

ENGLAND ATHLETICS SOUTH WEST Newsletter

South West Council



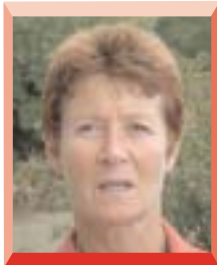
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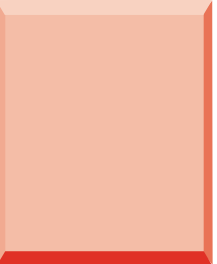
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Jack Buckner



Keith Reed



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The SW regional council is now nearly complete. 5 members have been elected and a remaining 3 have been selected by the council. One place is still available, anyone interested to either stand or nominate another person please send details to the SW office by the Wed 20th September 2006.

The purpose of the council is to support and monitor the regional delivery of the strategy for athletics in England. The Regional Councils will work with the Regional Manager and their team to develop regional priorities, shaping the allocation of the regional budget that is devolved to the Region by England Athletics.

The south west has also opted for representation to be through the focus groups set up and council members will support a portfolio approach to these groups. Initial groups already set up include: coaching, officials, road running, cross country, disability. Please see the SW organisation model for more details. Anyone who feels they would like to contribute to these groups, please contact the office.

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As many of you are aware after being Regional Development Co-ordinator for the last 5 years, I have now been appointed as Regional Manager for the South West.

I would like to take this chance to introduce you to the new regional council members plus additional staff that have been appointed to support the management and development of athletics in the South West.

It is an exciting and challenging time for us to look at how we continue to improve athletics in the region, building on the good work already being done and meeting the regions targets. This newsletter should provide an update to some of the targets and areas of work plus there will be regular updates posted on the website. Please contact us if you have any further questions.



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I have been involved in athletics for over 15 years as a competitor, coach, official and volunteer.

I compete for Bristol & West AC and have represented Midland Counties over 400m. I started my athletics career at Weston-super-Mare AC. I have been based in the West Midlands for the past eight years where I worked for the University of Birmingham as Performance Services Manager. I co-ordinated the sport scholarship and coach education programmes. I volunteered earlier in the year at the Torino Winter Olympic Games and Melbourne Commonwealth Games as a competition manager for Athletics Victoria.

I am looking forward to this new and challenging role and working with you all in the near future. With the London 2012 Olympic Games only six years away these are exciting times for athletics in the South West.



Stuart Sibbald

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I became involved in Athletics in 1989, qualifying as a coach across a number of areas. I took up the role of Scottish National Event Coach for Shot Putt and enjoyed the chance to develop my learning skills, specifically in the field of Strength and Conditioning.

I worked professionally in the sport until 1997, primarily in Stadium management, but, also undertaking an Athletics Development Role.

I took a break from the sport after 1997, undertaking a commercial role working with British Midland Airways. More recently I have been working for The Department of Constitutional Affairs in an administration role based in Loughborough.

I was delighted to be offered the post of Regional Administrator for the South West. I look forward to my role developing within the new organisation and providing support for the sport throughout the Region.