

Lincolnshire Athletics Championships Inspire Athletes of All Ages

The Lincolnshire Athletics Championships took place on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th May at the Princess Royal Sports Arena in Boston, bringing together more than 250 athletes from across the county to compete in a wide range of track and field events.

Athletes of all ages showcased their talent, determination, and sporting spirit over the two-day event, which enjoyed excellent support from families, coaches, volunteers, and officials.

Saturday's competition began under glorious sunshine, creating a fantastic atmosphere for competitors and spectators alike. The championships were further honoured by a visit from the Worshipful Mayor of Boston, Barrie Pierpoint, who spent time meeting athletes, families, volunteers, and officials before presenting winners' badges to successful competitors.

Speaking during the event, the Mayor praised the dedication and achievements of the young athletes taking part.

"The event is about recognising talent, dedication, perseverance, and the remarkable achievements of young athletes from across our county. But more than medals, trophies, records, or personal bests, today is about celebrating character — because athletics teaches lessons that last far beyond the running track, the field, or the finish line."

The Mayor also paid tribute to the many people who work behind the scenes to support grassroots athletics.

"I would also like to pay tribute to the coaches, volunteers, officials, teachers, and parents who support these young people every step of the way. Your encouragement, patience, and commitment provide the foundations upon which these achievements are built. Grassroots sport simply could not thrive without you, and Lincolnshire is fortunate to have such passionate people investing in the next generation."

Sunday's programme began with Funetics, an England Athletics initiative designed to introduce young children to athletics through fun games and activities. Aimed at children aged 4–11, the programme helps develop fundamental movement and athletics skills while encouraging participation and enjoyment in sport from an early age.

Lincolnshire Athletics Club Secretary Paul Davidson and Club Chair Marta McNally also praised the hard work and dedication of the many volunteers whose efforts ensured the successful running of the championships.

They highlighted that without the support of officials, coaches, event staff, parents, and volunteers, events of this scale simply could not take place.

The championships also received extremely positive feedback from athletes and families attending the event. One parent commented:

"I just wanted to thank the organisation and all the volunteers for a great event this weekend.

It was my daughter's first time competing and she had a great experience.

Well run, welcoming and a great atmosphere!"

The championships once again demonstrated the strength of athletics across Lincolnshire, highlighting both emerging young talent and the dedication of the volunteers and supporters who help make the sport possible.

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