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Ilford walkers dominated both the Civil Service and Police 10kms walking championships, which were held together, along with a match race between the two, over an undulating 6 1/2 lap course around Birmingham's Cannon Hill Park in good conditions on Wednesday afternoon 19th September. Steve Uttley dominated the race from the start leading from the gun. A small group accompanied him for the first half lap, but no-one wished to follow the initial pace, so Steve decided to press on and build an advantage, which eventually stretched to over 4 minutes in front of his nearest Civil Service rival, John Hall. He crossed the finish line in time of 52 minutes 50 to retain the title he won in 2011, with Ilford's John Llewellyn 3rd in 57-33 and Bob Dobson 9th in 65-11. Meanwhile, Peter Ryan led the Police Championship to cross the line in 55-08, over 4 minutes clear of his nearest rival, Amos Seddon. Former Ilford walker Gary Smith placed 4th in that event in 61-55.