ready to race



Double Surrey medallists!