



It has been a successful year for the women's section of Clonliffe Harriers. I will take you through the main highlights. I have kept these to the main wins and key performances throughout the year.

Track & Field Events Highlights

- **Grace Casey:** retained her national javelin title with a throw of 44.88 metres; set multiple club records, with a best of 45.86 metres; and represented Ireland at the European Athletics Team Championships. Most recently, she won the senior javelin at the Spring Throws meet. She was named Clonliffe's Women's Track and Field Athlete of the Year and gave back to the club by leading a juvenile javelin clinic.
- **Megan Comiskey:** set a new club discus record of 46.55 metres in Sarnen; won the National U20 discus title; took silver in the U20 hammer; and won the U20 discus at the Swiss National Throws Championships.
- **Emily Bolton:** made a great start to the season, breaking a long-standing 1500m club record in 4:16.77 and achieving the qualifying standard for the European Youth Olympic Festival and the European U20 B standard. After a period of injury, she returned to set new senior and junior mile club records of 4:45.56 at the New Balance Indoor Grand Prix in Boston.
- **Edel Maguire:** delivered an exceptional season, with success at World, European and National level. She won World Masters Indoor gold in the high jump and 400m, setting a world and championship record, and added European Masters gold in the 400m and high jump with a European record. She went on to win multiple national titles, European Indoor Masters gold in the 60m, 200m and 400m, and relay golds with national and world records. She was named AAI and Conliffe Master Athlete of the Year.
- **Hannah Seagrave:** delivered an outstanding season, breaking the Conliffe 800m club record at Cork City Sports in 2:02.30, and improving it several times during the year. She went on to make history at the National Indoor Championships, becoming Conliffe's first women's National Indoor 800m Champion and winning the club's first national 800m title in 51 years. She later set the current club record of 2:01.68 at the PRTC Indoor Classic in Philadelphia. We look forward to seeing her compete in Conliffe colours on club grounds in the season ahead.

Cross Country Highlights

- Dublin Novice Cross Country Championships: Jess Gallagher individual bronze — Team silver — with Jess Gallagher, Grace Twomey, Niamh Quinn, Jenny Johnston.
- Dublin Senior Cross Country Championships: Team silver — Helena Butterly, Niamh Kelly, Laura Tuite, Alannah Cooley; first medal since 2013; strongly supported by Eleanor Alexander, who was part of the team in 2013. The senior team then travelled to Derry for the nationals on a tough course in awful weather. They were disappointed, but still competitive and determined to do better in 2026.

- National Novice Cross Country Championships: Team gold — Hope Saunders, Jess Gallagher, Niamh Quinn, Jenny Johnston — Hope also took inter-county gold on the Dublin team.
- Dublin Intermediate Cross Country Championships: Jess Gallagher individual silver — Team gold with Jess Gallagher, Ailbhe Morgan, Lauren McKiernan, Sarah Hawkshaw.
- Dublin Masters Cross Country Championships: W35+ Team Bronze — Cindy Hickey, Ciara Peelo, Natalia Lungu.
- National Intermediate Cross Country Championships: Hope Saunders individual silver — Team bronze — with Hope Saunders, Alannah Cooley, Lauren McKiernan, Grace Twomey. Hope also took inter-county gold on the Dublin team.

Road Racing Highlights

- 2025 Dublin 10k Championships (Windmill 10K): Senior Team Bronze — Ciara Peelo, Enya Hand, Elaine McLoughlin, Siobhan Devany.
- Bohermeen 5K: Team Silver — Alannah Cooley, Aoife O'Reilly, Ayana O'Callaghan, Harriet Kenny.
- Dublin 5K Championships (Rathfarnham): Team Gold — Niamh Kelly, Eleanor Alexander, Allana Burke, Jenny Johnston.
- Tom Brennan 5K: Helena Butterly 3rd woman; her first race after being named Conliffe's Women's Road and Cross-Country Athlete of the Year.
- Raheny 5: Team Bronze — Laura Tuite, Jess Gallagher, Lauren McKiernan.
- Skerries 10K: Team Bronze — Mary Ketterer, Aideen O'Connor, Rachel Eustace, Siobhan McCarthy.
- Tallaght 5K: Helena Butterly 3rd Woman; Team Silver — with Helena Butterly, Laura Tuite, Ailbhe Morgan, Aoife O'Reilly
- Dublin Novice 5K (Tallaght) Team gold — Ailbhe Morgan, Aoife O'Reilly, Ayana O'Callaghan, Sophie Kernan.
- Drogheda Easter 5K: Laura Tuite 1st, Chloe Heaslip 3rd, Ailbhe Morgan 4th.
- 2026 Dublin 10K Championships (Windmill 10K): Senior Team Bronze — Ciara Peelo, Elaine McLaughlin, Aideen O'Connor, Mary Ketterer; W35 Team Bronze — Paulette Griffin, Anne Lyons, Pamela Kavanagh, Michelle Waters.
- National Road Relays: Conliffe fielded senior, masters, and a development team; the A team missed bronze by just four seconds, with the Masters A team also narrowly outside the medals. It was a strong collective performance from all the athletes on the day.

That brings me to the end of the main highlights. A more detailed report will follow, covering all events and performances from the year.

Finally, I would like to thank my vice captains, Ciara Peelo and Geraldine Reilly, for all their work and support over the past year. I would also like to thank our Club Captain Noel Guiden, President Mick Kearney, Secretary Stephen Baeston, Treasurer Carl Fleming, Juvenile Captain Eugenia Baeston, and Women's Officer Sarah Baeston, along with our coaches and all the athletes, for their commitment and contribution throughout the year.

I would be happy to put my name forward again for the year ahead. Thank you.

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Women's Captain's Report

This report reflects a positive and successful period for the women's section of Clonliffe Harriers, with strong performances across track, cross country, and road. The season has been marked by national success, record-breaking achievements, and continued growth in participation across all age groups.

Indoor

At the **World Masters Indoor Championships** in Florida (March 2025), Edel Maguire delivered a truly exceptional performance, winning two gold medals and a silver. She claimed gold in the W65 High Jump with a Championship Record of 1.34m, and gold in the W65 400m in a remarkable World Record time of 66.94 seconds. She also secured silver in the W65 200m (29.86), missing gold by just 0.003 seconds. Snezana Bechtina also impressed, finishing 7th in the W40 60m final (8.19) and 5th in the W40 200m semi-final (28.71).

At **NIA Live** on December 5th, Snezana Bechtina played a key role in the Irish W40 4x400m relay team, running the second leg in a world-record-breaking performance (subject to ratification). The team clocked 3:57.61, an extraordinary six seconds inside the previous world best.


At the AAI Indoor Games on January 17th, Niamh Kelly secured 3rd place in the 800m in a time of 2:14.23.





Emily Bolton delivered a standout performance at the **New Balance Indoor Grand Prix in Boston** on January 24th, setting a new Clonliffe senior women's mile record of 4:45.56, which also established a new junior women's outright club record.

At the **Leinster Indoor Championships** (January 31st), there were strong performances across multiple age groups. Niamh Tenanty placed 6th in her 60m heat (8.58). Snezana Bechtina (W40) secured silver in the 60m (8.34) and competed in the 200m (27.13). Vivian Okafor (W40) won gold in the shot put (8.12m) and weight for distance (5.58m). Aisling Andrews (W35) claimed gold in the 1500m (5:31.54). Edel Maguire (W65) won gold in the 400m (69.40). Mel Curran (W45) secured gold in the 400m (1:19.58) and placed 4th in the 800m (3:07.09). Fionnuala Smith (W50) won silver in the 400m (1:20.94) and bronze in the 800m (3:05.65), while Siobhan McCarthy (W50) took silver in the 800m (3:04.69) and bronze in the 400m (1:22.27).


At the Track and Field Live series on February 11th, Niamh Kelly continued her strong form, improving her 800m indoor PB to 2:12.04 and finishing 5th in her race. Niamh Tenanty won Series 1 of the 60m in 8.41 and ran 8.48 in Series 2. Snezana Bechtina clocked 8.50 in Series 1 & placed 3rd in Series 2 in 8.39. In the master's events, Katherine Markey ran 30.85 in the 200m.



Across Rounds 1 and 2 of the **National Indoor League**, the women's team delivered consistent performances to secure their place in the Final, with athletes contributing valuable points across track and field events. Notably, Helena Butterly, Grainne Diamond-Ebs, and Saffron Rijnders all played important roles in the earlier rounds.





At the **National Indoor League Final** on February 14th, the women's team produced a determined performance to finish 7th overall on 55 points, just two points off 5th place in a tightly contested competition. Niamh Kelly secured maximum points with a superb win in the 800m (2:14.57) and later anchored the 4x400m relay. Laura Tuite showed great determination, placing 4th in the 1500m before returning to take 3rd in the 3000m (10:31.15). Vivian Okafor added valuable points with a PB of 5.85m to place 3rd in the weight for distance and finished 6th in the shot put.



Snezana Bechtina contributed strongly across multiple events, placing 3rd in the pole vault, 7th in the triple jump, and leading off the relay team. Edel Maguire cleared 1.35m to place 6th in the high jump. Emily Jachna, managing shin splints, competed strongly in the 60m, Niamh Whyte contributed valuable points in the race walk, an important event for the team.


Several athletes stepped up impressively, including Blaithe Holden (7th in the 60m hurdles), Moya O'Connell (4th in the 400m and relay team member), Maggie Szuta (8th in the long jump), and Romi Banim (200m and relay team member, making her senior debut).

Hannah Seagrave set a new Clonliffe indoor 800m record of 2:03.01 at the **Sound Running Invite in Winston-Salem**, finishing 2nd.



At the **National Indoor Championships** (February 28th–29th), Hannah made history by becoming Clonliffe's first-ever women's National Indoor 800m Champion in a time of 2:07.76—securing the club's first women's 800m national title in 51 years.

In the 4x200m relay, the team of Emily Jachna, Sarah McDonnell, Grainne Diamond Ebs, and Romi Banim finished 4th in 1:45.28.



At the final Track & Field Live meet on March 4th, Alannah Cooley won her heat in 2:20.53 in her first track race since the previous summer. Niamh Kelly continued her strong season with a heat win in 2:12.60. Laura Tuite ran a six-second PB in the mile (5:11.27) to place 2nd. In the sprints, Niamh Tenanty placed 3rd in both races (8.55 and 8.60), while Snezana Bechtina ran 8.64.

The programme also featured Irish Masters relay events, where Edel Maguire competed in the Mixed 65 4x200m relay team, narrowly missing a record in 2:00.98.

At the **IUA Indoor Championships** March 7th Chloe Heaslip ran a 1500 PB of 4.59.92

Hannah Seagrave continued her record-breaking form at the **PRTC Indoor Classic in Philadelphia**, improving her club 800m record to 2:01.82 to finish 3rd.

At the U20/U23 **National Indoor Championships** (March 14th), Isla Duncan placed 2nd in her 1500m heat, while Goda Buivydyte finished 7th in the 800m final (2:18.80).

At the **National Masters Indoor Championships** (March 15th), Clonliffe athletes delivered an excellent performance, winning a total of seven medals (three gold, two silvers, and two bronze) and setting a world record. Snezana Bechtina claimed gold in the W40 400m (1:01.48), as well as silver in both the W40 60m (8.18) and 200m (26.64). Edel Maguire secured two gold medals in the W65 category, winning the 400m (1:07.71) and High Jump (1.35m). Aisling Andrews took bronze in the W35 1500m (5:24.96), while Fionnuala Smith earned bronze in the W50 400m (1:21.99) and placed 7th in the 800m (3:10.58).

Edel was also part of the Mixed 65 4x200m relay team, which set a new world record of 2:00.85 (pending ratification), rounding off a successful championship for the club.

At the **European Masters Indoor Championships** in Toruń, Poland, Edel Maguire delivered an exceptional series of performances in the W65 category. She won gold in the 60m (9.11), 200m (29.63), and 400m (1:07.65), setting a new W65 Irish record in the 200m. Her dominant 400m performance earned her the nickname “The Irish Torpedo.” She also secured silver in the high jump with a clearance of 1.37m, setting another W65 Irish record.

Edel was also part of two gold medal-winning relay teams. She contributed to victory in the mixed 4x200m relay (2:01.55) alongside Siobhan Doyle (Menapians AC), Shane Toolan (Tir Chonail AC), and Shane Sheridan (DSD). She also competed on the W60 4x200m relay team, which won gold in 2:01.05 and set a new W60 national record, alongside Moira Groom (Trim AC), Geraldine Finegan (Northeast Runners AC), and Carol Kearney (Lucan AC).

Snezana Bechtina also enjoyed relay success as part of the Irish team. She was a member of the women’s 4x200m relay team (W40), alongside Sinead O’Connor, Bernadette Spillane, and Lucianne Hughes (W45), which secured victory in a time of 1:46.98.

She also competed in the mixed 4x200m relay, teaming up with Sinead O’Connor, Ruaidhri Kedney, and Keith Pollard. The team set a new national record with a time of 1:39.42.

Outdoor T&F

The outdoor season began on a strong note at the National Spring Throws 2025, where Grace Casey won the javelin with a throw of 43.15m.

At the **IMC Clonmel Meet in May**, Emily Bolton delivered an outstanding performance in the 1500m, clocking 4:21.35 to secure both the EYOF qualifying standard and the European U20 B standard.

At the **Belfast Milers Meet** in May 2025, Emily Bolton produced a superb run in the Women’s International 1500m, finishing 3rd in a personal best of 4:16.77, breaking a long-standing 48-year-old Clonliffe Harriers club record. In the Women’s 400m A race, Leah Bergin made a strong return to competition, placing 5th in 57.10.

At the **May Open Meet**, Grace Casey won the javelin with a throw of 45.64m, setting a new Clonliffe Harriers club record. In the 400m, Leah Bergin placed 3rd in Heat 2 in 57.31.



At the **Nationales Auffahrts** Meeting in Langenthal, Switzerland (May 29th, 2025), Grace Casey placed 2nd in the javelin with a throw of 45.86m, improving her club record and finishing just 14cm short of her personal best.

Megan Comiskey shattered the club discus record, in her season opener at **Sarnen**, with a powerful throw of 46.55m.

Leinster Track & Field Championships, Snezana Bechtina claimed 2nd place in both the 100m (12.68) and 200m (26.72), while Grace Casey won the Javelin with 44.03m and Mia Primke secured 2nd place with 32.53m.



At the **Senior Women's Club Championships** in June, there were strong performances across all events. In the 5000m, Rachel McFadden took 1st place in 18:34, followed by Natalia Lungo (2nd, 19:53) and Sinead McDermott (3rd, 20:21). In the 800m, Sophie Keirnan won in a personal best of 2:23, with Jess Gallagher 2nd (2:25 PB) and Ailbhe Murray 3rd (2:25). In the 1500m, Isla Duncan took victory in 4:50, followed by Ailbhe Morgan (2nd, 5:02) and Aoife O'Reilly (3rd, 5:05). In the 100m, Snezana Bechtina won in 12.8, ahead of Sarah McDonnell (13.2) and Caoimhe DeBello (13.8)

At the **European Athletics Team Championships** (2nd Division) in Maribor, Slovenia, Grace Casey represented Ireland in the javelin, placing 14th.

At the **NI Masters Championships** at the Mary Peters Track, Edel Maguire (W65) delivered outstanding performances, setting age group records in both the 100m (14.87) and 200m (30.90). In the W55 category, Katherine Markey placed 2nd in the 200m in 31.16.



At the **Mannheim International** in Germany, Megan Comiskey competed in the discus, finishing 6th in a high-calibre field.

At the **National U20 & U23 Championships**, Megan Comiskey produced another powerful performance, winning the U20 Discus title and placing 2nd in the U20 Hammer.



At the **National League Preliminary Round** in July 2025, the Clonliffe women delivered an excellent team performance to secure 3rd place overall with a total of 163 points. There were valuable contributions across all events, with strong performances from Snezana Bechtina, Niamh Whyte, Leah Bergin, Lily Scanlon, Emily Jachna, Aoife O'Reilly, Jessie Picone, Ayana O'Callaghan, Sophie Kernan, Anna Heavey, Edel Maguire, Vivian Okafor, Mia Primke, and Grace Casey. A special mention to Ayana O'Callaghan, who stepped up to compete in her first-ever 800m, showing great determination and team spirit.

At the **National League Final**, the team faced a more challenging competition with a reshuffled lineup but showed great resilience throughout. Notable performances included Snezana Bechtina (6th 100m hurdles, 4th pole vault, 5th triple jump, relay), Mia Primke (3rd javelin, 3rd discus), Alannah Cooley (3rd 1500m PB 4:44.26, 5th 800m PB 2:20.21), Leah Bergin (3rd 400m, relay), Niamh Whyte (3rd 1500m race walk), Aisling Andrews (8th 3000m), Emily Jachna (100m, relay), Edel Maguire (6th high jump), Caoimhe DeBello (8th long jump), and Saffron Rijnders (5th shot put), with Niamh Tenanty also contributing as part of the relay team.





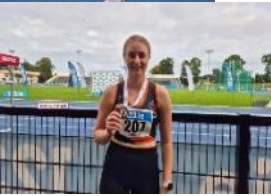
At **Cork City Sports** in July 2025, Hannah Seagrave set a new Clonliffe Harriers 800m club record with a time of 2:02.30.

At the **National AAI Games**, Emily Jachna delivered a powerful performance in the 100m, running a personal best of 12.64.

At the **National Masters Championships**, Frances Mansfield (W80) won gold in the hammer with a throw of 16.17m. Edel Maguire (W65) also had a successful championship, winning gold in the 200m (30.39), high jump (1.35m), and 400m (70.92)



At the **National Track & Field Championships** in Morton Stadium, Grace Casey regained her national javelin title with a throw of 44.88m, while Mia Primke placed 5th with 37.04m. In the 800m, Hannah Seagrave won her heat in 2:08.15 and went on to place 5th in the final with a season's best of 2:05.39. In the 1500m, Doireann Hughes finished 12th in her heat in 4:56.79.



At the **Meeting voor Mon** in August 2025, Hannah Seagrave set a new Clonliffe Harriers 800m club record of 2:01.68.

At the **British Masters Championships** on September 12th, Edel Maguire won the W65 400m in 70.76.

At the **Swiss National Throws Championships** in Aarau on September 14th, Megan Comiskey won the U20 Discus title with a throw of 44.10m.

At the **10k Club Championships**, Rachel McFadden took the title with a personal best of 39:32, followed by Pam Kavanagh in 2nd (46:48) and Orla Deighan in 3rd (47:11).

At the **National Spring Throws Tullamore** April 12th, Grace Casey got her season underway winning the senior javelin (600g) with a best throw of 45.22.

European Masters T&F – Madeira, Portugal



Edel Maguire delivered a phenomenal week of performances in the W65 category at the European Masters Championships in Madeira, Portugal. She opened her campaign with gold in the 400m on Saturday, October 11th, clocking 68.44 — a European record (pending ratification). She followed this with silver in the 100m on Monday (14.63) and added a second gold in the high jump on Thursday, clearing 1.32m. After winning her 200m semi-final, Edel went on to claim silver in the final in 30.08. On Saturday (18th), she anchored the 4x100m relay team to bronze (56.79), and less than two hours later, ran the second leg of the 4x400m relay, helping secure silver (4:20.32). She concluded her championships on Sunday (19th), anchoring the W65 4x400m relay team to another silver medal, finishing in 4:58.97.



Snezana Bechtina also had a busy and impressive championships. She won her 400m heat in 60.65 on Friday, October 10th, and went on to place 4th in the final the following day with a season's best of 59.68. On Saturday, October 18th, she ran the second leg of the W35 4x100m relay team, helping secure bronze in 50.66, and later competed in the W40 mixed 4x400m relay, which placed 4th (3:48.20). She concluded her championships by leading off the W40 4x400m relay team, helping set the platform for a gold medal performance, with the team finishing in 3:59.34.



At this year's **AAI Awards**, Edel Maguire was named Master Athlete of the Year — a richly deserved honour following an outstanding season that included World and European titles, multiple Irish Masters records, and a European W65 400m record.



Women in Sport Week 2026



During Women in Sport Week 2026, Clonliffe Harriers celebrated female athletes across all age groups, with the club website highlighting their achievements and stories. A standout moment was Hannah Seagrave's historic National Senior Indoor 800m title — the club's only win at the championships.

The highlight of the week was the Women in Sport Track Night, which saw approximately 100 athletes compete across distances from 100m to 2000m. The event concluded with a social gathering in the clubhouse, and special thanks are due to Women's Support Officer Sarah Bateson for organising a successful week, reflecting the continued growth of the women's section.



At the **National Spring Throws** (April 12th), Grace Casey made an excellent start to her season, winning the senior javelin (600g) with a best throw of 45.22m.

At the **IUAA Varsity Outdoor Championships**, Clonliffe athletes represented their respective universities with strong performances. At MTU, Moya O'Connell competed in the 400m hurdles, clocking 67.75, and ran a strong third leg on DCU's 4x100m relay team, helping secure a silver medal. Chloe Heaslip marked her 22nd birthday with a 3000m personal best of 11:06.06 to place 11th, following a return from a long-term injury.



On April 26th, Grace Casey, alongside coach Kieran Lyons, led a **javelin clinic for Clonliffe juveniles**. Following the session, Grace—2025 national javelin champion and club record holder (45.86m)—was presented with the Clonliffe Senior Women's Track and Field Athlete of the Year award.



At the **2026 Clonmel IMC Meet**, Isla Duncan recorded a fine 1500 PB of 4:43:79.



At the **Belfast Classic** on 9th May 2026, Niamh Kelly opened her season with 4th place in the women's 800m C in 2:10.54, just outside her PB. In the women's 1500m B, Laura Tuite was 2nd in a PB of 4:38.09, Alibhe Morgan finished 11th in 4:50.75, and Alannah Cooley, racing only six days after the Dublin City Half Marathon, battled home in 4:54.75.



Road Racing



At the **Windmill 10K**, which hosted the Dublin County Championships in Garristown, Ciara Peelo finished as 3rd woman in 42:07, leading the Senior Women's team to a 3rd-place finish. She was supported by Enya Hand (44:20), Elaine McLoughlin (PB – 44:34), and Siobhan Devany (45:47), while Anne Lyons added to the club's success by taking 2nd place in the W55 category (49:08).



At the **National Road Relays** in Raheny (April 2025), Clonliffe fielded three senior women's teams, all of whom performed strongly. The Senior A team placed 8th, with Alannah Cooley, Rachel McFadden, and Aoife O'Reilly. The Senior B team finished 10th, represented by Katie Halpin, Jess Gallagher, and Chloe Heaslip, while the Senior C team secured 12th place, with Alibhe Morgan, Jess Laflamme Yonkman, and Sarah Hawkshaw.



In the W35 Masters category, Clonliffe entered two teams. The Masters A team placed 6th, consisting of Ciara Peelo, Eleanor Alexander, and Aisling Andrews, while the Masters B team finished 12th, with Catherine Harvey, Sinead McDermott, and Fionnuala Smith. It was a strong overall showing, with athletes contributing across all teams.



At the 2025 Bio freeze **National 5K** in Phoenix Park, Alannah Cooley led the Clonliffe Harriers women home in 18:50, helping the team to a strong 6th-place finish overall.

At the **Bohermeen Memorial 5K**, Clonliffe Harriers' women delivered a superb team performance to secure 2nd place overall, with a strong blend of experience and emerging talent. The scoring quartet was led by Alannah Cooley, who ran 18:49 to finish 64th overall and 7th woman, followed by Aoife O'Reilly (19:17), Ayana O'Callaghan (20:19), and Harriet Kenny (22:53).

At the **Clontarf 5 Mile** on July 5, 2025, Rachel McFadden stormed to victory, claiming 1st place.

At the **National 10 Mile Championships** in Phoenix Park on July 20, 2025, Jessie Picone led the Clonliffe Harriers women with a strong run, placing 9th in 63:46.

At the **Rathfarnham 5K**, which incorporated the **Dublin 5K Championships** (September 28th), the Clonliffe women produced an exceptional team performance to secure gold. The scoring team featured Niamh Kelly (17:10 PB), Eleanor Alexander (18:15), Allana Burke (18:54 PB), and Jenny Johnston (19:14), with all four athletes contributing to a superb collective result.



At the **Clonliffe 2 Mile** (October 5th), Alannah Cooley led the women's team home, finishing as 3rd woman and 12th overall in a competitive field.

At the **Ahern 10 Mile**, which also served as the **Club Championship** (October 11th), Rachel McFadden claimed victory in 1:04:39, followed by Peigi Allen in 2nd (1:12:31) and Maura Matthews in 3rd (1:12:51).

At the **LSA Peninsula 4 Mile** in Donabate (November 16th), Clonliffe athletes delivered another strong set of performances. Cindy Hickey was the first Clonliffe woman home, finishing 3rd in 25:40, followed by Niamh Quinn, who placed 4th in 26:01, and Ruby Nevin, who finished 10th in 28:27.

At the **Clontarf 5 Mile on November 30th**, Sinead De Bello took a superb win in 35:17.



In this year's **Cake Race on December 20th**, Jenny Johnston was 1st Master Woman and 15th overall, Ailbhe Morgan was 1st Senior Woman and 12th overall, and Lorraine O'Connor recorded the fastest women's time in 11:06.



On New Year's Day at the **Tom Brennan 5k** in Dublin's Phoenix Park, Helena Butterly delivered a superb performance, claiming an outstanding 3rd place in a time of 16.59 — a brilliant start to the year.



At the **Raheny 5** (January 25th), the Clonliffe senior women's team delivered an excellent performance to secure 3rd place overall. The team was led home by Laura Tuite, continuing her return to form, in 30:35, followed by Jess Gallagher (30:44) and Lauren McKiernan (30:54), who completed the scoring trio. They were well supported by Alannah Cooley (31:04), Rachel McFadden (31:11), and Aoife O'Reilly (32:19), rounding out a strong team performance, along with a standout 2nd F45 finish from Cindy Hickey (32:46).

At the **Lusk 4 mile** on March 1st Clonliffe Harriers prevailed in the team competition, which is calculated as a mixed team of Ben Guiden, Malcom Kiplagat, Oran Finnegan, and Niamh Quinn, who was 5th woman overall, in a time of 25.14.

At the **Skerries 10K** (March 15th), Mary Ketterer led the women's team home in 45:36, as the team secured 3rd place overall. She was supported by Aideen O'Connor, Rachel Eustace, and Siobhan McCarthy, with further strong performances from Orla Deighan, Elaine O'Dowd, Pamela Kavanagh, Anne Lyons, Louise Maher, and Fionnuala Murphy.



At the **Tallaght 5k on St Patricks Day**, Helena Butterly finished third in the women's race in 17:21, leading the team to second place on 45 points, just three points behind Sportsworld, with support from Laura Tuite, Ailbhe Morgan and Aoife O'Reilly. In the junior race, Ayana O'Callaghan took first in 19:41, with Sophie Kernan second in 20:17. The race also incorporated the **Dublin Novice Championships**, where Clonliffe had a very successful outing, with the women's team of Ailbhe Morgan, Aoife O'Reilly, Ayana O'Callaghan and Sophie Kernan winning the title on 29 points ahead of Crusaders and Dublin City Harriers



At the **Dunboyne 10K** on March 22nd, Hope Saunders was the first Clonliffe woman home, finishing 9th in a time of 36:10. This marked her debut over the 10K distance on the road.



At the **Drogheda Easter 5K** on Easter Monday, Laura Tuite delivered an excellent performance to finish 18th overall and 1st woman in a time of 18:51. She was followed by Chloe Heaslip, who placed 3rd woman (33rd overall) in 19:41, and Ailbhe Morgan, who finished 4th woman (38th overall) in 20:06.



At the **National 10K in the Phoenix Park** (April 11th 2026), Aoife O'Reilly was first Clonliffe woman home, placing 26th in a personal best of 40:52. She was followed by Sarah Hawkshaw (52nd, 42:51) and Emma Campbell (57th, PB 43:15), with Sarah Owens (49:40) completing the scoring four, as the team finished 8th overall.



At the **Dublin 10K Championships**, incorporated into the Windmill 10K in Garristown (April 19th, 2026), Clonliffe athletes secured multiple individual and team medals. Ciara Peelo won W45 silver, while Mary Ketterer (W50) and Paulette Griffin (W55) also claimed silver, and Anne Lyons (W55) took bronze. The senior women’s team of Ciara Peelo, Elaine McLaughlin, Aideen O’Connor, and Mary Ketterer secured team bronze, with the W35 team of Paulette Griffin, Anne Lyons, Pamela Kavanagh, and Michelle Waters also winning team bronze.



At the **National Road Relays**, in Raheny April 2026 Clonliffe senior women were very well represented, fielding four teams. The A team of Niamh Kelly (5:04), Helena Butterly (10:45), and Hope Saunders (5:10) delivered an excellent performance to place 4th in 20:58, narrowly missing bronze by just four seconds. The B team of Laura Tuite (5:18), Caitriona Bregazzi (11:43), and Alannah Cooley (5:28) finished 12th in 22:28, while the C team of Isla Duncan (5:27), Chloe Heaslip (12:09), and Ailbhe Morgan (5:34) placed 17th in 23:09. The U20 development team of Lucy McFetridge (5:40), Ayana O’Callaghan (12:24), and Sophie Kernan (5:50) finished 18th in 23:53.



In the women’s master’s race, the W35 team of Eleanor Alexander (5:31), Jenny Johnston (12:24), and Aisling Andrews (5:59) placed 5th in 23:54, narrowly missing a medal. The B team of Aideen O’Connor (6:29), Pamela Kavanagh (14:32), and Sinead DeBello (6:39) finished 8th.



The switch of the **135th Clonliffe 2** from autumn to spring proved a great success, with almost double the number of starters compared to October 2025 on what was a perfect evening for racing. The Clonliffe 2 remains one of Irish athletics’ most historic events, with this year marking its remarkable 135th continuous running. The women’s race produced an excellent performance from Olympian Michelle Finn (Leevale), who claimed victory in a fast 10:14, closely followed by Clonliffe pair Helena Butterly in 10:32 and Sofia Chetelat in 10:41.

Cross Country



At the **Club Cross Country Championships** (September 2025), the senior women competed over a 4 x 1500m lap course. Alannah Cooley took victory in the senior race, followed by Julie Larkin in 2nd and Sarah Bateson in 3rd. In the master’s category, Jenny Johnston was the first master woman home, with Rachel Eustace in 2nd and Maura Matthews in 3rd. In the U20 women’s race, Sophie Kernan claimed 1st place, followed by Ayana O’Callaghan in 2nd.



At the **Dublin Novice Cross Country Championships** (October 12th), Jess Gallagher delivered a standout performance to take individual bronze. The Clonliffe women’s team also impressed, securing 2nd place overall on 42 points. The scoring team consisted of Jess Gallagher, Grace Twomey, Niamh Quinn, and Jenny Johnston, with a full team effort contributing to a strong result.



At the **Autumn Cross Country in Abbottstown** (October 19th), held in challenging conditions following heavy rain, the senior women delivered a solid team performance. Niamh Kelly led the team home in 25th place, followed closely by Alannah Cooley (27th), Laura Tuite (28th), returning strongly to cross country, and Julie Larkin (31st), completing a tightly packed team finish.



At this year's **Dublin Senior Cross Country** Championships (November 8th), held a week later than scheduled and relocated to County Westmeath in conjunction with the Leinster Championships, the Clonliffe senior women delivered an outstanding team performance to secure Dublin silver—their first medal in this event since 2013. Despite fielding a small squad of five, each athlete stepped up. Helena Butterly, in her first race since spring, led the team home in 6th place, followed by Niamh Kelly in 13th. Laura Tuite (22nd) and Alannah Cooley (23rd) completed the scoring team, with Eleanor Alexander finishing 24th to round out a strong overall performance. Notably, Eleanor had been part of the scoring team in 2013 and returned in 2025 to help Clonliffe back onto the podium.



At the **National Novice Cross Country Championships**, the Clonliffe women delivered an outstanding team performance, with a determined and collective effort across the squad. Hope Saunders led the team home with an excellent run to finish 9th, having remained in contention throughout. She was followed by Jess Gallagher in 17th, before a superb pack finish saw Niamh Quinn (35th), Jenny Johnston (36th), and Grace Twomey (38th) cross in quick succession.

Further strong performances came from Ailbhe Morgan (45th), Cindy Hickey (77th), Aisling Kehoe (92nd), and Caoimhe Curran (126th), highlighting the depth within the squad. The team was rewarded with a superb gold medal, with the scoring four of Hope Saunders, Jess Gallagher, Niamh Quinn, and Jenny Johnston combining to secure victory. Hope also contributed to Dublin's inter-county gold, rounding off an excellent championship for the club.

At the **National Cross Country Championships on November 23rd** in Derry, our Senior



Women gave everything they had, earning a hard-fought 7th place finish in tough conditions — an impressive three-place improvement on last year's result. Helena Butterly led the team home in 51st, with Niamh Kelly (73rd) and Laura Tuite (77th) battling stride for stride in a fierce duel. Julie Larkin (81st) and Alannah Cooley (83rd) rounded out a committed team performance on a challenging day.



At the **Dublin Intermediate Cross Country Championships** (2026), the Clonliffe women delivered an outstanding performance to secure team gold. Jess Gallagher led the team home with a superb run to finish 2nd overall, claiming individual silver. She was strongly supported by Ailbhe Morgan (6th), Lauren McKiernan (7th), and Sarah Hawkshaw (15th), who completed the scoring team with an excellent total of just 30 points. The depth of the squad was further demonstrated by strong

supporting performances from Katie Halpin (25th), Emma Campbell (28th), Bronagh Greaney (36th), and Caoimhe Curran (37th), rounding off a superb team display.



At the **Dublin Masters Cross Country Championships** (2026), the women's 35+ team secured a well-earned bronze medal. The team was led by Cindy Hickey, who finished 11th overall and 4th in the F45 category, supported by Ciara Peelo (19th) and Natalia Lungu (20th), who combined to complete the scoring team. Additional strong performances came from Elaine McLoughlin (42nd), Clodagh Moriarty (64th), and Aideen O'Connor (73rd).

In the W50+ category, the team finished 6th overall, led home by Aimee Ahern (19th overall, 4th W55), followed by Siobhan McCarthy (24th) and Sinead De Bello (29th). Further support came from Orla Deighan (34th), Fionnuala Smith (37th), and Yvonne McDonagh (48th), completing a solid team performance.





At the National Masters and Intermediate Cross Country Championships in Abbottstown (February 15th), Clonliffe athletes delivered strong performances across both races. In the master's race, Natalia Lungu led the team home in 32nd place, followed by Elaine McLoughlin (94th), Yvonne McDonagh (129th), Fionnuala Smith (130th), and Mel Curran (142nd).



In the intermediate race, the team secured an excellent bronze medal. Hope Saunders led the team with a superb run to take individual silver, supported by Alannah Cooley (8th), Lauren McKiernan (19th), and Grace Twomey (21st), who completed the scoring team. Additional strong performances came from Jenny Johnston (23rd), Sarah Hawkshaw (25th), Ailbhe Morgan (35th), Niamh Quinn (40th), Emma Campbell



(42nd), and Bronagh Greaney (60th). Hope also claimed inter-county gold as part of the Dublin team.

At the **BHAA Teachers Cross Country** (6K) on February 22nd, Yvonne McDonagh finished 61st overall and 2nd in the W50 category.

Awards Review

Edel Maguire received national recognition as AAI Master Athlete of the Year following a remarkable season that included World and European titles, multiple Irish Masters records, and a European W65 400m record of 68.44 set in Madeira.

At Clonliffe's Awards Night on December 20th, Edel was also named Master Athlete of the Year. Helena Butterly received Women's Road/Cross Country Athlete of the Year, while Grace Casey was awarded Women's Track and Field Athlete of the Year, reflecting the club's strength across all disciplines.

At local level, Katie Halpin secured 2nd place overall in Grade C in the Dublin Graded series. Overall, the awards highlighted an exceptional year for Clonliffe athletes, with success across club, national, and international competition.

Dublin Graded Meets – 2025 Season Review

Clonliffe athletes delivered an impressive series of performances throughout the Dublin Graded season, opening strongly at the first meet with standout results across track and field. Sophie Kernan placed 4th in the 2000m Steeplechase (8:12.65), while Alannah Cooley secured bronze in the 3000m Championship with a personal best of 10:43.32. She was followed by Mya O'Reilly (11:45.59) and Katie Halpin (11:49.31).

Middle-distance success continued in the 800m, where Jess Laflamme Yonkman (2:28.18 PB) and Jess Gallagher (2:28.62 PB) claimed 2nd and 3rd respectively in the Women's C race. In the D races, Sarah Doherty took victory in Heat 1 (2:32.15), with Rachel Ardiffe 3rd, while Heat 2 saw Mae Rose Mayson lead a strong group performance alongside Paige Elliott, Rebecca Finn, and Sarah Owens (PB). In the field events, Frances Mansfield marked an incredible 62 years of competition by taking gold in the throws with 14.98m.



The second graded meet on May 11 brought further success. Mia Marie Primke impressed in the Javelin, winning in Dublin (33.93m, 2nd overall), while Maeve Forde recorded a throw of 19.81m (21:12.20). On the track, Snezana Bechtina showed consistency across rounds of the 200m, while Niamh Kelly delivered a standout 1500m performance, winning in Dublin and placing 3rd overall with a PB of 4:34.00.



In the 1500m Grade C race, Jess Gallagher (2nd – 5:02.24 PB) and Jess Laflamme Yonkman (3rd – 5:02.36) led the field, followed by Sarah Doherty (5th – 5:11.45) and Katie Halpin (6th – and Paige Elliott (6th – 5:51.71) also competing.

(2:11.14 PB), which moved her to 10th on the Clonliffe all-time list. She was supported by strong runs from Alannah Cooley and Alibhe Morgan. At the June 25 meet, Mia Primke again placed 2nd in the Javelin, while Maeve Forde added another solid performance, finishing 6th. On the track, Katie Halpin impressed in the 1500m Grade C, while Ayana Callaghan, Mae Rose Mason, In Lucan on July 16, Alannah Cooley returned to winning form, taking victory in the 800m Grade B (2:21.17). The season concluded on July 30 with sprint and middle-distance success. Emily Jachna placed 4th in both her 100m heat and final, while Sarah McDonnell secured 2nd place in the C/D race, followed by Niamh Tenanty. Katie Halpin rounded off the season with a 4th-place finish in the 1500m Grade C (5:06.58). Overall, the graded season displayed the strength, depth, and continued progression of Clonliffe athletes, with numerous personal bests, podium finishes, and notable milestones achieved throughout.



Other Events

Track And Field

DSD Masters League: Aisling Andrews and Edel Maguire were part of the team that placed 3rd overall. **Edel also broke her own Irish W65 record in the 200m, clocking 30.19. Joe Cooper**

Memorial Night of Miles: Alannah Cooley was the fastest Senior Woman on the night.

Marathons

Paris Marathon: Natalia Lungu finished in 3:13. **Great Limerick Marathon:** Yulia Taravosa was 4th woman and 2nd W35 in a time of 3:02:28. **London Marathon:** Meghan O’Keeffe ran 3:16:55; Evelyn Brennan and Janette Reid also completed the race. **Dingle Marathon:** Anne Lyons finished as 2nd Woman F55 in 3:57:07. **Dublin Marathon** Enya Hand led the team home in 3:19:14, followed by Lauren McKiernan 3:20:29 and Claire Smith 3:29:6, Seven more Clonliffe ladies followed - full results on the club website. **Valencia Marathon:** Strong showing from Natalia Lungu with a 3:16:46 finish. **2026 London Marathon** Catherine Harvey 3:32:40.



Half Marathons

Dublin City Half Marathon: Meghan O’Keeffe ran a 1.5-minute PB, placing 8th in Senior Women; Sinead McDermott was 10th in W40; Ciara Peelo 9th in W45. **Great Limerick Half** Sinead McDermott 1:32:42, Clare Smith 1:33:06, Ciara Peelo 1:37:28, Maura Matthews 1:39:43, and Nosipho Mjyakho 2:55:07. **Killarney Half Marathon:** Meadhbh O’Sullivan completed the hilly course in 1:50:47. **Fastlane Half Marathon:** Nosipho Mjyakho finished in 3:04:34. **Dingle** Mary Ketterer (1:39:20), Siobhan Devaney (1:44:25), Michelle Waters (1:49:11), Paula Horgan (1:52:32). **Clew Bay Half Marathon:** Yvonne McDonough completed the scenic course in 2:05:56. **Copenhagen Half Marathon:** Melissa O’Shea crossed the line in 2:00:07. **Dublin Half Marathon – Phoenix Park:** Natalia Lungu led the team in 1:27:54 (5th



W40); Lauren McKiernan followed in 1:29:40. **Clontarf Half** Enya Hand delivered a strong run in 1:34:39. **Dundalk Half Marathon:** Mary Lawless 2:17:46. **Bohermeen Half Marathon** , Cindy Hickey (1:30:27), Cara Compos (1:30:27), Elaine O'Dowd (1:43:36), Clodagh Moriarty (1:46:36). **2026 Dublin City Half Marathon:** Alannah Cooley 1:28:24, Cindy Hickey 1:30:48, Ciara Peelo 1:34:45, Emma Campbell 136:16, Claire Smith 138:16, Emma Harding 138:17, Aideen O Connor 1:40:55, Maura Matthews 1:43:06, Sarah Owens (6min PB)1:46:13, Rachel Eustace 1:43:15, Orla Deighan 1:47:32, Clara Feeney 1:50:40, Ciara Hehir 1:58:28, Fionnuala Smith 2:01:56, Eavan Muldoon 2:11:04, Leanne Macken 2:15:23, Mary Lawless 2:12:35, Fionnuala Murphy 2:28:25, Lisa Lalor 2:43:05, Orna Mulhern 2:53:57. **Milan Half Marathon:** Bronagh Greaney 1:53:20

5K Races

River Rock Queens 5K – Belfast: Helena Butterly ran a PB of 16:51 (4th Elite); Chloe Heaslip finished in 20:20. **Windmill 5K – Garristown:** Katie Halpin placed 3rd Overall Female in 21:29. **Bob Heffernan 5K:** Ciara Peelo placed 3rd in W45 with 20:03. **St. Cocos 5K – Kilcock:** Team of Alannah Cooley, Aoife O'Reilly, Ailbhe Morgan, Jess Laflamme Yonkman placed 4th; Harriet Kenny was 2nd in U/20. **Docklands 5K:** Doireann Hughes clocked 18:01; Ailbhe Morgan 19:26. **Portmarnock Beach 5K:** Ciara Peelo was 3rd overall and 1st W40 (20:32); Cindy Hickey 4th overall and 2nd W40 (20:49). **Cherry Orchard 5K:** Paige Elliott won the women's race in 22:30. **December 6th Jingle Bell 5k:** Clonliffe women's team—Helena Butterly (10th, 17:11), Alannah Cooley (PB 17:54) and Laura Tuite (17:54)—secured 5th place, with Meadhbh O'Sullivan also impressing in a PB of 22:12. **Drogheda 5K:** Hope Saunders was 6th woman in a time of 17.34, 57th overall. Ciara Peelo (20.25), 3rd W40. **Another way 5K** Sinead McDermott (23:03)

10K Races

Clonliffe On Tour – Belgium 10K: Catherine Harvey (12th Female Overall), Michelle Watters (3rd F40), Orla Deighan (2nd F50), Siobhan McCarthy (3rd F50); other finishers included Bríd Beausang, Ciara Faherty, Mandy McMenamy, Joanne McCabe, Emma Cooper, Jeanette Reid, Mellissa Curran. **Great Ireland Run – Phoenix Park (10K):** Sarah Owens (47:09) **Battle of Clontarf – Easter Monday (10K):** Mary Ketterer (01:16:34), Orla Deighan (01:19:22), Anne Lyons (01:21:44), Elaine Treacy (01:39:56). **St Andrews 10K – Ashbourne:** Elaine McLaughlin placed 3rd woman in 44:50. **Michael Manning Memorial 10K – Dunshaughlin:** Ciara Peelo finished in 42:59. **Clonee 10K:** Mary Ketterer placed 2nd in W50. **Fastlane 10K – Grand Canal:** Eleanor Alexander was 1st woman and 18th overall in 39:27. **St Andrews 10k 2026:** Elaine McLaughlin 2nd woman 45:35. **Maynooth 10K,** Lisa Lawler 66:35



Mixed Distance Events

Moynalty AC 4 Mile: Aisling Killilea placed 9th Woman in 29:04. **Great Limerick Run - 6 Mile:** Laura Power ran 44:57. **Griffith Mile:** Sophie Kernan (5:19), Lucy McFetridge (5:26), Aisling Andrews (5:30), Sophie Tennant (6:10), Erin Byrne (6:35), Laura King (7:07), Lisa Lawler (9:07). **Marathon, Longwood Co. Meath:** Bronagh Geaney 2:51.33, Mary Lawless 3:10.15. **November 30th Clontarf 5 Mile:** Sinead Del Bello took the win in 35:17, with Aisling Gannon finishing in 56:32. **Milford 3k:** Jess Gallagher with a time of 10.38. **Trim 10 Mile:** Top 3 Women, Peigi Allen 1:13:49.93, Catherine Harvey 1:16:49, Aideen O Connor 1:18:20. **Dungarvan 10 mile, Co Waterford:** Maura Matthews 74.06 and Ciara Peelo 76.52. **Sportsworld 5 mile,** Caitriona Bregazzi was 6th woman in 30:35.

Historic Challenges: The Art O’Neill Pursuit



At the **Art O’Neill Pursuit on January 16th**, Jenny Johnston and Laura Tuite took on the iconic 25km night-time run from Dublin Castle to Kippure in the Wicklow Mountains. The event commemorates the 1592 escape of Art O’Neill, who fled the Castle with wardens in pursuit. Jenny and Laura delivered a brilliant performance, finishing in 3:03:02 to place 8th and 9th among the women, and 77th and 78th overall.

Mountain & Ultra Highlights



Clonliffe athletes continued to push boundaries in the mountain and ultra running scene throughout 2025. At the **Maurice Mullins 50K Mountain Race**, Anne Lyons delivered a superb performance, placing 2nd in the W55 category with a time of 7:34:55. She followed this up with another standout result at The **Altar 50K in Avondale**, Co. Wicklow (April 26), where she finished as 3rd Woman overall. Meanwhile, **Jenny Johnston completed an extraordinary 130km** running adventure, a true testament to endurance and grit — her full story is available on the Clonliffe website and is well worth the read. **National 50k championships at Donadea**: Anne Lyons clocked a time of 4:36.04 placing 5th W50.

