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NOTTINGHAM CELEBRATES IN STYLE WITH ROBIN HOOD AND RUNNERS IN THEIR THOUSANDS

The 2018 Ikano Bank Robin Hood Marathon Events saw almost 9,000 runners lace up and take to the city this morning. Richard Whitehead MBE and The Lord Mayor of Nottingham, Councillor Liaqat Ali set the runners on their way from Victoria Embankment for the 38th edition of the event. Chris Rainsford (29) and Katherine Wood (23) were crowned winners of the Men’s and Women’s Half Marathon.

With the doors now closed on the 2018 race weekend, race organiser, Goldline Events, is excited to announce that the 2019 race weekend will take place on the 28th and 29th September 2018. Registrations will open 10am, Monday 01 October.

2018 male half marathon winner, Chris Rainsford of Highgate Harriers (race time 1:07:54*), said: “This was my first time at the race and to cross the line with a new PB is amazing. The support along the course was fantastic, it’s a great location and there’s a really fun atmosphere – I’ll be back next year to hopefully retain my crown!”

Alastair Watson (9th appearance at the race) followed in 2nd place for Notts AC with a race time of 1:09:28 and team-mate Anthony Woodward (1:11:22) took third.

Topping the women’s half marathon race in 1:17:34 was Katherine Wood from Sale Harriers. Smashing her personal best race time by over two minutes, Katherine said: “Once I found my stride, I had a great race. The race conditions couldn’t have been better today, I felt great out there. To cross the line as first lady and to be crowned England Athletics Champion, it’s been a great Sunday!”

Rotherham Harriers athlete, Sophie Cowper took second place in 1:18:46, followed by Charlotte Firth (1:23:37) from Windsor Slough Eton & Hounslow AC.

Cancer Research UK fundraiser, Mark Poyser (54) said: “I can’t thank the public enough for their cheers and support along the whole route. It was a brilliantly organised race with fantastic marshals. I ran a 2:30 half, nowhere near my PB but today was about my family and chosen charity, Cancer Research. So many of my family have been affected by cancer, I want to do my bit to help raise vital funds for ongoing research.”

Judith Manson, Race Director, commented: “Massive congratulations to all those who took part this weekend and our thanks go out to the city and the people of Nottingham, who have helped us host such a fantastic event and raised thousands of pounds for charity. I’d like to also recognise the brilliant work of our volunteers, who contributed to such a wonderful weekend!”



“We would also like to extend our thanks to all of our event partners and sponsors, who without them such an event would not be possible. We hope to see everybody back next year, entries are now open, secure your spot today!”

To mark the opening of entries, there is a special early bird price available until midnight 31st October 2018 of just £29.95 (affiliated runners), £31.95 (non AAA) for the half marathon, £11.95 for the mini marathon and £8.50 for the mile challenge.”

To sign up visit www.robinhoodhalfmarathon.co.uk

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NOTE TO EDITOR:

*All race times provided are provisional.

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