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On-Footse debut is the business

Runners from businesses across Cambridgeshire and beyond battled it out for top places in the On-footse Top 100 race at Cambridge University Athletics Track yesterday (Sunday 22 June) in aid of local mental health charity Cam-mind.

The On-Footse event proved a big hit with serious competitors and fun runners alike, all of who ran a mile each in competitive heats – and blustery conditions. The top place went to The Bath Company's Noel Carroll who ran a time of 5.15 in the final. Ashley Allen of MG Training came a close second at 5.16 and Marshall's Chris Flood third at 5.27.

Among others taking part were Cambridgeshire fire fighter Matt House who ran in uniform, cheered on by other members of his Watch, together with representatives from numerous other local businesses and organisations.

The Top 10 were: Noel Carroll - **The Bath Company**, Ashley Allen - **MG Training**, Chris Flood - **Marshall of Cambridge (Holdings) Ltd**, Daniel Howarth - **Sagentia**. Giulio Cinque – **Giulio**, Craig Radcliffe – **Cambridge City F.C**, Chris Bower – **Kodak European Research**, James Glover – **Mott MacDonald**, Dean Bennison – **The Bath Company**.

“The On-Footse heats included a wide range of runners, some of whom were very competitive, while others were running either for fun or a challenge,” says Aly Anderson from Cam-mind.

“But the final was definitely a seriously competitive race, with all runners coming in under 5.59. It was fantastic to watch.”

The On-Footse was started by David Howarth mp and the trophies were presented by Cambridge Mayor Cllr Mike Dixon.

Family fun events ran alongside the main race and included a 100m Mascot Sprint, which saw the On-Footse's own mascot, Camilla the Chipmunk, run against five other local mascots – Cambridge City Football Club's Lily the Panda, Cambridge United's Marvin the Moose, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue's Fireman Sam, Cambridgeshire County Council Road Safety Team's Spike the Hedgehog and Wardrobe Costume Hire's Roxy the Rabbit. Lily the Panda stormed home to win the race in 13.8 s, closely followed by Fireman Sam and Spike the Hedgehog.

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“The mascot race was great fun for spectators but no less competitive for that,” says Aly Anderson. “ I think 100m in 13.8 seconds is pretty impressive for a Panda, and that will be the time to beat next year.”

The On-Footse, which is now set to be an annual event, was sponsored by Interact (www.interactdirectory.com) and is raising funds for Cam-mind’s community projects in and around Cambridge. For further information, log on to www.cam-mind.org.uk or call 01223 311320.

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