

## **Newbury Triathlon – Andover Triathlon Club Championship race**

Eighteen members of Andover triathlon club took part in the Newbury Sprint Triathlon on Sunday 5th September. The highly popular local event comprised of a 300m pool swim, 22km cycle and 5km run and was chosen by the club to be used for their annual club championship race. Attracting seasoned athletes and beginners alike, 361 competitors headed for the staggered start at the unusually sized 75 yard open air pool at the Northcroft Leisure centre. Shaun Green grabbed the fastest time of the day for Andover finishing in 2nd place overall in the whole race with a very fast time of 58 mins 21 seconds, a mere 22 seconds behind the eventual winner. Next in for Andover was Dave Hall with a time of 1 hour 05 mins and 47 secs placing 15th, then Kenton Brock 1:06:20 in 17th and Paul Wills just 22 seconds behind in 1:06:42 in 18th position overall. First lady in for Andover was Virginia Graham in 1 hour 26 mins and 23 seconds who finished in 241st place just ahead of Helen Hunter in 258th position with a time of 1:27:21 and Katie King, 1:27:53 (265th). With 9 of its members coming in the top 50, Andover took to the podium at the main prize presentation, winning first place in the team award for the fastest three combined times in the race rounding off a very successful morning. The club then met in the afternoon for a BBQ and presentation of the club championship awards. Aside from the top three prizes in both the mens and womens categories there were many other prizes offered. With Shaun Green taking the honours for by far the quickest time of the day overall he could not stand for the fastest swim, bike or run prizes as he won all of these outright! So the prizes rolled down to Dave Hall for his 5 mins 15 seconds very fast swim, Paul Wills got the award for fastest bike with a time of 37 mins 37 seconds and Kenton Brock for his 18 mins 29 seconds run. The most outstanding male performance award went to Jason Briley for setting personal bests in all three disciplines and Tracey Daniell took the womens for taking part in her first triathlon this season after a year plagued with injury. Other awards went to club coach Baz Farquhar for worst injury/excuse of the day, Dan Mason for best finish photo and Andrew Woodhouse for being the worst dressed and not in club kit. With the triathlon season now drawing to a close the clubs attention will soon be focussing on winter training and structured sessions. For information on how to join the club and training schedules please visit [www.andovertriathlon.org.uk](http://www.andovertriathlon.org.uk).

