

Paul Atherton took the overall honours at the Acclaim Limited sponsored 20 Mile Open Road Championship which was held at the NSC perimeter road on Sunday morning by the IOM Veteran Athletes Club.

Weather conditions were perfect in glorious sunshine and so was the turnout with a field of 28 runners taking part in the first IOMVAC event of 2022.

With Joel Smith leading the first half of the race, Atherton kicked into 5th gear and took the lead, right to the finish. Atherton ran a fine race and finished first in a time of 1:59:16. Mark Burman had a late burst but could not catch the winner, finishing second with a time of 1:59:45 and Smith eventually came in third with a time of 2:01:35.

Rebekah Pate won the ladies title leading from start to finish, with a time of 2:23:42. Rosy Craine took second lady with a time of 2:32:55 and Dawn Atherton was third in a time of 2:34:26.

The IOM Veteran Athletes Club would like to thank all of the volunteers who organised and took part on the day as well as the staff at the NSC.

Next up is the Spring Handicap which takes place on the 17th March at the NSC. For more details, visit the IOMVAC Facebook page or website iomvac.co.uk