

Spartan Juniors out in Force at Hampshire Championships Cross Country

22 Jersey Spartan athletes, 20 of whom are juniors will be competing at this weekend's Hampshire Cross Country Championship at Dibden on the edge of the New Forest. Jersey runners will be up against the top athletes from clubs across Hampshire, which is one of the strongest counties in England for cross country. The races are very competitive with around 50 in each of the junior race age categories and up to 200 in the senior events. The races also act as selection for the county team for each age group, determining who will compete for Hampshire at the UK Inter-County Cross Country in March. The juniors have been training hard over the last few months and looking forward to the challenge of competing. This is the largest junior squad that Jersey has ever sent to the Hampshire Cross Country, reflecting the steady rise of interest in the endurance events amongst Jersey youngsters and increasing standards. Toby Edwards will be striving to make the county team again at U20 level. Amongst the medals last year Felicity Johnson-Deeley (U17) and Danielle Leerson (U15) have both stepped up an age group this time so will be dealing with tougher competition at a year young in their age groups, however both girls are also aiming to make the cut for the county team for a successive year. Jersey has strong teams for both U13 and U15 boys' age groups, with Elliott Dorey (U15) and Oliver Terry (U13), based on current form, likely to be leading the respective Jersey team assaults. Both boys also made the county team last year and will hopefully repeat their success again. Nine of the juniors are entering their first cross country championship, Daisy, Emily, Chloe, Harriet, Tom, Patrick, Daniel, Jamie and Aaron. The full squad is listed below.

U13G	Lauren Lowe
U13G	Daisy Letch
U13G	Emily Boulter
U15G	Chloe Turmel
U15G	Danielle Leerson
U15G	Anna Fenton
U17W	Felicity Johnson – Deeley
U20W	Harriet Johnson - Deeley
U13B	Oliver Terry
U13B	Charles Renouf
U13B	Tom Ward
U13B	Patrick Cullinane
U13B	Daniel Robinson
U13B	Jamie Simpson
U15B	Elliott Dorey
U15B	Sam Ward
U15B	Aaron Turmel
U15B	Charlie Griggs
U17M	Matthew Raimbault
U20M	Toby Edwards
VM	Phil Terry
VM	Paul Raimbault