

Perth Road Runners



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now a Central AC athlete - won men's runner-up in 24:48, breaking his own under-20 course record and finishing just outside the top ten times ever recorded at all 27 Brig Bashes.

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As in all years, the Brig Bash is supported by the help of many groups, especially Kinross and Dundee Road Runners, Bridge of Earn AFC, Bridge of Earn Institute and Dunbarney Primary School. The post-race buffet food sponsor was John's Scotch Malt.

This was the first year of race-specific traffic speed restrictions, for which the help of PRC Roads, Police Scotland and ALBA Traffic was essential.

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

PRR are very grateful for all of this support.

The race will return for its 20th edition in 2027.





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 Wednesdays and
Thursday evenings for track and
hill training. Full details on how to
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