

RETIRING PRESIDENTS ADDRESS 2016

Life Vice Presidents, Past Presidents, Chairman and Executive Committee welcome to the Hampshire Athletics AGM.

Firstly let me say I am honoured to have been President of Hampshire Athletics and have thoroughly enjoyed my year in office. Hampshire must be the envy of many counties as we have such strength and depth in not just our athletes but our Technical Officials, Team Managers and our management team.

My first duties were to present the medals and trophies at the Multi-event and Quad-kids Championships, closely followed by the main Track and Field Championships, both at the Mountbatten Centre. The days were hectic but very fulfilling congratulating so many medal winners. A big thank you must go to the Championships Secretaries and Eileen and Terry Williams for organising the Championships and the Technical Officers making the days so very successful.

Unfortunately I then took two nasty falls firstly injuring an ankle closely followed by a broken humerus. Still recovering from the latter I attended the County Cross-Country Championships at Fairthorne Manor. Despite slipping over in the mud it was a rewarding day again presenting medals to athletes in all the age groups. This was a new venue and Colin Goater should be congratulated on his efforts in providing this venue and organising such a magnificent day.

Finally I would like to say a massive thank you to Richard Dean for all his efforts both behind the scenes at major championships and inter-county matches where he works tirelessly producing results both on paper and the website, and also to Mike Williams, Christine Weeks and Mary Axtell for all the help they have given me over the last year.

Kate Longhurst

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