



**Main Picture — Uphill struggle: Stanbury Splash competitors had to battle fierce weather conditions alongside the stamina-sapping course during the weekend's event.  
Picture, right: Former England junior Helen Glover of Keighley and District Athletics Club was the first lady runner home.**

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FORMER England junior Helen Glover, 22, made a major step forward by being first lady in the 24th Soreen Stanbury Splash on Sunday.

The race was run in gale force winds which ripped the door off organiser Dave Woodhead's car and bowled over the portable toilets despite them being fastened down.

At one stage in the junior race the youngsters were running almost horizontal to the ground such was the force of the wind.

Keighley's Helen Glover was 'well chuffed' with her surprise win. The doctor's receptionist in Skipton last year finished second in the BOFRA fell championships and was fourth in the Auld Lang Syne Race. With this latest result the 2007 season looks promising for her.

On the day Helen could not put a foot wrong. She also won the prize for first local lady and also took one of the Screen Cycle tops signed by Olympic rider Chris Hoy and donated by race sponsors Soreen.

The winner of the other signed shirt was Welshman Paul Oldfield.

The race was for the 13th time by the Master of the Moor Ian Holmes. The 41 year-old Bingley Harrier won despite having raced in the Northern Cross-Country Championships the previous day.

The first local man was top cyclist Robin Bradbury of Aire Valley Cycles who won the trophy for the fourth time in 12th place overall having the edge on six times winner Colin Moses



Heavy weather: Competitors find the going tough during the 24th Stanbury Splash

who was 14th overall.

Ian Holmes' son Louis proved a chip off the old block winning the U-8s race. A total of 250 seniors took part in the race along with 70 juniors. All runners received Soreen malt loaves.

Top results were: 1, Ian Holmes (Bingley H) 44.29; 2, Ricky Graham (Horwich) 45.01; 3, Stuart Carmichael (City of Hull) 47.05; 4, Graham Pearce (Ilkley H) 48.21;

5, Matthew Cox (Otley AC) 48.39; 6, Owen Beilby (Wharfedale Harriers) 48.54; 7, Julian Rank (Holmfirth) and second o-40, 49.39; 8, Michael Corbishley (Rossendale) 49.43; 9, Steve McDermott (Keighley and C) 49.45; 10, John Sutton (Chorley H) 49.48.

Locals: 12, Robin Bradbury (Aire Valley Cycles) and first local, 50.22; 14, Colin Moses (Bingley H) 50.38; 16, Jim Ryder (Ilkley H) and

6th O40, 51.26; 19, John Brook (Bingley H) 52.59; 25, Dick Ballantine (Keighley and C) 53.56; 26, Mick Berry (Keighley and C) 54.03; second O-50 Charlie Marshall 55.27; 34, Ralph Trench (Ilkley H) 55.30; 38, Bob Hamilton (Wharfedale H) and third O-50, 55.53; 61, Geoff Howard (Ilkley H) and O-60 winner 58.00.

Ladies: 1, Helen Glover (Keighley and C) 64th overall 58.36; 2, Estelle McGuire (Stockport) 59.07; 3, Alison Richards (Todmorden) 59.43; 6, Christine Preston of Keighley (Todmorden H) 60.59; 13, Alison Marks (Bingley H) 66.04; 15, Sharon Smith (Bingley H) 66.47; 17, Chris Whitaker (Keighley and C) 68.37; 18, Karen Ballantine (Keighley and C) 69.10.

U-8 boys - 1, Louis Holmes (Bingley H) 3.20; U-8 girls - 4, Rosie Farrar (Keighley and C) 4.40; 5, Esme Pearce (Ilkley H) in her first ever race, 5.04.

U-16 boys - 1, Henry Fulton (Bingley H) 12.11; 2, Thomas Sessford (Keighley and C) 12.15; 3, Lewis Wright (Bingley H) 12.49. U-14 boys - 1, Matthew Nash (Preston) 6.57; 2, Ben Marriot (Bingley H) 7.03. U-12 boys - 1, Ben Ingleson (Keighley and C) 7.18; 2, James Hall (Bingley H) 7.38. U-10 boys - 1, Phil Done (Keighley and C) 7.57; 3, George Dennis (Keighley and C) 8.46.

U-12 girls - 1, Lucy Worrall (Ilkley H) 8.37. U-14 girls - 1, Rosie Hellewell (Keighley and C) 7.46. U-12 girls - 2, Charlotte Cox (Keighley and C) 9.12.