

Summary of 2025 Race series to support AGM presentations.

The 2025 Overall Road Winners for Women and Men were Joanne Johnson and Lewis Jones and Steve Axford – a tie! Whilst Joanne was a consistent runner and point gatherer (76 out of a maximum 84) it was still a close outcome at the end with 4 points separating the first 3. For the Overall Men we had a tie and Steve caught Lewis with his marathon time in the final reckoning. Down the various Age groups, we had several members who scored an incredible maximum points and close races throughout in other categories.

There were less entrants for the Off-Road series, we would like to encourage members to give it a go, it is not as daunting as Cross Country can feel and it is great fun with some beautiful courses for 2026, come on, embrace the mud! Anyway, onto the results with Sue Pearce taking the 2025 Overall Off-Road Winners for Women with a similarly consistent set of races to Joanne in the Road Series. In the Overall Men's category Jamie Baron led the whole season and won quite comfortably in the end. Again, as with the Road Series, down the various Age groups, we had several members who scored an incredible maximum set of points and close races throughout in other categories.

We have altered the Road and of Road series for 2026 and have reduced the number of races to shake up the list, reduce our carbon footprint a little and to look at some favourites that have dropped off the list over the years. It is our intention to keep reviewing these races and we will form a small sub-committee in a couple of months to look at 2027 so look out for an announcement on that. Plenty of time to enter for 2026 as only a few races have happened so far, have a look at the website for more details.

The 2026 Handicap Series is just around the corner starting on May 11th. Last year's series was a close-run affair with just 4 points separating the top 4 with Steve Youngs coming out as the winner. If you haven't entered before, please give it a try, with a handicap based on your recent time the playing field should be levelled out and results from each race affect your handicap for the next one. It is a quite a sight as the handicap unravels itself and a mass of runners come around Everest Road on each other's shoulders for the last corner, go on, give it a go!

Paul Jones

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