

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2020 – 2021

Due to the global pandemic athletics in Northamptonshire was almost entirely wiped out for the 2020-21 season. With the whole country in lockdown from March 23rd it meant that the 73rd County track and field Championships had to be postponed and then later cancelled.

The Northants Road Running League was then also called off.

These were substituted by two series of virtual NRRL 5k races. The first of these concluded on May 31st and it was former County XC Champion Gabriella Moriarty of Northampton AC that won the overall women's title with Joshua Schofield of Daventry Road Runners winning the men's section. Rugby & Northampton AC clinched the Male and Female team awards, but the combined event went to Daventry Road Runners. A total of 189 people completed the series ( 113 men, 76 ladies ).

The second series culminated on August 2nd with 83 athletes finishing the required number of races of which, 50 were men. Sarah Davis of R&N won the female competition and Wellingborough & District's Domenic Specchio took the men's title. The combined team once again went to Daventry RR.

On September 2nd we lost a stalwart of Northamptonshire Athletics when John Love passed away after his three year battle with cancer. A tribute to John can be found on the NAA website.

<http://www.northantsathletics.org.uk/john-love/>

There was also a virtual 2 Counties Half-Marathon and 10k, which 116 people completed on September 20th and one week later a virtual Cransley 10k and 5k in which, only 16 took part.

The NAA County Cross Country Championships due to take place at Corby on January 9th 2021 had to be cancelled. This was the first time since 1948 that the event will not take place.

The Inter-Counties XC Champs were also cancelled.

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