

Hampshire Athletics 2026 Annual General Meeting  
Report by Stuart Horsewood, Track & Field Championship Secretary  
of the 2025 Track & Field Championships

As is practice for the holding of our County Championships competitions in May annually, the Multi-Events & Funetics (formerly Quadkids) competition took place on Bank Holiday Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May, as well as the main county championships on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025. All three days of competition were held at the Mountbatten Leisure Centre in Portsmouth.

Entrant numbers for the Multi-Events competition were slightly down on 2024 numbers in both entrants and those completing their events. Similar was the case for Quadkids and the various Walks distance events, while the May Day Mile events reflected minor upturns.

In the main Championships, there was a difference of one more entrant in 2025 (1,236 vs 1,237) from the increase in athletes of 23 (646 in 2024 vs 669 in 2025). While there were 5 Championship Best performances in the 2024 meeting, there were just 3 in 2025.

For the coming May 2026 competitions, the decision was made mid-2025 to relocate to a more central area. This decision was somewhat justified by the need for construction work at the Mountbatten location. The Multi-event/Funetics May Day competition will be held on Bank Holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May at the Winchester University track in Winchester, while the main competition will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May at the Down Grange facility in Basingstoke. Detailed discussions have been taking place with the Basingstoke Council in particular, the owners of Down Grange, as to their expected support during the two days of competition.

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