

## NSL 2024-25

## Event 1 Aston University

## Provisional Results

Name	Club	Controls visited	Dist/km	Points Scored	Time	Time Penalty	Total Pts	Pos'n	Class
Ben Crone	HOC	27: 5, 1, 2, 8, 4, 3, 9, 18, 29, 24, 14, 17, 11, 28, 10, 26, 22, 15, 27, 19, 20, 12, 13, 23, 30, 25, 7	12.59	270	59:04:00	0	270	M1	M35
Eloise Lee	HOC	23: 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 30, 25, 16, 21, 4, 3, 9, 8, 18, 24, 29, 17, 14, 11, 15, 27, 20, 19	11.9	230	01:01:48	20	210	W1	W35
Adam McCreadie	DEE	21: 1, 2, 9, 3, 8, 4, 6, 7, 25, 30, 23, 12, 13, 15, 22, 26, 11, 14, 29, 18, 5	10.29	210	01:01:15	20	190	M2	M45
Steve Blackmore	HOC	22: 5, 1, 2, 9, 3, 4, 6, 7, 25, 16, 21, 8, 18, 17, 29, 11, 28, 10, 15, 22, 13, 23	12.28	220	01:02:48	30	190	M3	M46
Lewis Coke	Ind	18: 5, 8, 3, 9, 17, 14, 11, 28, 10, 26, 22, 15, 27, 29, 24, 18, 2, 1	8.76	180	59:42:00	0	180	M4	M16
Rew Francis	HOC	17: 5, 1, 2, 8, 3, 9, 18, 24, 29, 17, 14, 11, 28, 10, 15, 20, 19	8.8	170	59:31:00	0	170	M5	M60
Peter Langmaid	HOC	16: 5, 1, 2, 18, 24, 29, 17, 11, 14, 15, 26, 22, 13, 12, 20, 7	8.96	160	58:14:00	0	160	M6	M55
Richard Stanley	HOC	16: 6, 4, 3, 9, 8, 5, 1, 2, 18, 24, 29, 14, 15, 12, 20, 19	8.09	160	58:28:00	0	160	M7	M50
Adrian Bailey	HOC	16: 6, 4, 3, 9, 18, 24, 29, 14, 15, 27, 20, 19, 1, 2, 8, 5	7.19	160	01:00:56	10	150	M8	M55
Andy Howman	HOC	15: 5, 1, 2, 8, 9, 3, 4, 18, 24, 29, 14, 15, 27, 20, 19	7.56	150	01:00:58	10	140	M9	M45
Claire & William Gibson	Ind	13: 5, 1, 2, 18, 29, 24, 27, 15, 13, 12, 20, 7, 25	7.42	130	59:35:00	0	130	W2	W40
Rebecca McCreadie	DEE	12: 1, 2, 8, 3, 9, 17, 14, 29, 24, 18, 5, 1 (Extra)	4.78	110	48:58:00	0	110	W3	W45
Mandy Mackereth	HOC	15: 6, 8, 3, 9, 18, 29, 14, 11, 28, 10, 15, 27, 24, 2, 1	7.85	150	01:03:22	40	110	W4	W60
Ian Gamlen	HOC	12: 5, 1, 2, 8, 3, 9, 19, 20, 12, 13, 23, 7	7.03	120	01:04:17	50	70	M10	M55
Mick Sadler	HOC	12: 5, 1, 2, 18, 24, 29, 17, 14, 11, 28, 10, 20	7.52	120	01:09:26	100	20	M11	M75
Robert Vickers	HOC	5: 6, 7, 30, 16, 7 (Extra)	9.1	40	01:05:40	60	-20	M12	M80

## Sheet2

### ***Planner's Comments***

After the excellent initial event of last year's NSL series, which James Thomas laid on in Edgbaston and the western part of the city centre, I thought that a return to the eastern part of the centre would be interesting, using the Sacks of Potatoes pub as our base again. Scouting out control sites for the event was an enjoyable urban exploring task as I came across a variety of monuments to James Watt, one of the fathers of the steam engine, including the blue plaque on a house where he lived, the enormous Grazebrook steam engine (marooned on a roundabout above the A38), the 'Golden Boys statue in Centenary Square and the very weird Wattleisk statue outside the law courts.

To be honest, I had forgotten that James had arranged an event here just two years ago, as I'd missed that event. Nevertheless, a total of 18 runners turned up and got to grips with the complex university campus and the interesting, and rapidly changing, urban landscape that surrounds it. After a trial run I decided that the Open O map was not really capable of showing the interesting detail of the campus and was pleased to find that Alison had mapped the campus as part of the wider city centre map so we were able to use a detailed O map for the 9 controls on the campus and then the street map for the remainder.

I decided not to show the railways on the map as these are on the same OpenO map layer as the expanding tram network and could really cause confusion but this did make Snow Hill station rather puzzling and, in particular, control 27 at the top of the stairway up to the platform level, which I know that several runners struggled with.

About half a dozen of us stayed on, after everyone had returned safe and sound, for supper and I think we all agreed that the area would make a great venue for an urban event with careful planning to use canal bridges and the underpasses at major roundabouts to get across (or under) the main roads

Congratulations to Eloise Lee and Ben Crone for being first in the men's and women's categories. Mick Sadler's grandson, Lewis Coke, taking part in his first ever NSL event found an impressive 18 controls and independent runner Claire Gibson and her 10 year old son William found a very creditable 13 controls finishing just inside the 60 minute limit. The results are described as provisional as Alex Hudson's result seems to have got lost in the ether.