

AIRE Juniors at JK2026 – Perthshire Scotland

The first day sprint races in Perth saw 2 superb races from Ewen and Katie in the 18 elite classes. Ewen was 1st and Katie 3rd winning gold and bronze medals respectively – although Katie appears to have her eyes on someone else!



The middle and long races were in Rannoch a rough and complex forest which many of us found hard. The weather threw rain, snow and wind at us so it was an achievement to finish a course.

There were some other outstanding results overall (combined middle and long results) with Sebastian M10A 2nd and Sister Alethea W14A 5th. Bethan W16A was 4th overall and 1st on Middle.



My vote for AIRE junior of the weekend goes to Oscar Branney who competed in his first big event in some of UK's toughest terrain without being shadowed. He completed all his M10 courses successfully, achieving 9th and bronze standard in the M10 sprint. He then completed both middle and long M10A courses and was 11th overall.

To top it all, Oscar was allocated first leg in AIRE's mini relay team Paddington BAIREs. He took it steady and carefully all the way around to complete the course in 9th place.

Alfie Alcock ran 2nd leg and successfully completed his leg (4th on leg) bringing us up to 7th. This left Joby, as anchor leg, to chase the rest of the teams. He had a storming run (1st on leg) bringing the team back 4th overall!

Other individual results:

Joby M12A 13th overall, Penny W14A 22nd Middle, Charlie M14A 39th Middle, Sam 22nd M16A Middle, Ewen M18E 13th overall, Henry M18E 34th overall, Katie W18E 19th overall.

Relays:

Mini – Oscar, Alfie and Joby -4th

M/W40- George Sebastian & Penny – 10th

W48- Bethan, Alethea (3rd) & Katie (2nd) - mispunch

M48- Ewen (1st) Charlie & Sam - 4th with Sam's sprint finish we very nearly had the bronze medal!

Ad Hoc - Isobel W10 ran with the Black BAIREs adults Liz and Peter and they came 29th.

Well done everyone. I hope you enjoyed another AIRE adventure in the wilds of Scotland.

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