

CHESHIRE COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Statement from the vice chairman

I am pleased to report that the Cheshire County Athletic Association has had a very successful period over the last twelve months, mainly due once again to the splendid endeavours by the standing officers and committee members, who are the backbone of the Association, organising and delivering the ways and means to the stability of the health of athletics of all descriptions within the County. To them I express my gratitude for all their work.

The Association has been without an elected chairman for the last four years. This is a situation which needs to be addressed, as in the near future so do the other officers posts. This is mainly due to the march of time and "wear and tear" of life! I urge all who are interested in the welfare of athletics in the County to consider taking up the challenge and try a spell at the administration of the Association.

There is also the degree of technical officials on the register within the County, especially graded endurance officials. Any race or event must have these essential officials for them to be held within the rules and safety guidelines of organised competition.

There is a bid for funding for assistance in the development of clubs within the County submitted by the Cheshire Networks group, this bid is for the raising of standards of coaching, particularly throws, pole vault and endurance.

The Association held its various championships to great success, though again the senior entries in the track and field was low.

A suggestion has been made to stage a North West track and field competition to cater for this age group. To date there has been no decision made regarding this idea.

I wish to thank all those who did all the organising of these competitions and trust that they will be able to continue to make them a success in the future.

The John Young Memorial award for 2009 was presented to Ellen Malloy for her services to athletics. Ellen is the editor of the County newsletter and welcomes any items of news which may be of interest to its readers.

The County website, which is administered and maintained by Ashley Pritchard continues to be of a very high standard, always up to date and contains a mine of information.

May I express my good wishes to all athletes and their clubs and organisations for the next twelve months and success in their aspirations.

Thanks to the IFTA office for help during the past year.

Peter Allen

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