

Report to the 2022 Annual General Meeting by the County President

I am sorry I can't be with you at the 2022 Annual General Meeting. I was available for the originally proposed date, but not the revised.

Last year I reported minimal activity, as Covid 19 decimated the county championships so it is pleasing that this year I can report that all took place, albeit with some compromise. Both the Tack & Field Championships & Multi-events were forced to move to September from their traditional May date, but were a success.

The Cross-Country Championships went ahead in January at Fairthorne Manor on a horrendously well and windy day and it was a credit to all involved who braved the conditions.

Entry numbers throughout were lower than in previous years as athletes did not return, or were slow to return, to competition. Sadly, this also applied to officials, which has had a negative affect on events at all levels.

Our thanks are expressed to all the hardworking officials and officers who have helped keep athletics afloat.

Looking forward, 2022 will hopefully be a year that is near to normal, and I am happy to serve as President for a further year.

Peter Newton

President, Hampshire Athletics.