

## **Youth Development League AGM report**

For the second year, Rushcliffe competed as an individual team in the lower age group (LAG) Youth Development League (YDL) and our U17 & U20 athletes continued in the West Notts upper age group (UAG) composite team along with Mansfield & Sutton.

A total of 36 athletes took part over the three LAG matches, and seven athletes competed in all of them. We had to battle the unforgettable Storm Hannah for the first one, with 60+ mph winds and a -7 headwind in the home straight which also blew away the high jump bed!! Heartfelt thanks are due to everyone who overcame that day – the rest of the matches were literally a breeze!!

With Amber Valley being promoted the previous year, and a slight rearrangement of clubs in our league, it looked like we had a chance of reaching the promotion match, having narrowly missed out in 2018. Unfortunately, this was not to be - the newly formed Northampton were incredibly strong and the runaway winners in every match. Furthermore, we were short in numbers for some age groups, having lost a significant number of endurance athletes to U17, and less participation from the younger cohort, but we finished a respectable 5<sup>th</sup> out of 8 teams.

A handful of keen older athletes represented RAC at the 3 UAG matches, which involved travelling a fair distance across the Midlands, so well done and thanks to them. With the growth and changing age demographic of RAC, the time is right to enter UAG as an individual club for the coming season. So I have handed over the reins of LAG management to Lorraine Collier & Gill Hallam and I will be managing this UAG team.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to our club officials, coaches and parent helpers for their continuing support and to our amazing athletes for their incredible performances and attitude.

Jo Davis

RAC YDL team manager