

## NEWS RELEASE

# The Croudace Festival 5k Race

The Croudace Festival 5k race, organised by Destination Basingstoke, took place early on Sunday and was the first big outdoor event in the borough since the start of the pandemic. Hundreds of runners gathered in a socially distanced way to run the 5k course around the town centre.

There were lots of measures in place to keep everyone safe – including a rolling start, minimised touch points, chip timing, social distancing and the provision of a bandana face covering instead of the usual race t-shirt to wear before and after the race.

The fresh, dry weather, perfect for running, just held in time for all the participants to finish before the rain rolled back in!

The winners were:

	Name	Finish time
Male 1 <sup>st</sup>	Alex Bigg	16:59
Female 1 <sup>st</sup>	Rebecca Reid	20:57
Male 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tom Harding	17:02
Female 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alison James	21:20
Male 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jake Dellow	17:10
Female 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Michelle Lloyd	21:30

Winners will receive their prize of a Festival Place voucher through the post.

***“Croudace Homes is delighted that the Festival 5 is back, it has always been a great community event and we are pleased to be able to support Destination Basingstoke’s first live event as we emerge from the pandemic”,*** said Russell Denness, Group Chief Executive, Croudace Homes Group

***“We were so pleased to be one of the first big events in the borough after a long time and were able to show how live events are still possible – and still fun! - it has been a long journey over the last year. We knew the running community were ready to go, and I’d like to thank them all as well as our wonderful volunteer marshals, and of course our sponsors, Croudace Homes and our hosts at Festival Place, for keeping the faith. Like everything Destination Basingstoke does, it is the result of close partnership working,”*** said Felicity Edwards from Destination Basingstoke.

Full results of the race can be found at: [Results: Croudace Homes Festival 5k \(chronotrack.com\)](https://www.chronotrack.com/Results/Croudace-Homes-Festival-5k) or from Destination Basingstoke’s web site at [www.destinationbasingstoke.co.uk/festival5/](http://www.destinationbasingstoke.co.uk/festival5/)

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