

## 2021 County Road Race Championships: October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

Wet and windy weather added an additional challenge to the Leicestershire & Rutland Road Race Championship events held on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### County 5K Road Race Championships:

At Mallory Park, the County 5K Road Race Championships featured within the day's competitions organised by Race Rapid. The Men's race came down to a sprint finish along the home straight with Adam Barber (Harborough AC) just holding off David Robertson (Leicester Coritanian AC) for the County title by less than a second with both clocking a highly respectable time of 15 minutes & 13 seconds in the prevailing conditions. Just two seconds down (15-15) Tom Mahon (Wreake & Soar Valley AC) took the individual Bronze. Adam also secured the Junior Men's Gold, whilst Mark Powell (Leicester Coritanian AC) (16-31) was the leading Masters finisher. The Women's race was by comparison more clear-cut with Stephanie Lawrie (Kettering Town Harriers AC) claiming the County title in a time of 18-24, with Isabella Wrightam (Wreake & Soar Valley AC) (19-40) and Gracie-Rose Walters (Charnwood AC) (21-39) claiming Silver & Bronze. Isabella also secured the Junior Women's Gold. There were no finishers in the Masters Women category.

### County Half-Marathon Championships:

The County Half Marathon Road Race Championships were held within the Leicester Half-Marathon starting and finishing at Victoria Park, Leicester. Facing the worst of the day's weather it was Leicester Coritanian AC's Pascal Bouttier-Butler (74-27) that secured the County title, with the 22-year-old taking over 6 minutes from his previous best time. The remaining individual medals were claimed by Jason Barton (Stilton Striders) (76-46) and Gurmit Singh (78-44). Gurmit also claimed the Masters Gold with Toby Ward (Hinckley RC) (79-36) taking the Junior Gold. In the Women's event the County medals were awarded to: Rebecca Randell (Shepshed RC) (82-48); Emily Hall (West End Runners) (90-22); and Sarah Horner (West End Runners) (92-02). The Women's Masters Gold was awarded to Mika Mihell (Wigston Phoenix RC), who recorded a time of 98-54.

The County Association wish to extend our thanks to the organisers of the above events for so kindly hosting our Championships.

The final Road Race Championships of the year ... our 10K Road Race Championships (hosted by Race Rapid) ... takes place on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Further information can be found at the following link: <https://www.racerapid.co.uk/members/events/#!event-list>