

Perth runners brave the elements for annual event

Perth Road Runners' Brig Bash road race returned to the streets of Bridge of Earn and Kintillo recently.

This annual contest has become Scotland's leading five-mile race and again attracted a clutch of Scotland's leading runners.

The start this year will be long remembered for the sudden storm and deluge that visited itself on runners, organisers and helpers alike.

In almost-aquatic conditions, 260 runners went on their way, with sunshine emerging to greet the first finishers on Chaise Road.

The men's race has been won by a Central AC (Stirling) athlete since 2019, with Hamish Hickey adding his name to the trophy this year.

His time of 24:03 was the third-fastest performance over the course since its inception in 1998. His Central team-mate (and girlfriend) Grace Whelan

took the women's title in 28:46, this representing the fastest ladies' time since 2019.

Previous winners James Donald (Dundee Hawkhill Harriers) and Gayle Lindsay (PH Racing) were the second man and lady home respectively.

The team contests have been very close affairs in recent year, and 2025 was no exception. Dundee Hawkhill's men's team and PH Racing's ladies' team both extended their winning streaks to three years through narrow victories over Dundee Roadrunners in both races.

Three new age group records were set, and all by Perth athletes. Lucy Ward and Iain Jordan - both of Perth Strath Tay Harriers - set bests for the recently-added under-20 categories, while PRR's Ann Reed removed almost three minutes for the over-70 ladies record.

Twenty-five Perth Road Runners competed in total, but

these are comparatively small numbers owing to the need for club members to organise and marshal the race.

As in all years, the Brig Bash is supported by the help of many groups: Perth parkrun, Kinross Road Runners, Bridge of Earn AFC, Bridge of Earn Institute and Dunbarney Primary School.

The understanding and enthusiasm of residents along the course-especially at the start and finish in Bridge of Earn - is also crucial.

The race will return for its 27th edition in 2026.

● Want to join the club? Perth Road Runners welcomes experienced runners and newcomers alike, meeting on Tuesday evenings at the former Bells Sports Centre, and on alternate Wednesday and Thursday evenings for track and hill training.

Full details on how to join can be found at: www.perthroadrunners.co.uk.

Brig Bash Road Race



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The start this year will be long remembered for the sudden rain and deluge that visited the runners, organisers and spectators.

In almost aquatic conditions, 200 runners went to their rigs with weather emerging against the first finishers on Chalmers Road.

The men's race has been won by a Central AC's (Stirling) athlete since 2018, with Thomas Hickey adding his name to the trophy this year.

His time of 23:40 was the third fastest performance over the course since its inception in 1980. The Central team name (and girlfriend) Grace Whelan

took the women's title in 20:40, this representing the fastest ladies time since 2015.

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Again all years, the Brig Bash is supported by the help of more groups: Perth parkrun, Kintillo Road Runners, Bridge of Earn APC, Bridge of Earn Institute and Dunblane Primary School.

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