

THE 2017 ANNUAL REUNION

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 U23 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. 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 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.