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Glory for Worcester Athletic Club at the County Cross Country Championships

Worcester Athletic Club celebrated Christmas early with some fantastic results at the Worcestershire County Cross Country Championships at Warley Woods on Saturday 16th December. The club had individual gold medallists and team victories in the U17 Women and Senior Men, and also team gold in the U20 Men.

George Beardmore dominated the Senior Men's race - leading from gun to tape and winning by over 1 minute 20 seconds and leading the team to gold with Dan Geisler (4th), Lewis Roberts (5th), Harvey Bowron (12th), Robbie Campbell (13th) and Darren Kirby (23rd) the other scorers. The U20 Men packed brilliantly with Arty Wilson-Spence, Luke Jones and Andrew Jeavons finishing in 2nd, 3rd and 4th position. Isabella Porteus won the U17 Women's race by nearly a minute with Beatrice Rusby and Alice Lazenbury securing team gold in 3rd and 5th position.

The Senior Men's captain, Robbie Campbell (who also won an individual silver medal in the M40 category) was delighted to be part of the winning Senior Men's team, confirming "One of our top runners was a late withdrawal with a heavy cold, so it was extremely pleasing to have such strength and depth in our squad to be County Champions."

Other County Champions and medal winners were Maggie Crosswell - gold in the W70 category and Lucy Tebbett, Ella Purves and Shannon Davies - U15 Girls team bronze.

Beatrice Rusby - U17 Women and Lucas Seyler - U13 Boys were individual bronze medallists.

A number of Worcester Athletic Club members qualified for selection to represent the county in the **National Inter-Counties Cross Country Championships** on January 20th, including Emma Robertson who finished in 6th place in the very strong Senior Women's race.

Footnote(s)

Attached – Photo of George Beardmore negotiating lapped runners on the course.

Full results are available via https://www.facebook.com/groups/1463412837234073

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George Beardmore – Worcestershire Senior Men's County Champion

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