



Administering Athletics in Hampshire, Isle of Wight and The Channel Islands
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This is our 19th report to the AGM

Sadly we lost Mike Williams who was also a Track Official in addition to his other roles in athletics. Sadly we also lost Tim Wilding during the year. Tim was not only an Official but a founding member of New Forest Juniors and will be greatly missed by many people and our thoughts and best wishes are with Tina. Mike Scoggins has also decided to hang up his stop watch after many years' service and we wish him well as we also do to another 7 who have decided to retire or have moved away.

HA UPGRADINGS

Obviously, with the rather truncated season there weren't the usual number of Officials moving up the ladder. However 13 obtained their initial Licence and 5 went up to Level 2 but only 1 managed to achieve Level 3. John Stansfield achieved Level 4 National as a Field Judge and well deserved so congratulations to him. We have a few others working towards Level 4 so hopefully next year will see more progress.

HA NEW OFFICIALS

Over the last 2 year there have been no Face to Face Courses but all have been on a Virtual basis. The numbers who have actually taken part in Virtual Courses is difficult to say although, when we have discovered anybody taking this route we have made contact, the actual responses and support for County events has been disappointing. There are moves afoot, of which we have been an integral part, to get EA to put on the Face to Face Courses. However with the Track & Field season upon us the chances of holding these before September this year are slim. Endurance has suffered in a similar way but we are, with the assistance of Pam Rogers who runs the Endurance Courses, able to get Officials qualified and upgraded to at least Level 2. This is imperative if the Meeting Organisers need to get an EA event Licence as this is the minimum requirement.

MEETINGS

This year has still been difficult with the Multi Events moved and the Under 15s combining the HA and HSAA Championships. The Track & Field were moved to the end of August without Photo Finish but still managed to get a reasonable turnout although the number of Officials was substantially reduced.

OFFICIALS MEETING

Once again we were unable to hold our annual Officials 'Get Together in 2021 and are looking at holding one this year at the end of the season.

TROPHIES

Selections have been made for the 3 Trophies and these will be presented at an appropriate time.

NEWSLETTER

We did manage to get a Newsletter out late 2021 and will be distributing another before too long once things have got underway again.

Finally, a big thanks to all those Officials who have kept in touch with us over the last 2 difficult years for sport overall and especially athletics. As far as we are concerned we are prepared to stand for another year but will be looking for volunteers to shadow us for a time so they can eventually take over and we can put our feet up after 20 years.

A big thank you to our super Officials Committee who have kept us sane, we think!

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HAMPSHIRE SCHOOLS REPORT

After a year of no events in 2020 we did manage to put on the 2 County Championships although in a reduced and different format from usual. There were no Inter County Events but the ESAA events did go on in a different format. 58 athletes represented Hampshire at this event, supported by their parents who had to arrange their own travel and accommodation. There were a good number of medallists and results have been previously published.

A few athletes represented Hampshire at the ESAA Combined Events and Race Walking Finals in September, although not with the amount of success which we have previously had.

Cross Country resumed in the Autumn with the ESAA XC Cup and 4 Hampshire Schools proceeded to the Finals in Cornwall. The Inter School event was held at a new venue at Bedales School with an encouraging number of teams. In January we held the County Championships which led to an Inter County Event from which full teams will be competing in the ESAA XC tomorrow. We wish them all good luck in this event. Finally we held the U12/13/14 event a couple of weeks ago and hope to take U13/14 teams to an Inter County event at the end of this month. We always struggle for team managers, especially for this event and, if anyone would be interested in helping at any of our Inter County events, please let Eileen know.

Looking to the future all events are planned to take place as normal in 2022/23.

We would like to thank the teachers who put on our events and arrange teams to go to higher level events and also to the parents, coaches and Officials who add their support. ESAA has recently lost the sponsorship of New Balance and are actively looking for sponsorship. There is a Go Fund Me page for donations <https://gofund.me/059ba0b6>

We would like to thank those who have contributed to this cause. The page is still open.

Finally we would like to thank the Hampshire Committee for their financial support and to Richard Dean for all his help with putting information and results on the website very promptly.

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