

CHESHIRE COUNTY ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION
2009 ANNUAL REPORT

1. Championships

The following Championships were staged:

- a) Cross Country at Knights Grange, Winsford on 10.1.09.
- b) Cheshire Spring Relays at Marbury Park on 4.4.09
- c) Track and Field at Warrington 9/10.5.09.
- d) Track Relays at Stanney on 4.7.09.
- e) Junior Multi Events at Macclesfield on 13.9.09.
- f) 5M in the Cheshire Spring 5M on 8.4.09
- g) 10K incorporated in the South Cheshire 10K, Crewe on 12.4.09
- h) 5K in the Hollins Green 5K on 30.5.09
- i) 10M in the Great Warford 10M on 16.8.09
- j) Half Marathon included in the Macclesfield Half Marathon on, 27.9.09.
- k) Fell Race, Cloud Nine, Congleton on 1.3.09

Thanks to everyone who helped in these events.

Cheshire also participated in the following Inter County Meetings:

- a) Cross Country at Nottingham in March 09.
- b) Northern Inter Counties T&F Meeting at Wigan on 29.8.09
- c) NW Multi Events at Sport City on 8/9.8.09.

2. Officials

An Officials Course- Level 2 was held in March in Macclesfield. It included a session on EDM
Further courses were held in Sports City in May and Wavertree in April to which Cheshire were invited.

3. Awards

Ellen Molloy was awarded the John Young Award for services to Cheshire Athletics. She edits the Cheshire Newsletter.

4. Accidents

No accidents were reported in the year.

5. Secretary's Comments

- a) During the course of the year our President, George Bunner stood down from office. I would like to extend a word of appreciation for all the work he has done on behalf of Cheshire over the years. His absence will most certainly be felt.
- b) Thanks once again to our web master, Ashley Pritchard and Newsletter editor Ellen Molloy (aided and abetted by John Driscoll) for continuing to provide an excellent service.
- c) This year, 5 Road Race County Championships were staged in the belief that it would swell entries in the race which was hosting it. In the event, it made very little difference to the entries.
- d) Road Running, the dominant sector in athletics has the appeal of the The Road Race Grand Prix to add interest to the Borders League, thanks to the dedication given to it by Adrian Thiemicke, John Driscoll and David Nalder.
- e) England Athletics NW has got to grips with Officials and Coaching but their attitude to competition is still not clear and the future of Northern Athletics, who stage competition, is facing funding problems.
- f) The Committee met 8 times this year. On one occasion there were only 3 present; clearly not a quorum. Having reduced the number of meetings from monthly to 8 per year, we have not succeeded in gathering bigger numbers. This continues to be a matter of some concern. However, we are fortunate in having a dedicated few who keep it running
- e) The County continued to provide a wide spectrum of athletics in Cheshire, but problems have been encountered with Road Races in towns where road closures are involved. This can involve costs which will jeopardise future races in those towns. This, of course, is a national problem and it affects that sector of athletics which has the greatest participation.