

The 65th Reunion of the Hammer Circle (the Association of British Hammer Throwers) took place in Hull on 7-8 October 2017.

Nearly a hundred athletes, coaches, parents and supporters attended the annual event, first established in 1952. The Reunion is a mix of social events, awards and a range of keen competitions.

This year the British Athletics Supporters Club (BASC) sponsored the U17 competitions which were won by Shaun Kerry (60.53) and Tara Simpson-Sullivan (60.89), two of the country's leading age-group throwers. The support of BASC is greatly appreciated by the Hammer Circle.

There was also a UK leading mark for 2017 in the women's U 23 age group for Kayleigh Presswell at 59.38 and a fine throw of 61.38 by guest competitor Myra Perkins of Scotland.

The Reunion also featured an outstanding talk by Mark Dry on his experiences as an international athlete, and a number of awards were presented for achievements both at the Reunion and during the season, including two special awards - for Volunteer of the Year to Rob Careless and for the Howard Payne trophy for outstanding services to hammer to Paul Head.

After the completion of Peter Aston's three year term of office, Alan Woods has been appointed as the new President of the Hammer Circle.