

## SMITH AND MCALEER GO FASTEST IN THE GOSFORTH RC 12

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**Adele McAleer**

Adam Smith (Team Kirkley Cycles) was the winner of the Gosforth 12-mile time trial, while Adele McAleer (Velo Culture) was victorious in the women's event near Stamfordham in Northumberland on Sunday.

It was a grey and overcast morning, the roads were still damp from heavy overnight rain and the conditions were a little muggy, but

everyone got around this sporting course safely.

The outright win went to Smith who rode a 26:23, a time over two minutes quicker than his nearest rival.

In second place was fastest veteran Harry Walker of Revolver Racing who clocked a time of 28:31. Leading the charge for the host club Gosforth RC was Simon Crisp, third overall on the day 28:50 and fastest road bike in a very strong field.

Smith said after the event: "The weather looked like it was going to play it's part but thankfully it settled and was relatively well behaved for a change.

"This course is always a challenge with the first half offering plenty of elevation gain so pacing is key and survival always the aim in the second half. I'm really happy to finally take an open win before the North East District season wraps up."

In the women's event it was Adele McAleer who came out on top, completing the course in 32:38. This was her first overall win, having picked up prizes in recent events in the road bike category. It comes at a time when Adele is starting to turn her attention to the fast approaching cyclo-cross season.

Second place was Claire Harlow (Team Kirkley Cycles) who finished in 32:50 and following her time to take third spot was Lois Jarvis of North Tyneside Riders CC who completed the 12-mile course in 33 minutes flat.

Adele said after the event: "I really enjoyed today's undulating course, at times a little too much as I had to unclip on one of the corners. The event was well marshalled, as have been all the events I have taken part in for my first full season.

"I couldn't be happier to finish the local BAR series in such a beautiful setting. Thank you to all involved today and throughout the season and to all the wonderful female riders who have been so lovely and welcoming."

Charlie Thew of Racing Metro 15 was fastest Junior (31:10).



**Adam Smith**



**Simon Crisp**