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HAMPSHIRE & IOW ATHLETICS DEVELOPMENT – ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14

HAMPSHIRE ATHLETICS – GENERAL

Entering 2014 Commonwealth Games year, Hampshire Athletics comprises 13 Track & Field, 4 Channel Island, and 23 Running Clubs. The Hampshire Clubs and Hampshire Schools structures remain the healthy 'lifeblood' of our sport, and many Clubs are operating at record membership levels.

1.1 FINANCE & SUSTAINABILITY

The Sub Group met 3 times in the last 12 months. Nearly all branches of the sport operated profitably in 2013, resulting in Hampshire Athletics reporting a significant profit (c.£3K), with Funds held increasing to nearly £24,000. During 2013-14 initiatives have included;-

- Continuing successful negotiations with facility providers to reduce hire charges
- Annual Club affiliation fees increased from £75 to £100 in 2014.
- New income streams and funding sources successfully targeted, including Hampshire County Council's Culture & Recreation Fund.
- Work to demonstrate examples of 'benefits' to Clubs of Hampshire Athletics affiliation.



1.2 Hampshire Athletics - Saucony Partnership.

The Hampshire Athletics and Saucony 3 Year Partnership Agreement has been in place since 1 February 2012. (Saucony is the UK's fastest growing running brand). The Business Partnership is progressing well with the Year 3 funding due in February 2014. The 2013 Saucony Hampshire Cross Country Championships, Saucony Hampshire Multi Events, Quad Kids & 10K, and Saucony Hampshire T&F Championships were all successful events. In 2013 we hosted 2 'flagship' Saucony Hampshire Athletics Grand Prix events in Basingstoke (17 July 2013 – 385 athletes achieved 162 Personal Bests and 36 Seasons Bests!) and Southampton (15 September 2013 – 375 athletes including Quad Kids). The events were led by Hampshire Officials, using photo finish and EDM. Both Hampshire Athletics and Saucony benefitted greatly from positive publicity and feedback including BBC live coverage and 'Athletics Weekly' profile.

Dates for the Saucony Hampshire Grand Prix in 2014 are:- 16 July, Basingstoke; and ? August tbc, Southampton (in conjunction with the Doreen Old Open). There are ambitious plans to include an International 4 x 100m event at Basingstoke, hopefully attracting some Commonwealth Games teams. Wheel Chair races will be included at both events in conjunction with the Weir- Archer Academy. Saucony will appoint Hampshire- based sports retailers.

2. COMPETITION

2.1 Saucony Hampshire Championships – 25/26 May 2013, Portsmouth

692 athletes competed in an excellent competition with 11 Championship Best Performances & 2 equal CBPs. There was a record entry of 80 for the Multi Events Championships, 149 in the Saucony Hampshire 10K, with 57 Under 11s in the Quad Kids competition.

2.2 Schools Games – 21 June 2013, Aldershot

The Hampshire Schools Track Knock Out Finals were successfully integrated into the Hampshire Games Multi-Sport Festival, alongside the inclusive (Parallel) competition. The **Year 7&8 Championships, Southampton- 9 July 2013** attracted c.900 athletes, whilst the **Year 5&6 Championships, Southampton- 25 June 2013** had a reduced entry.

2.3 English Schools Championships – 5/6 July 2013, Birmingham

Hampshire Schools achieved the best results for many years with a record total of 17 medals (7 Gold; 6 Silver; and 4 Bronze).

2.4 SLD Athletics Festival, 5 June 2013, Portsmouth

80 children (from 6 Special Schools) with severe impairments participated in this event with adapted events.

2.4 World Youth Championships (Donetsk, Ukraine 10-13 July 2013).

Emily Jenkinson, Southampton 6th 800m Semi Final.

2.5 European U20 Championships (Rieti, Italy 18-21 July 2013).

Emilia Gorecka, AFD 1st 3000m; Nick Percy, IOW 2nd Discus; Shadine Duquemin, Jersey 7th Discus

2.6 European U23 Championships (Tampere, Finland 11-14 July 2013).

Isobel Pooley, AFD 4th High Jump; Zane Duquemin, Jersey was 4th in the Shot and 11th in the Discus.

2.8 Sports Hall

The Hampshire Sports Hall League continues to thrive with record attendances at the 3 2013- 14 League matches to date, and a full complement of Officials. At the **UK Sports Hall Finals- 7 April 2013, NEC, Birmingham**, Hampshire U13 Girls successfully defended their National title! For the first time in our history, 3 Hampshire teams made the National Finals with the U13 Boys finishing 6th, and the U15 Girls 10th.

Both the **Hampshire U13 Girls & U15 Boys** teams won the **S.E. Regional Final, 23 February 2014, Burgess Hill Olympos Centre**, and will compete at the **National Finals at Sports City, Manchester on 5-6 April 2014**. They will be joined by **Ellie Hodgson and Adam Jones**, both Southampton athletes, who won the U15 Regional All Rounder Awards.

We staged an **Inclusive Sports Hall Festival at Portsmouth – 29 January 2014**, with 129 children from 12 Special Schools participating.

2.9 Cross Country

The **Hampshire Cross Country League** continued to attract magnificent support in 2013-14, with a significant increase in finishers in the 5 matches (736, 730, 722, 616, 524) at Prospect Park, Goodwood, Popham, Kings Park and Hudsons Fields). 3,328 overall finishers in 2013-14 represented a 7% increase in participation over 2012-13 numbers.

The **Saucony Hampshire County Championships, Fleming Park, 4 January 2014** had a huge entry of 892 athletes (up from 759 in 2013) and went ahead despite torrential rain and flooding from the nearby Monkswood tributary of the Itchen bursting its banks on to the original planned course!

8 Hampshire Club athletes (from a team of 36) represented Great Britain in the **European Cross Country Championships in Belgrade, Serbia, 8 December 2013**. Andy Vernon achieved team and individual bronze medals in the Senior Men; Johnny Hay team gold in the U23M; Steph Twell team gold in the SW; Charlotte Purdue individual bronze and team gold in the U23W, with Lily Partridge and Jess Andrews all in the winning team; and Emilia Gorecka individual and team gold in the U20W, Amy Griffiths also was in the winning GB team.

Hampshire athletes achieved significantly at the **Saucony National Cross Country Championships at Wollaton Park, Nottingham on 22 February 2014**. Steph Twell finished 2nd in the SW and Josie Czura (Portsmouth) 3rd in U13G. Aldershot won team gold in the SW & U20W, team silver in U17M & U17W, and team bronze in SM. Strong teams have been selected to represent Hampshire at the UK CAU Inter- Counties Championships at Cofton Park, Birmingham on 8 March 2014.

2.10 London Mini Marathon – 21 April 2013

The South East Regional team were overall winners of the London Mini Marathon with 13 Hampshire Club representatives..

2.11 2013 Track & Field League Competition

Hampshire Clubs fared reasonably well in 2013 National League competition. In the UK Women's League – Southampton have been promoted to the Premier Division for 2014; Portsmouth remain in Division 2 after a 5th place finish; Aldershot stay in Division 3 despite an 8th place League placing. In

the British Athletics League – Basingstoke finished 7th in Division 1 and are relegated to Division 2 in 2014, where they will join Southampton who finished 4th in 2013. Channel Islands A.C. finished 4th in Division 4.

3. COACHING

3.1 National and Local Coach Development Programmes (NCDP/ LCDP).

12 Hampshire & IOW coaches now attend the England Athletics NCDP. The Local Coach Development Programme managed by Christine Benning for Hampshire and South Surrey continues its success with regular, well- attended coaching workshops.

3.2 County Coaching Days – 2013- 14

The 1st of 3 2013- 14 Hampshire & IOW County Coaching Days was held at Portsmouth on 12 October 2013 with excellent feedback from 72 athletes and 15 coaches attending. A LCDP Seated Throws Workshop led by Bronwin Carter was held in conjunction with the Coaching Day. The 2nd IOW Coaching Day ran successfully at Andover on 7 December 2013 with a strength & conditioning theme- 43 athletes and 18 coaches attended. The 3rd Day - 22 March 2014 at Winchester, will centre on planning ahead for athletes/ coaches for the 2014 Track & Field season led by Amanda Wilding (supported by Emma Moseley, Phd. Student) from Bournemouth University.

3.3 Coach Education

Hampshire & IOW have successfully hosted a whole range of England Athletics Coach Education programmes in 2013/14, including Athletics Leader, Assistant, Coach, and Leadership in Running Fitness courses, with Clubs needing to increase capacity to meet the influx of new athletes.

4. EDUCATION

Hampshire Athletics continues to support Hampshire Schools AA and the 10 Schools Districts organisation to stage a number of events. We work with 14 School Games Organisers (SGOs) and 11 College Sport Makers to continue the good work in Hampshire Schools athletics. Additionally, Hampshire Athletics are supporting the Sport England Satellite Clubs programme, where 'satellite' Clubs linked to affiliated Athletics Clubs are set up at School sites (this includes new Wheel Chair Race Groups). There is some funding support. 'Expressions of Interest' have been submitted for new activities in Gosport and Alton.

5. OFFICIALS

5.1 Officials Evenings

Approximately 60 Hampshire Officials attended the Officials Evening at Basingstoke Hockey Club on 12 April 2013. The keynote speaker was David Littlewood (London Olympics Out of Stadium Director, ESAA Secretary & awarded MBE in 2010). The 2014 evening is planned for 28 March with Malcolm Rogers, UKA as guest speaker. A number of Officials Education courses have run during 2013/14 in Hampshire, IOW and the Channel Islands.

6. DISABILITY ATHLETICS

6.1 Wheel Chair Racing

The Hampshire Wheel Chair Race Group has continued with increased numbers in 2014 at Winchester Stadium. A new Club has started at Aldershot, with plans for Portsmouth. we are working closely with the Weir/ Archer Academy.

7. GENERAL

7.1 Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme (HTAS)

60 Hampshire athletes (from 280 across all sports) applied to the 2013 Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme, The vast majority of applicants successfully demonstrated the requisite top 15 Power of 10 ranking, in conjunction with the necessary performances in National or International Championships. This Hampshire County Scheme provides support services to help Hampshire's most talented athletes reach World Class podiums:-Olympics, Paralympics, World Championships. Support services include:- free access to leisure centres, discounted physiotherapy, free bus travel cards, sport science support and financial grants.

7.2 Hampshire & IOW Sports Awards – 2 April 2014 – St Mary’s Stadium

A number of nominations were submitted against the various Award categories for athletes, coaches, officials, and several have been shortlisted for Awards.

7.3 Social/ Recreational Running

377 new runners had registered on the Run England portal at 31.12.2013, with the aim to work towards 1100 by June 2014. Katharine Jones has been appointed by Hampshire County Council on a short- term basis to work with new beginner groups not linked to Hampshire Clubs. There are now 10 **Parkruns** in Hampshire & IOW attracting up c.1600 runners weekly

7.4 2014 Commonwealth Games

Guernsey have pre selected 3 athletes for their Commonwealth team (Tom Druce - 400m; Kylie Robilliard – 100mH; Sarah Mercier – 5000m. they are hoping to increase team size (NB – 8 Guernsey athletes competed in the 2010 Delhi Games). Steph Twell has been pre- selected to represent Scotlan.

Michael Coker – Athletics Coaching & Performance Officer - March 2014



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