

Abbeytown Road Run 2008

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The Annual Abbeytown Road Run was held on Sunday 1st June, starting at 1:30pm when the rain was at its worst

That did not deter the competition with 109 runners taking part. The starter was Mrs Suzie Shepherd, head of Solway School who did a marvellous job as the rain affected the starting gun, causing two false starts, which everyone took in their stride. Finishing in the rain the sponges this year were used to keep the rain off some runners faces.

In the hall the Womens Institute was at work with their usual high class plate of food. The runners and followers filed into the hall for the teas, which was followed by Mrs Suzie Shepherd presenting the Trophies and prizes.

A thank you for all those who helped and especially Mrs Shepherd was made by Mrs Fiona Holliday.

Results are as follows:

10 Mile Run

- 1st Paul Curtis 58.26 (Northern vets)
- 2nd Gareth Wood 59.03 (Cumberland AC)
- 3rd Jackie Winn 59.20 (Ellenborough)
- 1st Male Veteran Les McVittie 60.35
- 1st Female Veteran Samantha Ayers 72.26 (C.F.R.)
- 1st Female Philippa Wakefield 71.10

5 Mile Run

- 1st boy 16 and under Carlisle King 35.22 (Kirkbride)
- 2nd boy Shaun Clark 48.08 (Silloth)
- 3rd boy Sean Little 53.01 (Abbeytown)
- 1st girl Hannah Braithwaite 37.35 (Maryport)
- 2nd girl Abbie Foy 45.24 (Maryport)
- 3rd girl Alice Nixon 89.00 (Abbeytown)

2 Mile Run

- 1st boy 11 and under Kevin Brown 19.47 (Abbeytown)
- 2nd boy David Williamson 22.12 (Silloth)
- 3rd boy Robbie Girdler 22.54 (Abbeytown)
- 1st girl Emily Harrison 19.13 (Abbeytown)
- 2nd girl Emma Wise 22.21 (Abbeytown)
- 3rd girl Rachel Harrison 25.34 (Abbeytown)



Start of the two mile race



Start of the five mile race



Start of the ten mile race



Winners of the two mile race



Winners of the five mile race



Winners of the ten mile race



Winners of the veteran race

Amongst the competitors of the two mile race at Abbeytown were four local girls, Ella & Fay Batey, Beau Studholme and Brooke Steel.

They were sponsored running for the Registered Charity, Sick Childrens Trust which provides a "Home from Home" accommodation for families of sick children, while they receive vital medical treatment in Hospital. This means that families can stay together, close to the childrens ward, to offer each other love and support during a difficult and distressing time.

The sum of over £400 was made by Sponsorship, and was a thank you, for the assistance the Charity had given to a family friend, Lily Gallagher (whose mother teaches



Back Left Ella Batey then Beau Studholme Seated Lto R= Fay Batey, Lily Gallagher, Brooke Steel at Abbeytown) and her treatment at Newcastle General hospital. This being one of seven "homes" across the U.K.

Drawing Prize Winners
M. Fraser,
Pam Taylor,
Jessica Gilroy,
Sue Askew,
Phyllis Dockeray,

Ryan Carr,
Marion Jefferson,
M. Gilroy,
N. Spark,
Bill Allan,
Sue Askew,
J. Reveley