

Retiring President's Report 2017

I have been very honoured to serve as your President for the past year, and it has enabled me to learn more of the great amount of effort that is made to ensure Hampshire remains one of the foremost Athletics Counties in the UK.

My official duties began with the Sportshall Medal match at Portsmouth in March, it is a real pleasure to see how the younger members of our clubs enjoy these competitions. Next onto the Multi Events Championship and Quadkids Championship on May Day and then the Track and Field Championship weekend and finally off to Fairthorne Manor for the Cross Country Championships in January. These were all busy enjoyable days for me presenting medals to mark the achievements of athletes.

On a sadder note we have lost many of athletics best supporters including: Kate Longhurst my predecessor as President, Mike Clarke, Paul Chamberlain, Janet Baldwin and Mike Smith. Additionally we were all shocked to learn of the incident at Aldershot in November which caused the loss of two talented young athletes Stacey Burrows and Lucy Pygott.

There are far too many people to thank individually for continuing to support Athletics in Hampshire, so please accept my thanks and best wishes to you all.

I know that I am handing over the chain of office to a very safe pair of hands. Janet, I wish you all the best, please take over the next part of the meeting.

Carol Quinn
17th March 2017