

Linda Franks 2015 Race Summary

'Another great race', was what I heard after this year's running of the Linda Franks 5 mile race. We had our highest number of runners ever... 280 signed up! 250 took to the start line – a remarkable number.

My thanks go to the Gloucestershire AAA's for their continued support and allowing this race to be included in their Road Race Series.

On a cold, dry and sunny day, the race went very well; from the start, my thanks to Miss Cheltenham, Sophie Lydia Smith, for being the official starter, to the final runner crossing the line. The route marshals (brilliantly organised as usual by Glenda and Ian Gill) gave encouragement and support to all of the runners. I received lots of positive comments about the marshals, so thank you to you all. I would like to thank Alison Hume, as Assistant Race Director, Gail and Graham Beddis for setting up the course, Wendy Haskins for Runner/Race Admin, June Franks, Mary Welsh, daughter Carol and granddaughter Sophie, Ray Barlow and Andrea Hardy for their sterling efforts on refreshments, Virginia Pawlyn as the 'meet and greet' and Rob Hume as 'official' club photographer. Huge thanks to the many Almost Athletes who contributed to the success of the race, too many for me to mention. Also thanks to all of those who delivered pre race letters to the local residents, it all helps to make this race happen.

Finally, thanks also to our race sponsors, Up & Running, Asda, B&Q and for the first time, the Nuffield Hospital.

We might do it all again next year!!!

Thanks

Graham Fletcher
Chairman
Almost Athletes