

Our juniors succeed at Fell Running in 2009

The English Junior Fell Running 2009 Championship medal winners

Some of our juniors have stepped off the track this summer and given Fell Running a try. Peter Harrison is an old hand and has been leading the way with an impressive 2nd half of the season culminating in a 4th place in the under 16 race at the British and Irish Junior Fell Running Championship in Sedbergh.

Peter was representing Scotland in this event and Tim Orr ran in an England vest for the first time. Peter also competed in a number of English Championship events (seen here at the Coiners Fell Race near Hebden Bridge)

Tim's England vest was gained by taking first place in the England U-16 Championship this summer. Tim competed in a series of six events held right across the North of England and managed to scrape home (by a narrow margin) as overall Champion. The picture (left) shows Tim competing near Keswick at the Anniversary Waltz Fell Race.

His brother Neil achieved 2nd place overall in the U-12 Championship and his first Championship medal.

Neil improved on this performance in the British Open Fell Running Association Championship (BOFRA) taking his first Championship (U-12). What's the difference between the England and BOFRA series I hear you say? Well the BOFRA comes from the guide's tradition and are generally shorter races that are straight up and down. Neil competed in 8 races to win the Championship.

Peter, Tim and Neil also competed in the England Schools Fell Running Championship (also at Sedbergh). CBBC Newsround featured this Championship (how hard is fell running?) – see the BBC web pages:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/newsid_8280000/newsid_8287400/8287481.stm