

Despite the early appearance of the marathon in the Olympic Games, road running as a major participation sport is a relatively recent phenomenon. As far as Belgrave are concerned, and probably similarly with other clubs, it was only really recognised in the 1950s, with a Road Running Section being incorporated in the Club's magazine – *The Belgravian* – in 1952; that was the year of the inaugural Belgrave 20 miles road race.

In the early years road races were often held in combination with summer shows and carnivals and were often held over what we would now regard as odd distances. Hence we had the Mitcham 15¼ miles, The Cheltenham '7' or the Faversham Cycling & Athletic Club '5' where the 5 mile course obviously varied over the years; sometimes it was described as 'long' and, from the times recorded, was certainly occasionally short. The race popularly known as the 'Hog's Back' was regarded as 9 miles, but was actually more like 9½, and then from 1972-1980 was a genuine 10 miles. The distance of a race was often of less importance than the nature of the event: the Chichester to Portsmouth, the Morpeth to Newcastle (first held in 1904).

The London to Brighton running race was born out of the Festival of Britain in 1951, organised by Ernest Neville (1883–1972) who was well known to Belgravians. Ernest was key in the formation of the Road Runners Club in 1952, a body which did a great deal in the way of improving race organisation and initiating a standards scheme.

Athletics in the UK broadly switched to using metric distances in 1969. Road races over a 5 mile distance remained fairly popular, while 10 and 20 mile events were a little less so, as 10 kms and half-marathons took the place of those longer events.

The first Half-Marathon was held in 1962, in Luxembourg, and the initial UK event took place in Freckleton, Lancashire, in 1965.

With the road running boom of the 1980s and new events coming into the calendar and held over standard metric distances, the certification of race courses was soon an obvious requirement as aficionados of the sport began to maintain ranking lists.

The Association of International Marathons and Distance Races (AIMS) is an association of the organisers of long-distance road running races. It was founded in 1982 at a meeting in London of marathon race directors. Its membership was extended in 1986 to include all road races. AIMS works together with World Athletics to ensure that its road races are measured accurately. All AIMS races must be measured by an accredited AIMS/IAAF course measurer. In addition, in order for a road race world record to be ratified by IAAF, it must satisfy certain conditions. Among these are that: a course must not be, from start to finish, downhill by more than 1 metre in height per kilometre of length,

and the separation between start and finish must not be more than 50% of the length of the course. The second condition is intended to ensure that a course is not designed in such a way that a tail wind may improve times unduly but does not apply for the purpose of establishing Olympic and World Championship qualifying times.

The Association of Road Running Statisticians (ARRS) was formed in 2003. This body laid down the criteria by which road running performances are eligible for inclusion in the ARRS Database which at the time of writing contains well over a million race results.

The Association of UK Course Measurers (AUKCM) maintains a system for the measurement and certification of road running courses in the UK. The Association was formed in January 2010 to give a more formal structure to the work carried out for the previous 20 years by the UK Course Measurement Working Party.

Following the criteria laid down by the above mentioned bodies, we may be reasonably sure that the times shown in these ranking lists from the 1980s onwards are valid. We cannot be quite so sure of anything before this period but have included such performances in the lists as they are limited in number – and we have no real reason to omit them.

Unlike our all-time track performances, we have not converted times set over imperial distances to metric and vice versa. With the additional variable of the road terrain and the possibility of uncertified course measurement before 1980, that would result in just too many variables. We have included officially recorded split times taken during longer races where they result in a best time over the shorter distance. Chip times have been used in preference to watch times as many of our performances would have been recorded by runners down the field who would have encountered a delay in reaching the official start; this can cause anomalies with race positions.

We have included course start and finish places for point to point races. The Polytechnic Marathon, for example, finished in various places and took different routes over the years.

Although nominally these lists are '... all-time top 100 ...' we have tended, due to the huge popularity of road running today, to include performances within standard times. Additionally, there is also no point in going to 100 places for 10 and 20 miles, when many of the performances will be much inferior to those set over the nearest equivalent metric distances. Therefore, there may be more or less than 100 performances shown for each event. The standards are currently, for men: 5k – 15:30; 5 miles – 27:30; 10k – 33:00; 10 miles – 55:00; Half-Marathon 73:00; 20 miles – 2:00:00; Marathon 2:50:00.

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5 kilometres

13:27	Nick Goolab	3	Herculis 5k, Monaco, MON	16.02.2020
13:48	Paul Evans	6	BUPA International, Portsmouth	13.04.1996
13:50	Garry Staines	5	General Portfolio 5k, Newcastle	29.03.1989
13:55	Darren Mead	6	BUPA Union Street Races 5k, Aberdeen	22.05.1994
13:57	Andrew Graffin	7	Balmoral Road Races, Royal Deeside	08.05.2004
13:57	Matthew Merrick	22	Armagh International 5k, Armagh	13.02.2025
13:58	Mark Miles	2	ASDA Horwich Carnival 5k inc. AAA Champs, Horwich	26.06.2005
13:58	Andrew Fyfe	5em	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	27.02.2025
14:00	Raif Serif	10rA	Friday Night Under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	28.11.2025
14:06	Phil Wicks	1	Standard Chartered Great City 5k, City of London	19.07.2007
(10)				
14:08	Henry Hart	14em	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	27.02.2025
14:08	Mack Downey	1rB	Podium Festival 5k, Leicester	15.03.2025
14:10	Martin Dent AUS	1	Multisport Festival, Noosa, QLD, AUS	29.10.2006
14:13	Samuel Gebreselassie	5rA	Quayside 5k, Gateshead	07.08.2024
14:14	Jon Dennis	1	Edison Festival of Light, Fort Myers FL, USA	20.02.1994
14:15	Ben Biggs	13r4	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	16.02.2024
14:16	Max Hayden	29r11	Podium Festival 5k, Leicester	16.03.2024
14:19	Stephen Sharp	6	Armagh International 5k, Armagh	01.02.2007
14:19	Tim Bayley	13	San Jose, CA, USA	22.11.2007
14:20	Justin Chaston	1	Houston, TX, USA	06.11.1993
(20)				
14:21	Simon Jones	10	Armagh International 5k, Armagh	02.03.2006
14:23	Paul Freary	2	Christleton, Cheshire	12.05.2000
14:23	Kassa Tadesse	8	Great Caledonian Festival of Running, Edinburgh	18.10.1997
14:25	James Hancock	15rB	Podium Festival 5k, Leicester	15.03.2025
14:26	Jonathan Blackledge	8	Armagh International 5k, Armagh	01.02.2007
14:27	Paskar Owor UGA	1	White Horse 5k, Sandhurst, Glos.	21.06.2007
14:30	David Anderson	13	Horwich Carnival 5k inc. AAA Champs, Horwich	26.06.2005
14:30	Findlay Dyer	9em	Friday Night Runs, Colchester	08.08.2025
14:31	Russell Dessaix-Chin AUS	3	International Neusser Sommernachtslauf, Neuss, GER.	06.06.2009
14:32	Alasdair McLean-Foreman	2	Eliot Festival Days 5k, Eliot, ME, USA	24.09.2005
(30)				
14:33	Alex Brecker	9	Mid-Cheshire 5k, Kingsley	27.08.2021
14:35	Mark Pollard	21	Armagh International 5k, Armagh	25.02.2010
14:35	Larry Ryan	38rA	Friday Night Under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	28.11.2025
14:36	James Kelly	25	Armagh International 5k, Armagh	19.02.2009
14:37	Steve Davies	20	Armagh International 5k, Armagh	21.02.2008
14:37	Joshua Trigwell	10w1	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	11.02.2022
14:39	Brad Poore	6	Jamba Juice 5k, San Francisco, CA, USA	18.09.2005
14:39	George Grassly	44	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	28.11.2025
14:40	Spencer Barden	1	Lisburn AC Inv. 5k, Wallace Pk, Lisburn, nr Belfast	22.10.2000
14:40	Ugur Altan	17r2w1	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	13.09.2024
14:40	William Driscoll	4rB	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	28.11.2025
(=40)				
14:42	Jonathon Coates	3rB	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	28.11.2025
14:44	James Wootton	17	Flat 'n' Fast 5k, Linlithgow	20.09.2024
14:48	Kevin Nash	2	Team Solent 5k, Ocean Village, Southampton	14.02.1999
14:48	Conall McNally	10rB	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	28.11.2025
14:49	Alaster Stewart	?	Chesham	04.04.1999
14:49	Hassan Raidi MAR	2	Team Solent 5k, Ocean Village, Southampton	07.03.2004
14:49	Callum Stewart	38w1	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	11.02.2022
14:49	Ollie Garrod	1	RunThrough Chase the Sun 5k, Battersea Pk	28.06.2023
14:50	Eoin Molloy	23r5	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	16.02.2024
(50)				
14:51	Yacin Yusuf	2	Lisburn AC Inv. 5k, Wallace Pk, Lisburn, nr Belfast	22.10.2000
14:55	Sam Tyas	22	RunThrough Chase the Sun 5k, Battersea Pk	25.06.2025
14:56	Richard Ward	1	Peter Lowe Memorial 5k, Hollins Green, Cheshire	05.06.2004
14:59	Neil Speaight	1	British Military Fitness 5k, Cardiff	18.03.2007
14:59	Sam Sommerville	17r3	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	15.03.2024
15:00	Steve Clarke	?	event, Battersea Pk	18.05.2000
15:01	Rob Kelly IRL	30r2	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	25.04.2025
15:02	Graeme Hyett	1	Cairns Cup 5k, Greenock	20.09.2008
15:02	Matt Welsh	42	PB 5k, Ardingly	05.04.2021
15:03	Hugo Fry	14em	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	19.04.2025
(60)				
15:05	Eddie Jodrell	39r2	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	25.04.2025
15:05	Jonathan Scott	42	Mid-Cheshire 5k, Kingsley	23.05.2025
15:06	Richard Hayman	?	Chrisleton, Cheshire	12.05.2000
15:07	Tim Watson	2	Welsh Champs, Carmarthen	28.03.2005
15:07	Dan Mulhare IRL	1	Self Transcendence 5k, Edinburgh	02.09.2009
15:07	Charlie Wood	11r1	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	16.02.2024
15:07	Angus Lamb	46r2	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	25.04.2025
15:09	Lee Hurst	?	event, Blackpool	06.03.1997
15:09	Ben Coughlan	30r1	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	27.02.2025
15:09	Ed Hanton	1r1	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	25.04.2025
(70)				
15:10	Chad Wolpert RSA	2r2	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	17.02.2023

15:12	Adam Zawadski.....	?	event, Gloucester	10.08.2005
15:13	Phil Carstairs.....	3	Diadora Christmas Run, Perivale.....	21.12.1994
15:14	Owain Lewes.....	3	Surrey Winter Lg 5m, Wimbledon	05.12.1993
15:14	Samuel Harry	30rB	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	28.11.2025
15:14	Steve Gardner.....	174	Armagh International 5k, Armagh	13.02.2020
15:15	Charles Herrington	?	event, Bedford	25.08.1999
15:15	James Lattanzio	2r1	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	25.04.2025
15:17	Arne Dumez	55	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	07.05.2021
15:17	James Fox	20r1	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	17.02.2023
(80)	Neil Wilson	3	Sri Chinmoy 5k, Battersea Pk	18.07.2023
15:18	Oliver Li	56r2w1	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	13.09.2024
15:18	Louis Clarke	49	RunThrough Chase the Sun 5k, Battersea Pk	25.06.2025
15:20	Nick Buckle	5	Sri Chinmoy 5k, Battersea Pk	07.06.2022
15:20	James Preston	1r1	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	11.09.2025
15:21	Yitbarek Dinku ETH.....	1	Serpentine Last Friday of the Month 5k, Hyde Pk	24.12.1999
15:21	Erwin McRae AUS.....	1	Brooks Serpentine Last Friday of the Month 5k, Hyde Pk	29.07.2005
15:21	Jack Elliss	25r1	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	16.02.2024
15:22	Jason Lobo	8	Lisburn AC Inv. 5k, Wallace Pk, Lisburn, nr Belfast	22.10.2000
15:23	Oliver Rose	12	Chester Tri Club's Christleton 5k, Christleton	17.05.2024
(90)	Rob McHarg	9	Lisburn AC Inv. 5k, Wallace Pk, Lisburn, nr Belfast	22.10.2000
15:25	Tommy Taylor	55	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	28.05.2021
15:26	Roger Alsop	>20	Druck 5k, Bath University	25.03.2001
15:26	Jonny Neville.....	60	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	15.09.2022
15:27	Oliver Jackson.....	5r4	Podium Festival 5k, Leicester	16.03.2024
15:28	Matthew Wyatt	2	RunThrough Chase the Sun 5k, Battersea Pk	28.08.2024
15:29	Jim Estall.....	2	BVAF Champs, Eastway, Lea Valley	26.10.1997
15:29	Sam Davis	8r1	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	25.04.2025
15:30	Alex Bodin.....	3	Sweatshop Dave Clarke 5k, Morden Pk.....	03.05.2007
15:30	Simon Waterhouse.....	10r1	Friday Night under the Lights 5k, Battersea Pk	25.04.2025
(100)				

5 kilometres – top 100 performances by decade

1920-29	1930-39	1940-49	1950-59	1960-69	1970-79	1980-89	1990-99	2000-09	2010-19	2020-29
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Marathon

2:08:52	Paul Evans.....	1	LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon, IL, USA	20.10.1996
2:11:25	Gary Staines	5	LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon, IL, USA	20.10.1996
2:12:23	Martin Dent AUS	8	Fukuoka International Marathon, JPN.....	04.12.2011
2:13:20	Andrew Fyfe	58	Maratón Trinidad Alfonso Zurich, Valencia, ESP	07.12.2025
2:13:23	Reece Edwards AUS.....	13	Rotterdam Marathon, NED	24.10.2021
2:15:09	Kassa Tadesse	14	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	17.04.2005
2:15:38	Phil Wicks	21	Amsterdam Marathon, Amsterdam, NED.....	16.10.2011
2:17:17	James Nipperess AUS	6	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	21.04.2024
2:17:20	Tony Brien IRL	12	Boston Marathon, Hopkinton to Boston, MA, USA	21.04.1975
2:17:50	Hugo Fry	65	California International Marathon, Sacramento CA, USA	07.12.2025
(10)	Henry Hart.....	57	Berlin Marathon, Brandenburg Gate, GER.....	29.09.2024
2:18:45	Graham Macky NZL	4	Unigate Marathon, Harlow	25.10.1981
2:19:01	James Kelly.....	11	Toronto Waterfront Marathon, CAN	20.10.2013
2:19:40	Daniel Wallis NZL.....	1	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	22.04.2018
2:19:55	Ugur Altan	152	Maratón Trinidad Alfonso Zurich, Valencia, ESP	07.12.2025
2:20:29	Craig Ruddy	38	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	28.04.2019
2:20:29	Andrius Jaksevicus LTU	76	Berlin Marathon, Brandenburg Gate, GER.....	29.09.2019
2:20:53	Chris Bruchhausen RSA.....	12	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	27.04.2025
2:21:17	George Grassly	17	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	27.04.2025
2:21:51	Brad Poore	12	California International Marathon, Sacramento CA, USA	03.12.2006
(20)	Ollie Garrod.....	20	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	21.04.2024
2:22:42	Jonathan Coates	48	Berlin Marathon, Brandenburg Gate, GER.....	21.09.2025
2:22:50	Trevor Hart	33	Maxol Marathon, Manchester	13.06.1971
2:23:03	Geoffrey Buchler	144	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	17.04.1983
2:23:44	Erwin McRae AUS.....	36	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	22.04.2012
2:24:07	Lionel Mann	9	Maxol Marathon inc. RRC Champs, Manchester	23.08.1970
2:24:20	Mark Miles	22	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	22.04.2007
2:24:38	Garret Lee USA.....	19	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	28.04.2019
2:24:48	John Bicourt	5	Manitoba Marathon, Winnipeg, CAN.....	13.06.1982
2:25:12	Matt Hensley USA.....	41	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	23.04.2023
(30)	Jim Estall.....	70	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	17.04.1994
2:25:43	Matthew Cox AUS.....	9	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	22.04.2018
2:26:27	Bill Weller	18	Unigate Harlow Marathon	26.10.1974
2:27:08	Mark Pollard	39	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	13.04.2014
2:27:17	Griffin Humphreys USA	97	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	27.04.2025
2:27:18	Will Cockerell	59	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	18.04.2004
2:27:59	Chad Wolpert RSA.....	77	Amsterdam Marathon, NED.....	15.10.2023
2:28:08	Barry Sawyer.....	10	Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor to Chiswick	15.06.1963

2:28:14	Joseph Hunt USA.....	119	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	21.04.2024
2:28:32	(40) Jonny Neville.....	208	Berlin Marathon, Brandenburg Gate, GER.....	29.09.2024
2:28:33	Pere Capdevila.....	1	Robin Hood Marathon, Nottingham	28.09.2014
2:28:49	Charlie Dabbs	8	AAA Marathon, Nuneaton.....	26.08.1967
2:29:05	James Wootton	324	Trinidad Alfonso Valencia Marathon, Valencia, ESP	04.12.2022
2:29:21	Marius Posa	253	Berlin Marathon, Brandenburg Gate, GER.....	29.09.2024
2:29:22	James Local	156	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	21.04.2024
2:29:22	Lloyd Kempson	254	Berlin Marathon, Brandenburg Gate, GER.....	29.09.2024
2:29:29	Simon Williamson.....	282	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	17.04.1983
2:29:31	Rob Kelly.....	470	Maratón Trinidad Alfonso Zurich, Valencia, ESP	07.12.2025
2:29:40	Malachi Byansi UGA	38	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	22.04.2007
2:29:41	(50) Tommy Trees	484	Maratón Trinidad Alfonso Zurich, Valencia, ESP	01.12.2024
2:29:47	John Moore	22	Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor to Chiswick	13.06.1964
2:29:48	Chris Steer	?	Maryland Marathon, MD, USA	??.??.1969
2:29:49	Sam Peppiette.....	189	Bank of America Chicago Marathon, Chicago, IL, USA ..	12.10.2025
2:29:54	Eoin Molloy IRL	179	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	21.04.2024
2:29:54	Tom Lole	284	Berlin Marathon, Brandenburg Gate, GER.....	29.09.2024
2:29:55	Pete Hardwick.....	?	Ottawa CAN	17.04.1983
2:30:06	Hassan Raidi MAR.....	78	ABN AMRO Marathon, Rotterdam, NED.....	15.04.2012
2:30:05	James Williams	57	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	23.04.2017
2:30:27	¹ Gerry North	6	AAA Marathon Champs, Welwyn.....	11.08.1962
2:30:27	Callum Stewart.....	137	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	23.04.2023
2:30:39	(60) Len Bishop	13	Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor to Chiswick	28.06.1958
2:31:12	Norman Stairs	24	Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor to Chiswick	13.06.1964
2:31:26	Colin Collis	18	Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor to Chiswick	16.06.1956
2:31:30	² Ron Linstead.....	8	AAA Marathon Champs, Welwyn.....	11.08.1962
2:31:39	Neil Wilson	226	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	27.04.2025
2:31:41	Mike Kazimierski POL	60	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	21.04.1996
2:31:50	Steven Stallis USA	243	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	21.04.2024
2:32:07	Dylan Mitchard	369	Berlin Marathon, Brandenburg Gate, GER	29.09.2024
2:32:08	Michael McCarthy IRL	6	ABP Newport Marathon (long course)	28.04.2024
2:32:21	(70) John Thresher	4	Richmond Marathon, British Columbia, CAN	31.10.1982
2:32:33	Matthew Holman	194	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	23.04.2023
2:32:44	Warren Lynch NZL	90	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	17.04.2005
2:33:00	John Jackson	31	Unigate Marathon, Harlow	25.10.1975
2:33:03	Paul Selian KEN.....	287	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	21.04.2024
2:33:04	Simon Jones		London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	23.04.2006
2:33:06	Ben MacCronan AUS	146	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	28.04.2019
2:33:07	Charlie Walker.....	14	Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor to Chiswick	15.06.1963
2:33:17	Eric Gebbett	21	Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor to Chiswick	16.06.1956
2:33:17	Dale Seddon	126	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	28.04.2019
2:33:37	Tony Verdie.....	9	Flying Fox & BVAF Marathon, Stone, Staffs	03.10.1982
2:33:37	(=80) Bradley Courtney-Pinn	160	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	28.04.2019
2:33:39	Athanasios Mesochoritis GRE.....	310	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	27.04.2025
2:33:40	Daryl Chard.....	151	Mainova Frankfurt Marathon, Frankfurt, GER	26.10.2025
2:33:48	David Franco Rodrigues POR	235	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	23.04.2023
2:33:48	Justin Chaston	69	ING New York City Marathon, NY, USA	07.11.2010
2:34:09	Peter Fallenius	?	Valencia Popular Marathon, Valencia, ESP	19.02.2006
2:34:10	Roger Alsop	79	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	17.04.2003
2:34:17	Jose Antonio Blanco.....	87	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	25.04.2010
2:34:20	Robert G. Plummer	8	Sheffield Telegraph Marathon, Sheffield to Doncaster ..	30.03.1959
2:34:23	Peter Anthony CAN	283	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	10.05.1987
2:34:32	(90) Andrew Cumine.....	173	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	03.10.2021
2:34:44	Kris Gauson	137	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	23.04.2017
2:34:53	Tom Ellacott	95	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	13.04.2008
2:35:24	James Nutt.....	?	Run Rome the Marathon, Rome, ITA.....	27.03.2022
2:35:28	Paul Freary	137	Chicago, IL, USA.....	13.10.2002
2:35:30	Oliver Walker.....	417	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	21.04.2024
2:35:50	Jim Ryle	273	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	12.04.1992
2:35:53	Tom Hadfield.....	94	Berlin Marathon, Brandenburg Gate, GER.....	25.09.2005
2:35:57	Max Glennon.....	405	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	27.04.2025
2:35:54	(100) Laurie O'Hara.....	19	Unigate Harlow Marathon	21.10.1972
2:36:05	D. Slann	11	Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor	11.06.1983
2:36:14	Paul Coughlan.....	172	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	18.04.1999
2:36:20	Matthew Merrick	152	TCS Amsterdam Marathon, NED.....	15.10.2023
2:36:30	Kyle Marks USA	112	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	13.04.2014
2:36:22	Stefan Rozmanowski.....	343	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	23.04.2023
2:36:31	Craig McMillan	38	Amsterdam, NED	17.10.2004

¹ The 1962 AAA Marathon Champs was reported in Athletics Weekly as being 400 yards over distance. If correct, then the performance is worth 2:29:09..

² Ibid. - 2:30:12.

2:36:34	Anthony Robertson.....	125	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	21.04.1996
2:37:24	Jonathan Scott	549	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	21.04.2024
2:37:33	Joachim Wolf.....	140	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	23.04.2006
2:37:37	Matt Welsh	414	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	23.04.2023
(110)				
2:37:48	Paul Lowe	226	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	23.04.2017
2:38:35	Rollo Gwyn-Jones	282	Bank of Chicago Marathon, Chicago IL, USA	13.10.2019
2:38:39	Scott Singleton	501	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	23.04.2023
2:38:42	Matthew Benstead.....	554	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	27.04.2025
2:38:45	Richard Harper.....	150	Schneider Electric Marathon de Paris, FRA.....	17.10.2021
2:38:47	Steve Gardner.....	264	Zurich Maratón de Sevilla, Seville, ESP.....	20.02.2022
2:38:55	Mark Pepper	516	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	23.04.2023
2:39:11	Lieven Huang BEL	2	Brathay Windermere Marathon, Ambleside	22.05.2011
2:39:17	Andrea Gallina ITA.....	268	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	24.04.2016
2:39:18	Knut Hegvold NOR.....	168	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	26.04.2009
(120)				
2:39:20	Pat O'Connor	23	Barnsley Chronicle & S. Yorks Marathon, Barnsley	28.11.1976
2:39:20	Luke Thornton	592	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	27.04.2025
2:39:44	Junior Galley	?	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	17.04.1994
2:39:46	Daniel Leow SGP.....	585	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	23.04.2023
2:40:09	Juan Carlos Casal Perez ESP.....	609	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	23.04.2023
2:40:23	Roy Maddams	292	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	26.04.2009
2:40:31	Charlie Rogers	796	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	21.04.2024
2:40:38	Leo Lyons	?	?	??.??.1982
2:40:49	James Milner.....	645	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	23.04.2023
2:41:20	Clive Shippen	?	Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor to Chiswick	13.06.1970
(130)				
2:41:27	Alan Black	450	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	29.03.1980
2:41:49	Dan Connell	82	Zurich Maratón San Sebastián, ESP	26.11.2023
2:42:00	Geoff Pearson	44	Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor to Chiswick	16.06.1956
2:42:19	H. Alan Bishop	46	Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor to Chiswick	16.06.1956
2:42:20	Alfred F. Mitchell	2	Blackpool Marathon.....	07.05.1938
2:43:06	Leo Coy.....	491	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	29.03.1980
2:43:35	Simon Waterhouse.....	1698	Maratón Trinidad Alfonso Zurich, Valencia, ESP	01.12.2024
2:43:38	Eric M. Bishop	8	Isle of Wight Marathon, Ryde	07.06.1958
2:43:38	Giacomo Mevio ITA.....	24	ADNOC Abu Dhabi Marathon, Abu Dhabi, UAE	14.12.2024
2:43:43	Dennis W. Jones	66	Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor to Chiswick	10.06.1961
2:43:43	Don Anderson	739	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	10.05.1987
(=140)				
2:42:46	Jean-Marie Wecker FRA	416	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	02.10.2022
2:43:49	Mike Trees	15	Okinawa Marathon, Okinawa, JPN	22.02.2009
2:43:56	Andrew Duba CZE.....	890	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	27.04.2025
2:44:59	John Hall	8	Isle of Wight Marathon, Ryde	17.05.1969
2:45:02	Joshua Muxen USA.....	945	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	23.04.2023
2:45:04	Kevin Gadd	301	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	26.04.2009
2:45:15	Brian Reis USA	1192	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	21.04.2024
2:45:27	Said Chettati	23	Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor	25.09.1994
2:45:52	Alex Janiaud	618	Zurich Maratón de Sevilla, Seville, ESP.....	23.02.2025
(150)				
2:45:55	Ray Lahart IRL	171	Adidas Manchester Marathon, Manchester.....	27.04.2025
2:46:06	Joe McDonald	29	Polytechnic & AAA Marathon, Windsor to Chiswick	14.06.1952
2:46:12	Alex Mills	458	Zurich Maratón de Sevilla, Seville, ESP.....	20.02.2022
2:46:27	Brian Joines	122	Maxol Marathon, Manchester	13.06.1971
2:46:30	Alexander Miller	473	Berlin Marathon, Brandenburg Gate, GER.....	25.09.2016
2:46:35	Andrew Johnstone.....	1108	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	27.04.2025
2:46:43	Oliver Daniel	1118	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	23.04.2023
2:46:43	Rory McStay IRL	1335	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	21.04.2024
2:46:49	Bert Jordan	49	Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor to Chiswick	26.06.1954
2:47:23	David Walsh	425	Therme Manchester Marathon.....	03.04.2022
(160)				
2:47:26	Ed Hanton	1394	Boston Marathon, Hopkinton to Boston, MA, USA	17.04.2023
2:47:35	John Davies	70	Unigate Marathon, Harlow	25.10.1975
2:47:39	Richard Pearson	11	Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor	26.09.1987
2:47:48	Carlos Rybeck.....	1443	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	21.04.2024
2:47:50	Anthony Grant.....	668	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	29.03.1980
2:47:57	Ben Kelleher	2597	Maratón Trinidad Alfonso Zurich, Valencia, ESP	07.12.2025
2:48:15	George Harris.....	587	Mainova Frankfurt Marathon, Frankfurt, GER.....	26.10.2025
2:48:48	Joe Dooley	44	Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor to Chiswick	16.06.1962
2:48:49	James Holt	1577	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	21.04.2024
2:49:06	Andrew Sentence.....	65	Turin Marathon, Turin, ITA.....	19.04.2009
(170)				
2:49:21	Harry Hopkins	10	Battersea Pk Running Festival, Battersea Park	22.10.2023
2:49:26	Tony Stone	1143	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	10.05.1987
2:49:27	Arthur Whitehead	?	Polytechnic Marathon, Windsor to Chiswick	13.06.1953
2:49:41	James Goymour.....	330	Amsterdam Marathon, Amsterdam, NED.....	20.10.2019
2:49:44	Sam Village.....	2789	Maratón Trinidad Alfonso Zurich, Valencia, ESP	01.12.2024
2:49:50	Eliot Lyne	372	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	22.04.2007
2:50:00	Gregg Clark.....	209	Amsterdam Marathon, Amsterdam, NED.....	18.10.2015
(177)				

Notable performances disregarded for various reasons

2:14:36	³	Graham Macky NZL	19	Beijing Marathon, CHN.....	19.10.1986
2:17:55	⁴	Craig Ruddy	25	Frankfurt, GER.....	28.10.2018
2:23:12	⁵	Russell Dessaix-Chin AUS.....	40	Bank of America Marathon, Chicago, IL, USA	12.10.2014
2:26:15	⁶	Craig McMillan	5	Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon, CAN.....	20.10.2019
2:31:18	⁷	Gordon McKenzie USA	2	Pan American Games, Sao Paulo, BRA	04.05.1963
2:35:33	⁸	Etienne Gailly BEL	3	XIV London Olympic Games, Wembley.....	07.08.1948
2:36:21	⁹	Matthew Graham.....	434	London Marathon, Blackheath to The Mall.....	27.04.2025
2:38:??		Leo Lyons	?		???.???.??

Marathon – top 100 performances by decade

1920-29	1930-39	1940-49	1950-59	1960-69	1970-79	1980-89	1990-99	2000-09	2010-19	2020-29
0	0	0	4	8	6	8	5	12	19	38

³ After a period as an integral member of the Club's long distance squad, Graham Macky left the UK to return to New Zealand around the end of 1981; but he continued to go from strength to strength, clocking his best marathon time in China in 1986.

⁴ The Frankfurt Marathon of 2018 proved to be 430 metres short. Craig Ruddy's time of 2:17:55 would have been worth about 2:19:20 for the full distance – a personal best.

⁵ This time was set just after Russell Dessaix-Chin's time with Belgrave.

⁶ Power of 10 shows Craig McMillan as a Belgrave Harrier from 2004 (correct) through to 2024 (incorrect). He recorded many marathon times considerably faster than the 2:36:31 shown in our list, after he left the Club at the end of 2006.

⁷ Gordon McKenzie's performances have been tentatively mentioned by a previous researcher. McKenzie was an American double Olympian at 10,000m (1956) and marathon (1960) and his wife was a British runner with Selsonia LAC, which had close ties to Belgrave H; so, there may have been a link up at some time. However, we can find no trace of him actually becoming a Belgrave member.

⁸ Etienne Gailly began his athletic career with Belgrave during World War II when he was also training as a paratrooper in the UK with the Brigade Belge, hoping one day to help liberate Europe. As the conflict drew to a conclusion, he returned to Belgium and, sometime later while still a soldier, he took his running to international level, setting his best time when placing third in the dramatic 1948 Olympic Marathon.

⁹ Matthew Graham is shown on Power of 10 as Belgrave/Kirkintilloch from 2006 to date, but his Belgrave membership was actually from 16.07.2012 to the end of 2013.