

Amateur Athletic Association



Annual Report 2019

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MANAGEMENT BOARD REPORT

Four meetings, including one immediately following the AGM, were held at Alexander Stadium. As in the past meetings were arranged by Midland Counties AA but due to building works at Alexander Stadium, England Athletics have helped us with recent meetings and thanks are expressed to their respective staff for their invaluable assistance.

The Association continued with its initiatives for young athletes with the cooperation of England Athletics including the Tom Pink Relays, although in future this event will be run by England Athletics.

The reports of the Associations and Bodies under the aegis of this Association are, as is customary, included in this Annual Report and as I have mentioned on numerous occasions, are visible proof that the sport thrives at “grass roots” level in spite of apparent dysfunctionality at national and international level.

I would like to express my gratitude to the authors of the reports for their unflinching efforts on behalf of the Associations and to the members of the entire Management Board for their advice and support throughout the year.

Due to the Boards commitment the AAA still, in a number of ways, continues to be relevant to athletes, not the least of which in connection with the preservation of the Sport’s Heritage. Two of our directors represent the AAA on the England Athletics Hall of Fame panel and a selection of our historic trophies are presented at the England Championships which over the last few years have “incorporated” the AAA and the Inter-Counties Championships.

In light of ever diminishing resources it seems that the Athletics Museum project will inevitably become the main focus of our future activity. If the museum is eventually established then our efforts and the continuation of the Association will not be in vain.

Finally, in particular, I feel that I must express on behalf of the Board, gratitude to Philip Andrew and Jane Ainsworth for the tremendous amount of work they have done in connection with planning the Athletics Museum and for the vision for its future.

Walter Nicholls
Chairman

NORTHERN ATHLETICS

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As part of my annual statement for our Northern AGM I commented there is the well-known saying ‘Rome wasn’t built in a day’ and although Northern Athletics can hardly be described as an empire conquering all before it we can at least safely say we have created a secure house within which our sport of athletics in the North can thrive.

These are days of uncertainty both nationwide and internationally and it is comforting to know that if we are determined, prepared to listen and in turn act we can make a difference and mould our own future. Our independent affiliation scheme has been a success and we are confident we can replicate that support amongst our clubs in the coming years ensuring even more breathing space to allow us to move on from a recent past shrouded with doubt.

Our clubs were consulted in 2019 in the form of a survey and they responded in numbers, coming forward with many excellent suggestions giving us a number of options to consider in relation to the affiliation scheme, around supporting officials, choosing venues for championships and many other ideas. One of those ideas we acted upon because our AGM was held in Leeds not in Manchester and

in addition our 2020 cross country championships would be held in North Yorkshire spreading our venues around the North.

The survey results also gave us impetus to develop a project to help in the recruitment, mentoring and support of officials. A project group has been set up containing the best officials from all areas of the North to work on a strategy that we hope will work and can be put into practice. The time was ripe for us to continue talking to England Athletics but with a different agenda. England Athletics were prepared to join up with the group and in turn gave us funding on the basis it was ring fenced for this project. There have been numerous meetings with positive outcomes so far and this will continue until hopefully aspirations have been achieved.

The future for track and field is uncertain and confidence is not as high as it should be. The reality is that with continuing local government cuts the renewal of a track, the replacement of a throws cage or even new club facilities are unlikely to be on the priority list. Central government will wield its sword in the next 18 months through a new round of funding for athletics and the prospects of that funding increasing or even being kept at the same level for UKA and England Athletics is not promising.

Whilst cross country and road running continues to be popular in all its forms the cost of venues imposed by councils and landowners, especially on the grounds of health and safety, increase year on year. Out there, entry fees continue to go up. However with the success of our affiliation scheme we do not at present need to increase our entry fees ensuring young and old, adults or families can still compete at Northern Championships without breaking the bank. We owe that to the clubs who support us. We are realising the need to actively publicise our events more and more using social media to its full and to provide a better experience for our athletes including post-race news, photos and videos. You will already have seen the results of that work already.

We of course have been continuing to hold great Northern Championships. The Northern Cross Country Championships for 2019 returned to Pontefract for another successful event attracting over 3000 entries with the senior men's title going to Emile Caires of Leeds City and the team to Sale Harriers Manchester whilst the women's race title was retained by Mhairi MacLennan of Morpeth with Leeds retaining their team title. The North also hosted the National at Harewood House Leeds with Athletics Weekly reporting that it was generally agreed as 'one of the greatest ever National venues'.

The 10th running of the cross country relay championships took place at Graves Park Sheffield in October with a total of 454 teams entered. Congratulations to Lincoln Wellington (men) and Leeds City (women) for their senior wins. The North put out representative teams enabling our athletes to experience wearing the Northern vest and compete at a higher level. We had teams at the Great Stirling Invitation and the Belgium Cross Cup at Rotzelaar. Thanks to team managers Rob Cameron, Charlotte Slack, Kevin Hussey and Sally Malir for all the work they put in.

On the road in March the Northern 12 and 6 stage were held again at Birkenhead Park on the Wirral with numbers up from 2018. Again the feedback from the athletes on the venue was excellent. Leeds retained the women's 6 stage backed by Claire Duck with the fastest short leg and Rotherham had Hayley Carruthers of their club B team as fastest long leg. Lincoln Wellington also took the men's title with Ross Millington of Stockport the fastest long stage with James Bowness of Trafford the fastest on the short leg

In September the combined autumn relays were held again at the popular Sportcity Manchester. The women's race was a close run thing with Rotherham having a late surge on the final leg to take the win pipping Leeds by 10seconds with Abbie Donnelly of Lincoln Wellington the fastest leg. Leeds City took the men's race easily by over 2 minutes from Sale with Leeds' Phil Sesemann the fastest leg.

On the road the 10 mile championships were again at the classic Brampton to Carlisle race won by Tom Cornthwaite of Salford and Georgia Campbell with the 10k titles up for grabs at the Ribble Valley 10k with Marc Scott winning the men's race and Liverpool the team title whilst Jess Judd won the women's race with her Blackburn team winning the team title. The 5k was again held at Sunderland with Morpeth winning the team medals whilst Charlotte Penfold won the women's race and Sam Hancox the men's title. The North again sent teams out to represent the area on the road to the Abbey Dash 10k, Stirling 10k, Telford 10k, Trafford 10k, Cardiff 5k and the Belfast Titanic 10k.

On the track the North once again provided eight days of full programme championships as well as two indoor open meetings. We also reinstated our 10k track championship race held at Moncton Stadium

Jarrow. The indoor senior and junior championships early 2019 were as ever well attended with excellent performances at senior level by Andrew Robertson of Sale with 6.68 in the 60m who then followed this up in the outdoor championships at Sportcity with a CBP in the 100m at 10.41 and Connor Wood, his club mate, at the outdoor also taking a CBP in the 200m with 20.97. At the women's indoor championships in Sheffield there were two CBP by Danielle Hodgkinson of Wallsend with 9.32 in the 3000m and Naomi Ogbeta of Trafford with 13.49 in the triple jump. We had a great weekend at the excellent newly refurbished venue at Wavertree in August for the junior outdoor championships and will return there in 2020 for the seniors.

The North also gave free entries to both senior and junior championships to the winners of County titles due to the more stable position we find ourselves in at Northern Athletics. We were also invited to send an u20 team to the Welsh International in Cardiff.

Malcolm Fletcher, our stalwart track and field supremo, passes on the message that our officials are our unsung heroes, ever present in all conditions giving athletes, young and older the chance to experience our great sport. Our young athletes witnessed this commitment at the highly competitive Northern Inter Counties at Middlesbrough where once again Yorkshire prevailed.

Northern Athletics wish to thank our sponsors, Start Fitness and for 2019, grants from England Athletics, the ECCA, the ERRA and the AAA. Our thanks go to our office staff, our supportive clubs, their athletes and coaches and all our dedicated officials.

This past year has sadly seen the passing of Tim Agar, Walter Bridson, Paul Evenden, Neville Jones, George Kirby, Peter Lord, Tony Riley, Bob Welfare and Ricky Wilde and we extend our condolences to their families and friends.

Tony Wood
Northern Athletics Chairman

MIDLAND COUNTIES ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

President: Lyn Orbell **Chairman:** Geoff Durbin **Hon. Secretary:** Andrew Hulse
Treasurer: Stewart Barnes

MCAA Chairman Geoff Durbin

I am pleased to present the 2018/19 Report of the Association to the AAA's and I am grateful to colleagues who have produced reports for inclusion. This is my final report as Chairman of the Midland Counties AA. From 1st December 2019 the new Chairman is Stewart Barnes.

It has been an honour and privilege to serve as MCAA Chairman for the last 18 years. I became Chairman just prior to the Foster Report. The Foster Report changed the function of the Association from a governing body to solely a competition provider. Funding, after the loss of affiliation fees and unattached levies, became a major issue for the Association (a loss of approximately £90,000). County Associations also lost out on the 50% unattached levies returned to them for road races held in their county. For a few years the Association relied on event income and reserves alone, before England Athletics started giving us an annual grant (which has diminished over time). I am pleased that, with the prudent guidance of various treasurers, the Association has continued to fulfil its commitment to provide competition across the Area and has been able to increase and develop what it provides. I have tried to be very much involved with all disciplines within the Association, attending most committee meetings and events and officiating at as many as possible.

In my time as Chairman we have moved office three times, partly to save money and in the recent move because our office was to be demolished to make way for the new stand for the 2022 Commonwealth Games. At this point I would like to thank Mick Robinson who provided help to move some of the heavier items to the new office on the opposite side of the stadium. This is the second move he has helped us with and he is a true friend of the Association. Together with Ian Clarke in the office and my colleague Andrew Hulse we were able to complete the move at no cost to the Association. I am very grateful to both of them. The new office is now fully functioning, especially the IT and telephone system that Andy spent a lot of time arranging.

Again, my thanks and that of the Association go to our hard working office staff for their contribution to the smooth running of the Association, especially during the time of the move, and to their continuing support given to the various discipline committees and myself.

As Chairman, I am the employer of the staff on behalf of the Association, (the Hon. Secretary being the line manager). We are well supported by the England Athletics HR department in relation to recruitment, contracts, in work pensions and payroll. My grateful thanks go to Gill Jones who has steered us through the ever changing employment regulations.

We are again grateful for support throughout 2018/19 from various sources. England Athletics for their continued grant towards running Area Championships; Derby Runner for the sponsorship of our Cross-Country Championships in 2019 and for the provision of an arch at the Road Relays, Athletics Direct for their sponsorship of the Track and Field League and Track and Field events, ECCA for providing a grant towards our teams and ERRA for providing a grant towards development in Road Running.

We continue to promote a number of Area Championships and open events in the various disciplines. Our thanks go to the clubs who assist in staging our endurance events.

We are grateful to Nuneaton for staging our Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

The difficulty in providing a full range of Indoor track events requiring a 200m track becomes greater especially as the Birmingham Arena becomes unavailable. We continue to use the HPC at Alexander Stadium to stage Indoor events (and the stadium for outdoor throws) despite escalating costs. It is sad that the Midlands is the only Area in the Country with no indoor 200m track, a lack of provision for our athletes, putting them at a disadvantage.

Our thanks go to the athletes, coaches, officials and helpers for their continued support of our events.

Our thanks also go to the Track & Field League Committee and Divisional Secretaries for the hard work in providing a good structure of competition for the clubs.

Our congratulations go to Midland athletes who have represented England or the United Kingdom in international competition during this year, especially the World Championships (please see the list produced by Lyn Orbell of Athletes at the Major Championships).

We thank all athletes who represented the Midland Counties in various teams throughout the year, together with their team managers, coaches and support staff. The Areas are an important part of the competition pathway.

England Athletics again supported us and the other Areas to send a track and field team of U20's to the Welsh International in Cardiff where the athletes produced good results (see report from Lyn Orbell) – the athletes mainly being selected from our U20 Track and Field Championships. I was pleased to act as team manager with Lyn Orbell at this event.

With the support of ECCA and ERRA we were able to support Cross-Country and Road Running teams to go to various events.

The Association is indebted to the volunteers across the Area who have given their time and energy to support athletics. We thank the Officers and Committees of the Association, Coaches, and Technical Officials, Club and County Officers and all supporters of the sport.

The Management Committee have met regularly throughout the year to conduct and oversee the business of the Association. The Officers have also met on numerous occasions. I would like to thank my colleagues for all their hard work and the support they have given throughout the year.

We continue to have discussion within the other Areas and with England Athletics concerning the future support and funding of the Association to ensure our viability in the coming years. Our original survey did show strong support for Midland Counties to continue providing Area competition and an additional fee. We have been working with the South and with England Athletics to put forward to our clubs an appropriate Area affiliation scheme. We hope to complete this work in the coming year.

MCAA Hon. Secretary Andrew Hulse

This year has been both challenging and rewarding for a number of reasons, the least of which has been the need to move the Associations office from the main stand to the newer back straight stand. This was a process that should have taken no more than a few weeks but ended up taking nearly 8

months; the major issue being the provision of telephony and data services. Protracted negotiations between our IT and Telephony providers and Birmingham's IT Services finally resulted in the move taking place at the end of August 2019. We would like to thank Mr. Mick Robinson for his help in the moving of much of the furniture and storage which drastically shortened the time needed for the operation. We now have a new more efficient IT and Telephony system in place which also allows us to transfer the calls to the office to a designated mobile phone during competition weekends.

Another highlight of the year was the City of Birmingham Games held at the Arena Birmingham in February. This event was a success both in terms of the number of Athletes and the systems we were able to use for registration, seeding and results. We were also able to provide a first call and a final call room, staffed by our officials. We would like to express our thanks to Birmingham City Council for their generosity and help in enabling this event to take place. The only downside to this is that this is likely to be the last occasion that there will be Athletics in the Arena for the foreseeable future.

We have continued to develop the systems used in the office and at our competitions to try and provide the best possible experience for all the participants at our events. Working in conjunction with Loughborough Students Athletic Club staff we hope to be able to further enhance the use of technology to provide an even more professional experience and outcome.

The Officials Portal has now been up and running for 12 months, we are still finding some faults and have a list of improvements we hope to have implemented by the New Year. This project has attracted the attention of the other areas and it may be that it will be developed and adopted by them.

MCCCA Chairman, Keith Brackstone

As usual the Midlands Cross-Country season involved the following events organised by the Association:

1. The Home International/Inter-Area Cross-Country

A team of 17 athletes from the Midlands took part in the Home Internationals Cross-Country in Belfast on 19th January 2019. In the Junior Ladies, Grace Brock won and Amelia Samuels was second in Zoe Brickley was our second scorer finishing eighteenth

Next up were the Junior Men and this time it was Joshua Lay who finished first from the Midlands in fifth place - a position which would have put him in the victorious England Team. The Junior Men finished fourth in the team event.

The Senior Ladies saw the experienced Kate Maltby and Charlotte Taylor-Green and Chloe Richardson joined by Giorgia Chattwood of Cannock & Stafford making her senior debut. Kate finished thirteenth, Charlotte was nineteenth and Chloe twenty-third. Their combined score gave them second team behind England but in front of Scotland, Ireland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The last race of the event was the senior men. With sixty-three in the race it provided a really good test for all five of our athletes as everyone in the race was battling for places right to the line. Danny Hallam maintained his position as first Midlands athlete finishing twenty-eighth. Joe Smith showed his strength by moving up to thirty-fourth.

2. Midland Championships - Leamington Spa - Saturday 26th January 2019

With one or two small areas where future improvements could be made the event was well organised and well marshalled with a total of 1,257 finishers. Our thanks have been sent to the host Club, Leamington Cycling and Athletics Club, as well as to parkrun who suspended their usual Saturday run to avoid a clash of use of the facility.

3. Midland Cross-Country Relays - Wolverhampton - Saturday 19th October 2019

This event was once again staged at Wolverhampton with great support from the home club who took the lion's share of the first places, particularly in the younger age groups. The event was well organised with some changes identified for future years to avoid individuals running through the handover rather than using the cut through at the end of the first lap in the Senior and Masters races.

4. Midland Mens 7 & Womens 5 Cross-Country - Halesowen - Saturday 16th November 2019

Unfortunately, this event had to be cancelled due to flooding of the course. A revised event is planned at Bulwell Park, Nottingham for Saturday 30th November 2019, results of that event will follow.

MCCCA Hon. Secretary Rita Brownlie

Midland Womens Cross-Country League, Chair, Mary Hodges

We would like to thank all the clubs that hosted the races during the season, the Birmingham & District Invitation Cross-Country League and the Officials for all the hard work that goes into making such events possible.

The league season is run over four races. Three of the races involved both Divisions competing at the same site. The other race was where the two Divisions were split between two different venues. As a result of this it has been decided to reduce the pressure on venues that in the season 2019/20 the separation will continue.

In addition to the promotion of the sport the league is also dedicated to assist the development of Officials. To this end the league operates an Assistant Referee role and also asks that clubs provide 2 Officials/Helpers per season, this continues to be a successful initiative.

MCAA Road Running Committee, Chair, Ian Clarke

The Midland 12 & 6 Stage Road Relays & 5k Age Group Races were held on 23rd March 2019.

Thank you to all Athletes and Officials for making it a great day of running. 72 Mens team entered the 12 Stage and an equal number entered the Womens 6 Stage. The 5k Age Group Races continue to increase in numbers an entry of 125 saw some close racing within the Age Groups.

The Autumn Combined Relays once again all on the one day produced a large entry, comparable with the previous year in both the Seniors and the Age Groups. The Spring and Autumn relays continue to produce close competition throughout the Age Groups.

We continue to send teams to represent the Midland Counties in Inter Area road matches, and this year we increased the Inter Area matches to six, the introduction of a Half Marathon Inter Area at Peterborough last year as well as 10k matches in Wales, Scotland and the south of England added this year has given good competition to Midland Athletes, with many PBs being recorded. We must thank our team managers Keith Brackstone and Claire Martin for their work in selecting the teams and managing them at the events.

Midland Area Race Walking Association, Hon. Secretary, Ann Perry

During this year race walking has lost many stalwarts who supported race walking over the years. All will be fondly remembered. Particular mention must be made however, to Ken Matthews who died earlier in the year. Ken was the last GB athlete to win a gold medal in the 50K race walks, in fact no athlete from the home countries has taken a gold medal in any of the race walk discipline in the Olympic Games since then.

On a personal level I would like to thank all the race-walking fraternity for their support and understanding at a particularly difficult time for me when I lost my husband in February, thank you all.

The level of competition this year has been good, with the standards improving across the board, however, it has to be noted that once again the numbers, particularly in the younger age groups, has dropped. It was welcome to note that at the first Winter League this year, there were more youngsters in the event than for many years, let's hope we can keep these athletes and that they progress to senior level.

The Committee would like to express its thanks to all the officials and athletes who turn out regularly to support our Championships and Open Events, without the support of athletes and the work of all the officials the sport would not be able to continue. Bob Wheeler commands special mention, for his tireless work in recruiting and mentoring new officials, it is most pleasing to see former athletes returning to become officials, and also for those who still compete wishing to put something back and officiate occasionally.

Again, our thanks to supporters and participants in this great sport of race walking and long may you continue to attend, compete or officiate at our events.

MCAA Track & Field League, Secretary, Iris Morris

The 2019 Track and Field Season was very busy for all concerned. I hope everyone who took part in the Midland League had an enjoyable season and was able to compete well.

The League provides a platform for Midland Club's athletes, officials and supporters to work together to get the best performance from all new, existing and developing members. It may be the first opportunity for some older athletes to compete for the first time at senior level. As such it provides a friendly and supportive arena for them whilst having a set of rules and structure that reflects the UKA regulations. We aim to give a flavour of higher competition with a friendly and supportive guiding hand.

Despite working very hard to try to achieve this, there were one or two areas that were problematic.

The League suffered from a shortage of officials, a situation that is reflected in the Midland area, and probably the whole of the sport at grass root level. We did have to cancel meetings because of lack of appropriately qualified officials. There are now many athletes in the Masters age group (over 35), it would be a definite boost if those who were not already officials became qualified in 2020. It doesn't stop you competing and it's a way of "giving back".

2019 saw the introduction of a new results programme. We had several teething problems and it did not meet the total requirements of the League. However, it is hoped everything will be sorted for 2020, as the programme as a whole is very good. Competition throughout the season was intense with most divisional winners not being finalised until the last match.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank athletes, officials and supporters who took part in the League during 2019 and hope that 2020 will be even more successful for everyone.

MCAA Track and Field, Competition Secretary, Rachel Hulse

The Track and Field competitions this year have seen a number of changes, mainly fuelled by suggestions from athletes, coaches, and other participants. During the Indoor Season the timetable of the Sunday track days changed so that both series of the hurdle races took place in the morning session and the straight races all took place in the second session, this was well received by everyone concerned. The Indoor Season consisted of three Open Meetings, the Midland Indoor Championships, including the Shot competition which was hosted for the second time by Loughborough University Athletics Club at one of their Open Meetings. The highlight of the season was the inclusion of the City of Birmingham Games Open held at the Arena Birmingham,

The Outdoor Season consisted of the Senior and U20 Championships, and the U17, U15 and U13 Quadrathlon Championships, both held over two days at the Pingles Stadium in Nuneaton. I would like to express our sincere thanks to Nick Wilson and all his team at Nuneaton for their continued support and hard work at both events. In a break with tradition both the 3000m and 10000m Championship races were held as part of the events at the Pingles Stadium, this being due to the Coventry Track being re-laid and no other host coming forward for the 10000m races.

Welsh International Cardiff 24th July 2019

Once again, the Welsh put on the above event to give the youngsters of the Area Teams a chance to have an international competition. Team Management for the meeting were Geoff Durbin, Grant Barker and Lyn Orbell. The team was selected from the Midland U20 Championships in June and at the time of the Championships we had not received the official invitation from Wales.

It turned out to be a very good match for us. The timetable had a 'new' event in the programme which was a mixed 4 x 400m relay which meant 2 male and 2 female athletes. As a spectacle it was enthralling and as the sport goes this may be the event of the future in competitions.

Once again, we were the bridesmaid not the bride but when you think that we are the smallest of the Area teams, 'chief' bridesmaid was a good result for the Midland team. Even if we had scored in the 400mH for women and the 4 x 100m relay (we did not finish) we could not have beaten the South.

Overall Result: 1st England South 248 pts, 2nd England Midlands 219 pts, 3rd Scotland 194 pts, 4th Wales 193.5 pts, 5th England North 184 pts, 6th Welsh Schools 149.5 pts, 7th Guernsey 58 pts, 8th Northern Ireland 43 pts

Midland Athletes Selected for Major Games 2019

European Indoor Championships 1 – 3 March Glasgow

60mH	David King	City of Plymouth
60mH	Andrew Pozzi	Stratford-upon-Avon AC
800m	Mari Smith	Birchfield Harriers
1500m	Elliot Giles	Birchfield Harriers
1500m	Sarah McDonald	Birchfield Harriers
Long Jump	Feron Sayers	Birchfield Harriers

European Team Combined Events Championship 6/7 July Litsk

Heptathlon Katie Stainton Birchfield Harriers **Team Bronze PB 6029pts**

European U23 Championships 11 -14 July Sweden

High Jump Tom Gale City of Bath AC **Silver 2.27m pb**

Pole Vault	Joel Leon Benitez	Notts AC	6th 5.50m
4 x 100m Relay	Kaie Chambers-Brown	Birchfield Harriers	
4 x 400m Relay	Ellis Greatrex	Woodford Green & EL	
European U20 Championships 18 -20 July Sweden			
200m/4 x 100m Relay	Amy Hunt	Charnwood AC	Gold 22.94s/Gold
110m Hurdles	Jack Sumners	Stratford-on-Avon AC	
400m Hurdles	Seamus Derbyshire	City of Stoke AC	Silver 50.82s pb
Long Jump	Josie Oliarnyk	Halesowen A & CC	
Shot	Lewis Byng	Stratford-on-Avon AC	
4 x 400m	Ben Hawkes	Leamington C & AC	
European Team Championships 9 – 11 August Poland			
400m Hurdles	Meghan Beesley	Birchfield Harriers	6th 56.46s
4 x 100m	Ashleigh Nelson	City of Stoke	
4 x 400m	Emily Diamond	Bristol & West AC	2nd 3.27.12s
4 x 400m mixed	Yasmin Liverpool	Coventry Godiva H	2nd 3.19.40s Brit Rec
Triple Jump	Ben Williams	Sale Harriers	1st 17.14m pb
Pole Vault	Sophie Cook	Birchfield Harriers	8th= 4.21m
World Championships 27 September – 6 October Doha			
110m Hurdles	Andrew Pozzi	Stratford-on-Avon AC	Semi Final
400m/4 x 400m mixed	Emily Diamond	Bristol & West AC	4th 3.12.27s Brit Rec
4 x 400m	Emily Diamond	Bristol & West AC	4th 3.23.02s sb
400m	Matthew Hudson-Smith	Birchfield Harriers	DNF
400m Hurdles	Meghan Beesley	Birchfield Harriers	Semi Final
800m	Elliott Giles	Birchfield Harriers	
1500m	Sarah McDonald	Birchfield Harriers	
4 x 100m Relay	Ashleigh Nelson	City of Stoke	2nd 41.85s
Long Jump	Shara Proctor	Birchfield Harriers	
Long Jump	Jazmin Sawyers	City of Stoke	
Triple Jump	Ben Williams	Sale Harriers	
World Para Athletics Championships 7th – 15th November Dubai			
T34 100m)	Kare Adenegan	Coventry Godiva H	Silver 17.49s sb
T34 800m)			Silver 2.01.32s
F64 High Jump	Jonathan Broome-Edwards	NEB	Gold 2.02m
T53 100m/4 x 100m	Micky Bushell	Birchfield Harriers	Relay is Universal
T11 200m/4 x 100m	Libby Clegg	Charnwood AC	Relay is Universal
T38 100m/200m	Sophie Hahn	Charnwood AC	Gold 12.38s WR
T64 100m	Sophie Kamlisch	Bristol & West AC	6 th 13.29s
T34 100m)	Ben Rowlings	Coventry Godiva H	in heat 16.87s
T34 400m)			8 th 54.57s
T34 800m)			7 th 1.48.46s
T61 200m	Richard Whitehead	Southwell	Silver 23.82s sb
T38 100m	Thomas Young	Charnwood AC	Silver 11.00s pb
			European Record

Kare Adenegan was elected the Female Team Captain and Richard Whitehead was elected Male Team Captain
Thomas Young broke the European 100m record in his heat with 11.12 then again in the final with 11.00s.

Compiled by Lyn Orbell

All results can be seen on the MCAA website

Geoff Durbin
MCAA Chairman

SOUTH OF ENGLAND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION LIMITED

President Judy Oakes OBE
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Honorary Treasurer Don Turner

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the activities of SEAA Competition Limited for the year up to 31 March 2019. SEAA Competition Limited receives limited financial support from England Athletics to provide a range of championships across all disciplines topped up with support from our parent company. The company has promoted championships in all disciplines; namely Track and Field both indoor and outdoor, Cross Country, Road Running Relays and Fell Running. The major concern and

focus for the Board is the need to make our promotions as economical as possible while maintaining the high standards we set ourselves. A detailed report for each discipline follows:

Track and Field DWG (Chairman Susan Deaves)

The Track and Field Discipline Working Group is responsible for the organisation of the Association's Track and Field Championships.

In 2018, there continued to be the clash with the County Schools and the first day of our U20/Senior Championships. This puts a great strain on the ever-diminishing number of officials at our disposal. We shall continue to press for a change, also to try and have the Age Groups Championships removed from the main holiday month which affects most families with children.

In June 2018 for the **U20/Senior Championships** we went to the northern part of our Area – Bedford – which is such a good venue with the knowledgeable and helpful staff. In glorious sunny weather, but with a swirling wind, there were some very good performances, particularly from younger competitors. Whilst field event entries were down, these produced highlights, such as 17.76m by Sophie McKinna (Gt Yarmouth) in the shot – a distance we haven't seen for nearly 20 years.

Jade Ive (Sutton & D.) won the Pole Vault with 4.20m to beat a record, which had stood since 2002, and earned herself a cash bonus of £100. This injection of cash rewards has been made possible in recent years for all our track & field Championships thanks to a very generous benefactor, and athletes are now aware of the opportunity to benefit.

On the track Joshua Zeller ran 13.60 to rise to the top of the UK rankings and get under the qualifying standard for the World Under 20 Championships. He was followed closely by Sam Bennett 13.66, and Ethan Akani 13.70 narrowly missing the 13.65 required.

The Senior men's triple jump saw Tosin Oke triumph with 16.28m, some 16 years after he first won the title.

On 29th June, we held our **10,000m track Championship** in the Walthamstow "Fast Friday" event, another meeting modelled on the Highgate special evening. It proved most disappointing as the meeting itself was poorly organized and downgraded by UKA due to inadequate photofinish- but at least the manual times could be recorded on Power of 10. We had 16 men and 6 women enter: the women's event was won by Amy Clements of Kent AC in 35.30.8 and the men's by Paul Martelletti of Victoria Park H in 30.32.3 closely followed by Kojo Kyereme, Shaftesbury Barnet, in 30.35.3.

The **Combined Events** once again went to Oxford on 7/8th July. It was very sad to see small entries in both the U17 age groups, but the U15 girls turned out in force. Out of a total entry of 84, there were 13 guests, taking advantage of the competition.

The Senior men's event was won by Harry Kendall of Tonbridge, with 7089 pts: In the U20M Seb Hartwell (Banbury H) scored 5181 pts: In the U17M Octathlon, Stuart Bladon of Team Kennett was only able to complete 7 events on 4093 pts before injury struck. The U15B Pentathlon was won by Sammy Ball of Reading with 2889 pts.

Alice Hopkins of the home Club won the Senior women with 5336 pts; the U20W was won by Jasmine McCallum of Reading with 4121pts; the U17W was won by Molly Bean Great Yarmouth), who was only 6 points ahead of Madison Hutton of Kingston & Poly, and the U15G Pentathlon was won by Isabelle Humphreys of Crawley with 2930 pts

Lee Valley was the venue for the **Age Groups Championships** on 11/12 August. For an outdoor Championships this venue does, however, lack atmosphere and whilst the administration is all within the indoor area, it feels isolated from the action on the track. Very pleasing that entries were increased on the previous years, particularly in the U13 boys.

The strong headwind in the home straight, at times up to -4.0, persisted all day and rather hindered performances.

Because these were the inaugural U13 Championships, records were set in each event. Young Renee Regis, (Enfield & Haringey), won both the sprints in 12.82 and 25.71. In each event, Rayne Tapper (Harrow AC) was second in 13.06 and 26.25, and Niah Akintoken (Shaftesbury Barnet) third in 13.21 and 26.81. When you see the U15G sprints were won in 12.79 and 26.01, it looks as if Renee will be challenging in the next age group.

In the U15G Discus, there was a wonderful new record by Zara Obamakinwa (Medway & Maidstone) with 41.21m – she won by nearly 7m, and Claire Smithson's record had stood since 1997. In fact, there were good entries in practically all the field events for the girls.

It was pleasing to see a realistic field in the U17W Steeplechase, with a new record of 4m59.18 by Morgan Squibb of Blackheath & Bromley.

Another long-standing record was broken in the U15B 100m by Remi Jokosenumi (Shaftesbury Barnet) who won comfortably in 11.01.

In the U15B High Jump, David Bazuaya (Victoria Park) cleared 1.94m: he won by 14cm, and the previous record was from 1984 by Ewan Gittins.

And finally, in the U17M Javelin, Max Law (Havering) threw 72.67m to beat the previous record, set in 1983, by 4m! In fact, all his throws were longer than any throw by the other competitors. He won by 12m – a truly outstanding performance.

These are surely names to watch for the future.

On 1st September, the **U15/U20 Inter-Counties** took place again at Oxford. Due to a number of concerns about the state of the pole vault bed, we took the drastic step of cancelling those events for safety reasons. This was not universally appreciated, but we did not wish anyone to be put at risk, particularly with younger age groups.

Sussex County won the U20 men and the U15 girls; Kent won the U20 women; but the combined U15 title went to Essex with Kent second, and the combined U20 to Kent by just 2 points from Essex, with Hants third in both cases.

This is the only Inter County match which the SEAA organizes and involves all 19 counties, although a number of other selective Inter County events take place among the home counties.

The **Indoor season** begins with the **Combined Events** just prior to Christmas. Entry numbers held up and a number of guests came from the North and Midlands. The Combined Events is the only Championship in which we accept guests - to provide an additional competitive opportunity for these specialists. In an effort to enhance the event, we experimented with music in the background during field events. This was well received by most of the competitors and did add to the atmosphere.

In the small U15B Pentathlon field, Sammy Ball (Reading AC) having won the Outdoor U15B Pentathlon, had another good day: he led from the second event and finished with a score of 3027 pts. The U17M Heptathlon was won by Oliver Thatcher (Southampton AC) with 4409 pts, some 400 points ahead of second. The U20Men's winner was Theo Adesina (Thurrock H) with 4722 pts; and the SM Heptathlon was won by Lewis Church (Tonbridge AC) with 5316 pts.

The younger women's events were very strongly supported and the U15G was won by Lucy Fellows (St Mary's) with 3015 pts, exactly 400 pts ahead of Libby Turbutt of Ashford.. In the U17W, Rebekah O'Brien (Tonbridge AC) won with 3406 pts. The U20W was won by Mia Chantree (Chelmsford AC) 3354 pts, who was, in fact, only 300 pts behind the SW winner – Sarah Connolly (Harrow AC) 3647 pts.

January 12/13th at Lee Valley saw the **Age Group Championships** in the new format of just sprints and hurdles on the Saturday. We also instigated U13 Indoor Championships in a limited number of events. Apart from the 60m and Long Jump, entries in these U13 events were very disappointing. Peter Ogbonmwan (VFT Track Academy) was the only Boy to break 8 secs in the 60m, and Taneesha-Tecla Hegba-Mbayen (Victoria Park H) won the girls in 8.54. The outstanding U13B winner was in the shot - Alexander Abebrese (Herne Hill) won by over 2m with 9.84. Hopefully there will be more support for the Outdoor U13 Events.

The same Sammy Ball who had won both Outdoor and Indoor Boys Pentathlons had another busy weekend, winning the 300m in 40.11, the High Jump in 1.67m, the Long Jump in 5.73m, and finishing second in the 60m hurdles in 8.92.

In the U15G 80m Amarisa Sibley (Blackheath & Bromley) ran 2.15.65 for a new record, some 4 secs ahead of the rest of the field. In the U15G shot, Gabriela Jones threw 12.01m, but in addition, 5 of her attempts were well over 11m, far in excess of any other girl's throws.

Similarly, in the triple jump Amelia Gray (Andover AC) leapt 11.21m beating the old record by 60cms, with most of her jumps being over 11m, which no-one else achieved. Another winner from the Indoor Combined Events was Lucy Fellows (St Mary's) who won the Long Jump with 5.04m.

It was very pleasing to see the U15s and U17s supporting the events, particularly the sprints, but it would be good to see more field event entries.

In the U17M Triple Jump, Deshawn Lascelles (Cambridge & Coleridge AC) earned himself a cash bonus of £100 breaking a record from 2008 with 14.85m. Sam Brereton, all the way from Cornwall, (Newquay & Par AC) cleared 2.06m, the only athlete to clear 2m

In the U17W 400m, Holly Mpassy (Blackheath & Bromley H) was in a class all of her own, winning in 55.56m, and in the shot Nana Gyedu (Cambridge H) threw 15.34m – all her throws well ahead of anyone else.

On the following weekend, we held our final Championship of the year - the **U20/Senior**, also at Lee Valley. Again the sprints were well supported, but not so the field events.

Perhaps the most disappointing thing about the weekend was the fact that in the 60m, the three fastest Senior women throughout the day did not contest the final. Nonetheless Rachel Miller (TVH) did run 7.24 to gain the European qualifying standard. Similarly in the men's event Ojie Edoburun (Shaftesbury Barnet) ran 6.71 in his semi-final, but did not run in the final, which was won by Ronnie Wells (Bournemouth) in a slower 6.77.

The SW 200m was won by Page Fairclough (Shaftesbury Barnet) in 24.83, the only girl to break 25s. In the U20M 800, the record had stood since 2007, so Yusuf Bizimana (Victoria Park H) earned himself a bonus, winning in 1.53.24.

Another £100 cash reward went to Philippa Rogan (TVH) in the SW High Jump winning in 1.82m breaking Julie Peacock's record from 2000. Although Sophie McKinna (Great Yarmouth) threw 17.58, she didn't manage to beat Judy Oakes's record from 1996!!

In the U20M High Jump, Dominic Ogbechie (Highgate Harriers) beat his own record with 2.15m and clearances all the way through.

Another athlete in a class of her own was Claudimira Landim (Windsor SE&H) in the U20W Triple Jump which she won with 12.78m, all her jumps in excess of everyone else. And even moving up an age group, Serena Vincent (City of Portsmouth) managed to break the record when she threw 14.36m to win the shot by over 2m.

It was a very busy Indoor season, particularly with consecutive weekends, which creates a lot of pressure on the office, and when the main Cross Country Championships are also involved.

This is the first season we had administered the Officials within the Office for all our Events, and we also administer the Officials for two weekends of the London Indoor Games at Lee Valley. A great deal of work down to just a few people.

We have to thank Linda Whitehead and Ella Jolliffe in the office, and the other volunteers who lend a hand to help with our Championships, for their hard work in setting up all our events. Also all the Officials who play such an important part in maintaining the high standard we have come to expect from Southern Championships. We are always seeking new members of the Working Groups to assist in the future events, whilst trying to find new ways of making our events attractive and rewarding to all our athletes.

Endurance DWG Report 2018-19 Season Southern Road Relays

Six, Four & Three Stage Relays

The Relays were held at Crystal Palace for the second time, with a great improvement on the previous year. Despite the abysmal weather conditions at the start; the event was a great success and a lot of positive feedback was received by clubs and athletes.

Once again, all the races were completed in one day - Sunday 23rd September.

The course used metaled roads and paths within the Park and for the older age groups an extra loop was added around the car park to lengthen the Senior Men's course.

There was a good mix of clubs who won the team results this year, with Aldershot, Farnham & DAC taking Gold in the U15 Boys, U17 Men, Senior Men, and Vet 50 Men.

Guernsey AC won, for the first time ever, the Senior Women's race.

Congratulations also to Cambridge & Coleridge AC (U13 Boys), Tonbridge AC (U13 Girls), Windsor S E & Hounslow AC (U15 Girls), Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers (U17 Women), Kent AC (Vet 40 Men), South London Harriers (Vet 60 Men) and Winchester & District AC (Vet 40 Women).

Twelve & Six Stage Relays

The event returned to Milton Keynes, as was planned for last year before the event was cancelled due to snow and ice. The sunshine held out in 2019, however, and the event went well.

Aldershot, Farnham & DAC took Gold in the Senior Men's 12 Stage, with Herne Hill Harriers winning the Senior Women's 6 Stage.

It was again considered inadvisable to include holding an inaugural 5Km U/17 men's and women's races in conjunction with these relays because the organisers wanted to focus on perfecting the two senior races. Nevertheless, such an event remains in our future plans.

Cross Country

Southern Relays

The Southern Cross-Country Relays were once again held at Wormwood Scrubs on 20th October 2018. As always, many thanks go to members of Thames Valley Harriers for hosting this event and all the hard work in preparing for these Championships.

Numbers were slightly up again on previous years and we continue to believe that this event is becoming very popular event in the Cross Country Calendar.

Winners in the men's races were Highgate Harriers (Senior Men), Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers (U20 Men & U17 Men) and Bracknell AC (U15 Boys & U13 Boys).

Winners in the women's races were Wycombe Phoenix Harriers & AC (Senior Women), Bracknell AC (U20 Women), Blackheath & Bromley Harriers (U17 Women & U15 Girls) and Guildford & Godalming AC (U13 Girls).

SEAA London Championships

On 17th November 2018, in conjunction with the London Youth Games, the London Cross-Country Championships were held, as usual at Parliament Hill Fields. Many thanks to the City of London for their tremendous support in the staging and preparation for this event which once again was a huge success.

Individual London Champions were Paul Martelletti (Victoria Park H & Tower H AC) for the men, and for the women Jessica Craig (Herne Hill Harriers). Thames Valley Harriers took the Senior Men's title and London Heathside again won the Senior Women's title.

Southern Masters & Inter Counties Championships

The SEAA Masters & SEAA Inter-Counties XC Championships were held concurrently on 8th December at Horspath in Oxfordshire. Thanks go to Richard Hart and Oxford City AC for their support and assistance in the staging of these Championships. The weather was reasonable and the course a mixture of open grassland and very muddy woods. The officials and marshals did an excellent job of work. We are most fortunate that there is more than adequate car parking at this venue.

Congratulations go to Essex (U13 Girls & U15 Girls), Surrey (U13 Boys, U20 Women & Senior Women), Kent (U15 Boy & U17 Men) and Middlesex (U17 Women),

The SEAA Masters Championships were held in conjunction for this event with six age group trophies being contested.

Southern Main Cross Country Championships

The 2019 Main Championships were back at Parliament Hill. Our thanks go to Highgate Harriers, Paul Maskell and the City of London whose support is vital to the hosting of our Championships at this much loved venue.

Numbers were up on the previous year, which is to be expected when we are at Parliament Hill and it turned out to be a most successful event and thoroughly enjoyed by all with some excellent competition.

The key results from the Championships include:

Individual Championships – Henry Pearce (Tonbridge AC) in the Senior Men and Pippa Woolven (Wycombe Phoenix Harriers) in the Senior Women.

In the team events it was another great year for Aldershot, Farnham & District AC who won in four age groups (Senior Men, U20 Women, U17 Men, U15 Boys). Congratulations also go to Thames Hare & Hounds (Senior Women), Reading AC (U20 Men), Windsor S E & Hounslow AC (U17 Women & U13 Boys), Chiltern Harriers AC (U15 Girls) and Tonbridge AC (U13 Girls).

As noted in previous years finding suitable venues for the SEAA events is becoming more difficult each year and we are most grateful for all the help we receive. SEAA are always ready to view any venues put forward as possibilities, so please do not hesitate to speak with us if you think you know of potential venues.

John Gandee
Chairman SEAA Competition Limited

ENGLISH CROSS COUNTRY ASSOCIATION

Well another good year as the Association took its Championships, North this time to Leeds and Harewood House. From an entry of over 8000 athletes large numbers took part and overall 5386 runners crossed the finish line this year, second only to the huge numbers that ran last year at Parliament Hill. The 10 race format came into being in 2003 and since then the numbers taking part has grown and this year was easily the best National held in the North of England.

Although there were no new records all the age groups and all the races had high numbers competing, however, both the senior races had significant numbers taking part with 1034 Senior Women and 2006 Senior Men crossing the finish line both just behind the Parliament Hill numbers last year. The Women's total was for the second time 1000+ while the Men's was 2000+ for the third time.

With the sun shining, facilities great and transport links good, one record was achieved that of finishers against entries. This year it was total of 68.2% that took part against last year in London when the ratio was 67.3% both being well up on the usual average of around 62%.

However, to achieve this result our Officials had to work very hard and spent many hours negotiating with the Harewood House, Estate Management team to make sure every clause of the agreement was maintained. It is becoming increasingly difficult to adhere to health and safety rules to protect Athletes and Spectators at events like this, where many thousand attend and everybody has learnt a lot. The ECCA is made up entirely of volunteers but from within its ranks it manages to find Officials able to carry out very responsible roles. A great deal of thanks must be given to these people for the time and effort put in.

The Relays were once again held at Berry Hill Park, Mansfield and it continues to be a successful event. The venue does tick all the boxes for a good promotion and the atmosphere created is superb. The fact that this venue is central has been a major factor and athletes travel along way to compete in the event. There was concern after the Championships back in November 2018 that it might have been the end of the Association being able to stage the Event there. For the Park Trustees, The Berry Hill Social Welfare Centre decided they could not finance the opening of the Park in the future as funds had run out. Negotiations between them and Mansfield District Council (MDC) went on for 7 months before it was agreed that MDC would become Corporate Trustees and take over funding the maintenance and running costs of Berry Hill.

The ECCA has continued to invest significant funds in its International programme and many athletes get their first taste of International competition at these events. It was interesting to see that of the

athletes selected to run for Great Britain in Aarhus at the World XC Championships, 19 of the 20 English athletes had been on ECCA trips at least once in the last three years and 15 of the 20 had run in our teams this season, which we hope had something to do with their performance at the "Trials". Also all 10 English U20 athletes had run for England during the past season, so we were very happy that our policy of developing athletes for the big occasions appeared to be working well.

Thanks goes once again to all the volunteers that help the Association with its programme, they have the passion and experience our sport has to continue to be a success.

Ian Byett
ECCA Honorary Secretary

FELL RUNNERS ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee

Job Descriptions for all roles have now been added to the Committee page of the FRA website and detailed Terms of Reference have been prepared which should help to facilitate recruitment of new committee members in the future.

Finances

The FRA accounts continue to record we are in good shape financially.

Membership

Membership of the FRA continues to grow at approximately 500 per year with numbers currently approaching 7,800 and almost 23% being female. It is estimated that around 50% of those who participate in fell races are not currently members of the FRA.

Access

Access issues, especially in the Peak District, continue to give us cause for concern and we are working hard with race organisers to provide a link with statutory bodies such as National Trust and Natural England.

Disciplinary

Cases have numbered five to date and have all involved non-members of the FRA who claimed ignorance of the Runners' Rules. In an attempt to communicate better with non-members, we have circulated A3 posters of Jim Tyson's excellent cartoons which illustrate the absolute no-no rules of fell running.

Championships

The 2019 Championship season drew to a close at the British Hill & Fell Relays hosted by Dark Peak in the spectacular Derwent Valley. English and British team and individual champions were crowned at the FRA "Do" hosted by Black Combe Runners.

Juniors

The Junior Championship series was very successful with almost 250 T-shirts and Hoodies being earned by those who completed 4-6 races. The Junior "Do" was well attended. Rossendale International Matthew MacKay gave a talk and presented the awards.

Sponsorship

This has continued with Pete Bland Sports and inov-8 supporting the Senior English Championships and Kong Adventure supporting the Junior English Championships and English Schools.

Fellrunner

Our flagship magazine has entered a new era with changes to the paper used and size and layout which have received widespread positive feedback. We are currently working hard to get the third and final 2019 edition out before the end of the year.

International

A feature of this year was the number of athletes submitting requests/showing interest in competing for International places and strong teams have been selected at both junior and senior level.

Website

Our long-serving webmaster has indicated that the current website is nearing the end of its life and we are working to agree a new specification before asking a number of providers to quote for the development of a new website.

Coaching and Training

Navigation, First Aid and Coaching courses have been successful and well-attended.

Race Liaison

We continue to provide help and advice to race organisers and hope to recruit additional RLOs in the near future to widen the scope of this service.

Nick Harris
Chairman

Wendy Dodds
Company Secretary

AAA DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES & LEGACY

AAA Heritage

As part of AAA Development Initiatives & Legacy, Philip Andrew (Head of Heritage: PA) and Dr Jane Ainsworth (Research Associate: JLA) are working towards the establishment of TAM (The Athletics Museum).

The Alexander Stadium in Birmingham will host the 2022 Commonwealth Games and this provides an opportunity to create a centre to celebrate athletics and its heritage (of which AAA is a central part), as well as bringing new people to the sport. The core of the museum's collection is formed by the silver trophies formerly presented to winners of (W)AAA championships and now awarded to winners of the England Senior Championships. Research has followed three strands:

1. The requirements for establishing a museum of athletics through consultation with appropriate museum and heritage professional associations including the Association of Independent Museums, local Museum Development networks and Sporting Heritage.
2. Consultation* with athletics communities to canvass support and to identify what each group feels should be recognised and celebrated about the sport, as well as recording appropriate material for display.
3. The history of (W)AAA trophies: their creators, donors and winners. A book presenting this history is in preparation.

It became clear very quickly that there is widespread support for the idea of a museum of athletics within the athletics community. It will be vital to establish why the museum will benefit the wider community when seeking grants. Progress in the three research strands is detailed below.

1. The museum and heritage communities provide helpful and often inspiring support for newcomers, invariably free of charge.

PA is negotiating with key groups to establish a site for the museum in the Alexander Stadium, after the Commonwealth Games. In the meantime, the museum will cut its teeth on 'pop-up exhibitions' at a range of venues, including athletics meetings (international, national and regional – please make contact if you would like to host one) and heritage events; the latter will demonstrate the considerable impact of athletics on the wider community as part of the UK's social history, as well as providing opportunities to introduce newcomers to the sport. Key topics for exhibition include the ESAA and the impending centenary of WAAA.

It is likely that the museum will be run by a very small professional team along with a group of volunteers; the latter can contribute both at pop-up exhibitions or the proposed site in Birmingham and from home. An initial team of volunteers has been identified; special thanks is owed to NUTS

and BASC for their interest in and support for the project. There is a strong focus on the potential to engage school and youth associations and JLA (a former secondary teacher) is preparing cross-curricular resources for schools, after consultation with experienced practitioners such as Sportshall.

JLA has attended training in collections and rights management, conservation and oral history; reports on these are available on request. It is anticipated that TAM can provide a centre for athletics clubs and associations to seek advice on their own heritage projects. A handbook setting out the museum's purpose, governance, administration and funding sources is now in preparation.

2. This annual report, and its forebears, reflects the findings from consultation meetings on what constitutes the essence of athletics. TAM needs to reflect the excitement of the sport's different disciplines, tracing their history, progression and great moments, as well as making clear the pleasure and obvious health benefits (both mental and physical) athletics brings to its athletes, volunteers, officials, coaches, administrators and fans. The inclusive, participatory nature of the sport is at the centre of its appeal and exhibitions will reflect this.
3. (W)AAA silver trophies constitute the core of the collection because they record and celebrate the heritage of every championship event and are immediately accessible, with no issues of rights management or ownership. The information recorded on and about the trophies can form the basis of exhibitions not only on athletes and events but also on broader themes, including athletics' impact on everyday life in the UK and the traditions of the sport's administration. Recording this information has provided valuable insights into the practicalities of collections and rights management.

For the last two seasons, England Senior Champions have received a presentation sheet compiled by TAM along with their trophy. These sheets give an overview of the traditions, heritage, and previous champions of each event, identifying new winners with the stories and achievements of those who have won the trophy before them. Feedback from athletes, as well as their parents and coaches, has demonstrated the value today's champions place on their link to former champions.

*The consultation and planning process is ongoing and anyone who would be interested in contributing their views or volunteering on the project is encouraged to contact Philip (philip43andrew@gmail.com) or Jane (jlaacresearch@gmail.com).

Philip Andrew
Head of Heritage

ATHLETICS FOR THE YOUNG (CHARITY)

We see a continuing strong demand for grants from young athletes during our yearly exercise and are happy to be able to support so many.

Our expenses are modest and relate solely to the costs in distributing our grants.

The investment performance seems in line with market trends and we continue to be advised by Brewin & Dolphin. We are confident of continuing the charity's work in future years at our current level but given our lack of income will eventually run out of funds.

The charity has opened a 'Just Giving' account in an endeavour to obtain increased income and will make attempts to promote this.

Dave Cropper award for 2019 will be made to Max Burgin of Halifax Harriers and Isabelle Boffey

Alan Barlow
Treasurer / Trustee

STANDARDS SCHEME

2069 badges were sold in the financial year 2018-19 which was an increase of 387 on the previous year. As one would expect the greatest number of badges were sold in the under 13 age group (841) with numbers diminishing with age –under 15 (763 badges); under 17 (421 badges); under 20 (44 badges).

There is still great interest in the Standards Scheme and the old 5 Star Award Scheme with scarcely a year going by that someone asks if they can have a replacement badge to show their children/grandchildren.

A further 552 badges have been sold up to mid-January 2020.

Edwin Bellamy
Hon Standards Officer