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Weston AC make capital contributions

Weston Athletic Club members travelled to all three British capitals at the weekend to take on three very different events.

Four of the club's members competed in the Olympic distance World Series Triathlon event in London's Hyde Park on Sunday morning. They each took on a 1500m swim in the Serpentine, followed by 36.5km on the bike and a 10km run - double the distance of the elite athletes later the same day.

Simon Andrews was the club's first finisher, smashing his previous Olympic distance time by 23 minutes to finish in 2.25.59. Mark Bowskill took on the distance for the first time and finished in an impressive 2.37.35. Andrew Sandiford claimed third spot in 2.45.16.

Rachel Smith was the club's only woman to compete and finished sub three hours in 2.54.44.

Edinburgh set the scene for a hardy bunch of marathon runners. Elaine Eldridge and Edel Robbins crossed a marathon finish line together for the second time this year in 4.08.26. Dave Elliott finished in 3.35.25. It was not such a good day for Steve Kibblewhite, who had to pull-up during the race due to injury. But knowing Steve, he'll be back stronger and faster in no time.

Meanwhile, closer to home, Carol O'Leary completed the Women's Running 10k race in Cardiff finishing in a very speedy time of 49.10.

The club's next race is the off-road Beacon Batch fell race on Tuesday June 16 at 7.30pm.

For more information about this and the club's other races, as well as becoming a member, visit www.westonac.co.uk.

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Note to editors: the pictures show Weston AC members in Edinburgh and celebrating after the London Triathlon.

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