



SSHAC February 2026 Newsletter

2025 Awards Presentation Evening



Last year's awards presentation evening was held on Friday 30th January. Awards are presented to athletes who have done particularly well in their discipline and age group, plus there is an award for service to the club. The full list of award winners can be found at the bottom of this newsletter. Congratulations to them all.

The top awards went to sprinters who both made the finals at the England Athletic Championships in 2025.

Victrix Ludorum - **Maddie Whapples**

Victor Ludorum - **Harvey Nelson**

Georgina Forde-Wells (British Triple Jump Champion 2023 (Indoor Champ 2025)) was our guest of honour and presented the awards. She told us about her change of focus from Netball to Athletics, her success at English Schools Championships and rise to International Competitions.

We also had Gregory Caines and his son present the new Relays award in memory of our sprints coach, Everton Caines.



Many thanks to the various team managers, coaches and other volunteers who made this event happen.

Help Our Athletic Club Survive



Without volunteers the club does not exist. We are in urgent need of the following roles being filled.

Midland League Team Manager

If we don't get a volunteer we will have to withdraw from this league as there is no one to organise our participation in the competition.

Treasurer

The current treasurer cannot continue beyond April. Keeping the club financially stable is vital to our ability to continue.

Further details of these and other roles can be found on the website <https://www.solihullac.co.uk/volunteering>

If you can get involved please reach out to any committee member, coach or simply email sshac.membership@gmail.com. Together, we can ensure our club keeps going.

Car Parking near the Track

The 'lake' in the car park next to the track has been reported to the council but the work to improve the situation is currently not authorised. If you are concerned about the puddle please raise a complaint with the council as it might escalate the situation.

Please think about safety when parking at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre and park sensibly. If you are worried about young athletes walking across the car park please park away from the track and ask them to walk through the leisure centre.

Are you ready for the age group changes?

From 1 April 2026, the age groups in which young athletes compete will change from U11, U13, U15, and U17 as is currently the case, to U12, U14, U16, and U18. This particularly impacts athletes throwing and hurdling as implement weights change and hurdle heights and distances alter. If you want to learn more about this, please see the information on the England Athletics Website.

<https://www.englandathletics.org/about-us/age-group-changes/>



Power of 10 is the official UK Athletics (UKA) website and database for ranking, results, and profiles of licensed athletes, spanning track, field, road, and cross-country. It is currently being updated. There is an early access version which gives you a first look at what's coming, while they continue to test features, fix bugs and gather feedback ahead of the full launch.

<https://earlyaccess.myathletics.uk/>

SSHAC PRESENTATION OF AWARDS 2025

Jessica Blundell	Under 11 Track & Field
Sophia Wood	Under 11 Cross Country & Under 13 Middle-Distance
Henry Bedford	Under 11 Cross-Country & Sportshall
Phoebe Ricketts	Under 11 Sportshall
Ava Blundell & Denzel Ludon	Under 13 Sprints
Will Leeson	Under 13 Jumps
Isabella Pettet	Under 13 Jumps & Under 13 Hurdles
Edith Masson & Ava Hillas	Under 13 Throws
Jacob Austerberry & Josh Baylis	Under 13 Middle Distance
Layla Callow	Under 13 Cross Country
Zakariya Rush	Under 13 Cross Country & Under 15 Middle Distance
Emmie Spencer	Under 15 Cross Country & Under 15 Middle Distance
Charlie Hughes	Under 15 Sprints
Ada Masson	Under 15 Sprints & Under 15 Jumps

Andrew Irvine Elijah Simpson & Alexa Richards	Under 15 Hurdles & Under 15 Jumps Under 15 Throws
Will Irvine & Lola Barker Lola Barker Noah Latusek & Rosie Deakin Saffey Easton & Luca Deakin Saffey Easton Lucas & Grace Evans Kayden King Ben Duncan	Under 17 Middle Distance Under 17 Cross Country Under 17 Sprints & Under 17 Hurdles Under 17 Jumps Junior Women Throws Under 17 Throws Mike Dolby Jumps Award Under 17 Cross Country & Under 20 Middle Distance
Kyarna Yearwood & Harvey Nelson Harriet Moss & Sam Marfleet Francesca Dix Thomas Steele	Junior Women & Junior Men Sprints Junior Women & Junior Men Jumps Junior Women Road & Cross Country Junior Men Decathlon
Gracie-May Stubbs & Drew Woodley Harry Fellows Sharon Masters Ellen Crockett Kate Smith	Senior Women & Senior Men Sprints Senior Men Road & Cross Country Senior Women Road & Cross Country Senior Women Jumps Senior Women Throws
Rob Michaelson-Yeates	Men's Masters Road & Cross-Country
Everton Caines Relay Award	U20 men - Harvey Nelson, Noah Latusek, Drew Woodley and Demario Bucknor
President's Rose Bowl	Maia Collett
Tim Green Trophy	Zak Rush
Monks Sprint Trophy	Charlie Hughes
Rob Pinton Award.	Mark Wyn-Jones
Victrix Ludorum	Maddy Whapples
Victor Ludorum	Harvey Nelson

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