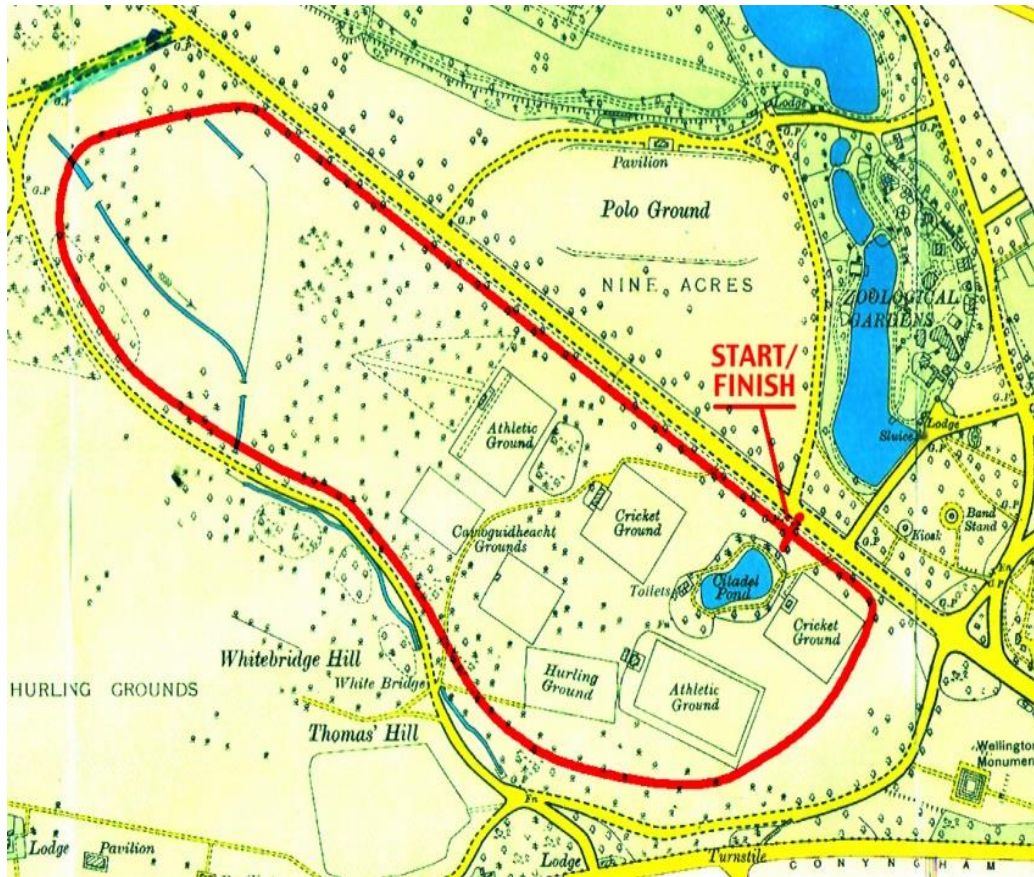


Race Layout: 5 x 2-mile laps.



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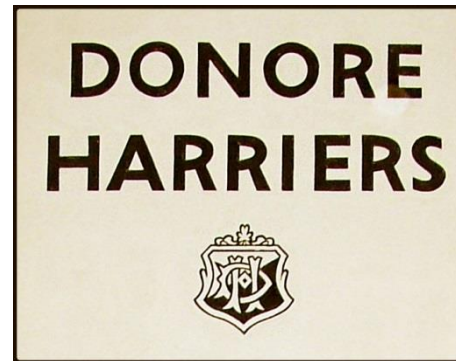
Handicapping/Race committee: Iain Morrison, Florrie Curley, with assistance Willie Smith

Time Keepers/Recorders: Willie Smith and Iain Morrison Mick Bourke

**Markers:**

Willie Smith & Mick Bourke

**Please join us in the Clubhouse for presentation of prizes and our traditional St. Stephen's Day Welcome, thanks to Stephen our Clubhouse man.**



**The 122nd Waterhouse Byrne Baird Shield:  
A 10-Mile Open Handicap Race**

**St. Stephen's Morning, Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 2018 @ 11am  
(Start at The Dog Pond, Phoenix Park)**



### The Longest running Organised Cross-country race in Europe

This unique race hosted by our very own club and for our very own club has a proud and unique history just like the great lady that is Donore Harriers. The race has only been stopped for The Easter Rising in 1916. This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> consecutive running of the event. It was held on the road and the Foot and Mouth Crisis. I.A. Waterhouse Esq. originally presented the Shield in 1896. The shield for a 10 mile cross country race has to be won 3 times by the same person in order for the trophy to be property of any one individual. In 1919 a P.J. Byrne after winning the trophy 3 times represented the trophy to the club and the same happened in 1938 when a D Baird similarly had 3 victories. A Mr Uhlemann has won the trophy 3 times but 2 of those occasions occurred before Mr Baird managed to achieve immortality and add his name to the trophy.

There have been several legendary races over the years. Eamonn Coughlan while at the height of his powers and when he ran the course record 49 minutes in 1979, allegedly he was having his breakfast as the earliest starter, the legendary Frank Cahill, was set off. Willie Smith, our former Club President is still the youngest winner when he won in 1958 age 15 with a time of 69 minutes. Valerie McGovern symbolised the new era of lady athletics in the club with the first lady's win in 1988. She was followed by Helen Saunders, Adrienne Jordan, Susan Walsh and last year by Michelle Dawson in the role of honour. The Shield reads as a who's who of Donore athletics over the years with the names including: Jim McNamara, Eddie Spillane, the Dunne and the Redican familiess.

The recent Past:	1 <sup>st</sup> :	2 <sup>nd</sup> :	3 <sup>rd</sup> :
2017	Niamh O'Neill	Barry Potts	Des Gill
2016	Tony Griffin	Ian Redican	Niall Lynch
2015	Alan Farrell	Tom Fagan	George Brady
2014	Ian Redican	John Dunne	Jim McNamara
2013	Paul Cummins	Barry Potts	Angela Eustace
2012	Michelle Dawson	Angela Eustace	Terry Mee

Last year saw history made as Niamh O'Neill became our youngest ever female winner and first lady to win for 6 years. Niamh signalled her tremendous improvement in her running with the Waterhouse and went on to significant cross country road and track improvements later that season. She ran a really steady controlled race and had moved into the lead with a lap to go. She then sealed her win with her fastest 2 mile lap of her run to close. She was followed hard by Masters athletes Barry Potts, who has previously finished second and who was the oldest competitor in the field and Des Gill who was a novice to the ten mile handicapped race. Des had really thrown down the gauntlet early and Barry had judged his race to perfection but they were not going to beat the UCD student whose form was peaking for the day. The perpetual trophy for the Fastest 10 mile athlete in memory of Tommy Hayward was won by Ken Nugent with a real return to form of 58mins 37seconds.

### 122<sup>nd</sup> Waterhouse Byrne Baird Starter List (pre-entries)

Start Time	Name	Handicap	Number
11.35	Niall Lynch	Scratch	160
11.35	Fergal Whitty	scratch	161
11.32	Emmet O'Briain	3 min	162
11.31	Alan O'Farrell*	4 min	163
11.31	Gavin Keogh	4 min	188
11.27'30"	Sinead Lambe	7 min 30s	164
11.27'30	Neil Hand	7 min 30s	165
11.25'30"	Craig Scott	9 min 30s	166
11.26'30	Donal Iremonger	11 min 30s	167
11.22'30"	Des Gill	12 min 30s	168
11.22	Ariana Ball	13 min	169
11.21	Barry Potts	14 min	170
11.21	Florrie Curley	14min	171
11.21	David Campbell	14min	172
11.20'30"	Tony Griffin*	14 min 30s	173
11.20'30"	Ian Redican*	14 min 30s	174
11.18'30"	Frank McNally	16 min 30s	175
11.18'30	Anne Curley	16 min 30s	176
11.17'30"	Clíodhna Carthy	17 min 30s	177
11.16'30"	Ava Clarke	18 min30s	178
11.16'30	Niamh Clarke	18 min 30s	179
11.10'30	Angela Eustace	24min 30s	180
11.10'30"	James Clarke	24min 30s	181
11.08	Charlie O'Neill	27 min	182
11.06'30"	Catherine McKeon	29min 30s	183
11.03'30"	Dana Mackey	32min 30s	184
11.00	Michelle Murphy	35 min	185
11.00	Molly Murphy O'Kane	35 min	186
11.00	Gavin Murphy O'Kane	35min	187

\* Defending Waterhouse Byrne Baird Shield Champion 2016