

British Energy Dunbar 10 Mile Race 6 October

For the first time in the history of the British Energy Dunbar 10 Mile Race a member from the host club, Dunbar Road Runners, crossed the finishing line first. On a glorious autumn day Ian Sills lead 90 athletes round the multi terrain course from Hallhill to the top of Doon Hill and back by farm tracks and country roads in a time of 1hr 00min 22 sec. A minute further down, Gerry Scullion from Portobello and his clubmate Willie Jarvie (1:2:28) took the lesser places. Willie's brother Scott in 12th place secured the team prize for the Portobello club in the men's race. Age category trophies were awarded to Mike Brookes (6th place)from Penicuik for the over forties and Archie Jenkins (5th place) from Cambuslang was first over fifty.

Megan Wright from Hunters Bog Trotters came in a very credible 7th place overall to win the ladies race, 2mins ahead of Edinburgh ACs Kim Threadgill (1:8:8). There was further joy for the local club when their Rhona Anderson secured third place and first veteran prize. Portobello's Shelagh McLeish collected the super veteran title and also lead her club to team honours with Karen Munro and Tracy Lazenby.

The local club was well represented further down the field with Graeme Jones (15th) and Andrew Anderson (51st) and Keith Mills bringing up the rear. Their ladies packed well with Clarissa Berry, Lucy Martin, Karen Page and Val Herring all finishing within ten minutes of each other and well in front of a few in the men's race. Local rivals HELP also had a strong contingent of girls with Lesley Nichol (1:19:00) and Ruth Watson (1:22:03) having the best results. Not far behind sisters Claire Simpson and Emily Black (1:26:33) came in together just in front of Saartje Drijver (74th). Top HELP man of the day was former race winner Sandy Wallace (1:7:54) in 9th position overall, ten places ahead of Ian Carrick who was awarded the trophy for being the first employee of sponsors British Energy to finish. Regulars Neil Scott (32nd) and George Armstrong (45th) completed the HELP representation. Musselburgh AC had a small turnout with Gordon Eadie (40th) and Stewart McConnell (44th) both having steady runs in the middle of the field.