

## 14 wins for Nottingham Rowing Club at Nottingham Autumn Head

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Over 400 competitors descended on the River Trent in Nottingham on Sunday 1st November to race in the Nottingham Autumn Head.

The event had a new format this year and ran three quite distinct divisions. The 1st division was for single scullers over the age of 16 and was raced over 5750 metres, finishing at the clubhouses near the City Ground. There were 72 competitors racing in 15 different categories. Dense fog delayed the start by about 30 minutes, but water conditions were ideal with absolutely no wind. Due to the reduced visibility the gap between competitors was increased, and everyone made it safely down the course. Nottingham Rowing club won eight of the categories, with **Anto English** leading the charge by winning overall. There were also wins for

**James Mawby**

(J18 finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>

),

**Kenny Gray**

(IM3 finishing 8<sup>th</sup>

),

**Graham Angus**

(Masters D),

**Sophie Thean**

(Women's IM2),

**Charlotte Brown**

(Women's J17),

**Katie Swales**

(Women's J18) and

**Bella Barlow**

(Women's J16). Aerin Thompson of Nottingham & Union won W J 18.

The 2nd division was raced over 2000 metres for novice sculls and under-15 crews and scullers. 52 crew raced, and for many would be their first experience of racing. Nottingham Rowing club won Women's Novice singles (**Annie Campbell Orde**), Junior 15 singles (**Theo Hayes**) and Women's Junior 13 singles (**Emily Brown**).

The 3rd division was raced over 4000 metres from Clifton Bridge to the club for quads/fours and

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doubles/pairs; 83 crews raced in the division. Overall winners were the IM1 coxless four from Nottingham University BC, who also won a further four categories to make five in total, the same number as did Nottingham Trent University. Nottingham Rowing Club won Masters D coxless fours (**Shane MacSweeney, Andy Brown, Andy Townsend and Chris Beesley**), which kept up the Brown family record on the day. Nottingham RC also won Women's Junior 16 2x ( **B**

**ella Barlow**

and

**Jenna Draycott**

) and Novice 2x (

**Matthew Nicholls**

and

**Peter Willis**

). Nottingham & Union won W J15 4x+ and W Nov 2x.

The event finished on time despite the early delay due to the fog, and competitors left satisfied with a well-run event held in ideal rowing conditions. All the event winners received a glass tumbler with the regatta logo engraved on the front.