

## First National Senior record for Callum Wilkinson



Callum Wilkinson's outstanding form this year was featured in the last *Enfield Walker* and he continued his string of top-notch performances at the British championships at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham on 25<sup>th</sup> August.

With the temperature at track level exceeding 30c he reeled off the 12 and a half laps, the early ones inside Tom Bosworth's record pace but with a kilometre to go he slipped slightly behind it and at the bell was a second adrift, but with the enthusiastic and vociferous support of the spectators he rallied and crossed the finish line in 18:41.23 setting a new national record.

Callum admitted that he and runner-up Cameron Corbishley had the advantage of

specific training to combat the heat, in preparation for the World championships in Doha where they will contest the 20km and 50km respectively.

On his journey through the various age groups since he took up race walking in 2012 Callum has re-written the records book, but from the earliest days believed that it was performances at senior level that measured the athlete, so this his first senior British record was a bit special.

*Picture courtesy of Mark Easton – see link to Mark's web-site*