

## 2021 County 10K Road Race Championships: December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Mallory Park hosted our final County Road Race Championships of 2021. ... The pattern of the race was soon established as the leading man and leading woman surged to race winning leads on the opening lap of six circuits. ... The Men's race was dominated by Jordan Rowe (Thames Valley Harriers), a Loughborough resident, who had featured prominently in the European XC Trials at Liverpool just a fortnight earlier. Jordan stretched his lead throughout crossing the line in a time of 30 minutes & 41 seconds to clinch his inaugural Leicestershire & Rutland County title. Tony Woodward (Notts AC), fresh from a 2-24 top 20 finish at the London Marathon, took County Silver in 32-21. Close behind, Luke Ingram (OWLS AC) got the better of a fine tussle with David Robertson (Leicester Coritanian AC) to take the County Bronze in 32-48. ... The Masters Gold was secured by Fraser Harris (Hermitage Harriers) in 38-29; whilst Zach Spence (Wreake & Soar Valley AC) took the U20M Gold in 39-09. ... Zach has supported the vast majority of our County Championship events this year and should be commended for his persistence. ... The women's race was once more poorly supported by County runners leading to medals going spare. Justine Anthony (Cambridge & Coleridge AC), another Loughborough resident, took Gold with a dominant display clocking a more than respectable time of 37 minutes & 00 seconds. The only other County female finisher was Gracie-Rose Walters (Charnwood AC) who clocked 46-09 to claim the individual Silver and the U20W Gold. ... The County Association once more wish to extend our gratitude to the race organiser (Rob Osborn of Race Rapid) whose on-going support over the past two years has enabled us to offer both a 5K & 10K (2020 & 2021) Road Race Championships at this challenging time for the sport.