

## **PSUK Athletics (Race Walking)**

### **Annual Ryan Cup Match (Police Sport UK v Civil Service) inc. PSUK 10km/5km Championships 2022.**

**Held in Cannonhill Park, Birmingham on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>.September 2022.**

This years Championships were once again held on the established lap course in Cannonhill Park, Birmingham. This was also held in conjunction with the Annual Ryan Cup Match versus the Civil Service.

The event was hosted by West Midlands Police from the Sports and Social Club in Edgbaston, Birmingham and which is situated adjacent to the park.

The weather was dry and mainly sunny but at times with a chilly breeze.

Once again this year the PSUK entries were low and likewise the Civil Service were experiencing low entries but overall there was sufficient numbers to successfully hold the event and with the required number of officials.

The male walkers contested 6 laps on the tarmac perimeter path in the park with the female walkers contesting 3 laps.

In the men's 10km, Martin Slevin representing Dyfed Powys maintained his authority throughout the race from start to finish and actually finished 1<sup>st</sup> overall and also thus claiming the PSUK title for the Metropolitan Cup.

Martin finished in a time of 57minutes and 56seconds.

In second place was Colin Harle (last year's previous winner) and representing the Met Police in a time of 63minutes 04seconds. Colin was actually 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the race.

In third place was Stuart Bennett representing the Met Police in a time of 67minutes and 40seconds.

Only one team of three closed in from PSUK and this being the Metropolitan Police thus gaining first team awards.

In the women's 5km race, this was dominated by the Civil Service with only one representing PSUK and this being Ann Crofts representing Lancashire Police.

In the Ryan Cup Match, the Civil Service with slightly more walkers in the match were able to retain the Ryan Cup with a winning score of 16points to PSUK scoring 26points.

As ever all the athletes and officials expressed their gratitude that this historic event went ahead and is still in the Race Walking calendar.

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