

Civil Service Athletic Association

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1 The Civil Service Athletic Association in 2025

During 2025 CSAA, in conjunction with CSSC, promoted the following CSAA Departmental Championship events. These competitions were also open to all CSSC Members and provided an opportunity to participate in well organised events and catered for members of all abilities:

- i) 10k & 5k Fun Run & Walk Challenge in Battersea Park,
- ii) Open and Masters Track and Field combined with the RAF at Nuneaton,
- iii) Race Walk in conjunction with the Police at Cannon Hill Park Birmingham incorporating the Ryan Cup
- iv) Cross Country at Parliament Hill, London.

In January the CSAA Representative Teams competed in the Annual Sir Sefton-Branker & SEAX Cross County Fixture against the RAF at RAF Halton with considerable success with Jack Millar winning the Men's Race for the second consecutive year and leading the Men's team to another well deserved victory. In the Women's CSAA athletes finished in 4th to 7th places to win the Title with a dominant team performance.



CSAA Sir Sefton-Branker Team



CSAA SEAX Team

The Queenborough Trophy for overall performance in all the events was regained by HMRC.

2 Events During 2025

In what might turn out to be the last Departmental Championships and CSAA organised events since 1864 there follows a brief summary of the 2025 Championships.

The 10k in April was again a very well supported event with 68 Women and 157 Men taking part on a course in London's Battersea Park with SPARTA athlete Jack Millar making it 4 victories in a row in 30.56 which was the fastest time since 2001. In the Women's Race F40 Emily Antcliffe (DWP) won the title in 39.02, having last won in 2012 whilst with DEFRA in 39.59.

The 5k Fun Run and Walk was also popular with 65 competitors enjoying the opportunity to exercise with friends and colleagues.

The Track & Field was held in conjunction with the UK Police Championships at Nuneaton, along with a small contingent from the RAF. It was a very well organised event with many UKA Graded officials in attendance but yet again it was disappointing that so few CSAA Senior Athletes were taking part and less Master's than usual.

The Race Walk, held in conjunction with the Police Services, returned to the Evesham Velo Park for the second year. However, only 6 Men and 5 Women were able to attend this year making the future of the Ryan Cup once more up in the air. Jonatham Hobbs (HMRC) retained his CSAA 10k Title in 54.25 whilst

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Alexsandra Majewska-Ani (HMRC) completed a hat-trick by retaining the Ladies 5k Title in 29.51. The CSAA Men won the Ryan Cup by 2 points from the Police Service.

The Cross Country returned to the very popular course at Parliament Hill and with a slight variation at the start of the race due to a Schools XC it was once again a good day on the Heath. It was pleasing to see a new winner, from a relatively new Department, with Jim Gordon (DESNZ) taking the Men's Title in 28.16 whilst F45 Emily Antcliffe (DWP) completed a Road & XC double as she won the Women's Race in 35.48. She had previously won the XC back in 2015

As always thanks must go to all the Event Organisers, the Volunteers from both CSAA & CSSC and the Officials for all their hard work in making sure that the competitions were run safely, that England Athletics and CSSC Guidelines were followed and that above all everyone had an enjoyable time.

4 The CSAA Committee

The CSAA is an elected body and the Committee has met via Zoom during 2025, including the AGM.. There have also been smaller meetings to discuss the proposals coming out of the CSSC Transformation and all members were kept aware of this as the year went by.

The future of CSAA is now in jeopardy following the continued changes made by CSSC from one meeting to the next. Originally, Athletics was a Tier 1 Sport and our events were supposedly safe in 2026 but now there is only a London 10k in the plans with everything else taken out. The CSSC National Travel Policy is being scrapped from 1/4/26 and Departments are not paying T&S to competitors in CSSC Sports Events. Therefore Departmental Championships are no longer viable, CSAA will receive no funding from CSSC and all key decisions will be made by CSSC.

The 2026 AGM now has to make the hard decision as to whether to dissolve the SRB or not and whether individuals wish to become Sports Champions in the new look CSSC.

The elected Committee for 2025, at the AGM held in February was as follows:

President	Hedley Featherstone MBE
Chairman:	Nick Hume
Secretary:	Nick Hume
Treasurer:	Paula Booth
Life Vice Presidents:	Bill Berry, Dave Evans, John Hall, Neil Hornsby, Nick Hume, Bill Kingston, Roger Smith, Ian Statter, Gerry Trainer, Ted Wingrove
Committee:	Bob Brimage, Jason Brewer, Claire Cameron, Gaye Clarke, Michaela Dempsey, Steve Hallas, Jason Holt, Grete Howarth, Steve Norris, Richard Weekes, Dan Summers, Steve Uttley, Tim Wright
Accounts Examiner:	M Manning

Within the Committee there is a wide range of knowledge and experience that covers all aspects of the athletics spectrum. A number of the Committee Members also serve in volunteer capacities from national to local level for Clubs, Counties and National Associations and/or are qualified Coaches, and/or Officials thus bringing increased expertise to the organisation of CSAA events. This also enables good working relationships with organisations such as England Athletics and British Athletics if the need arises.

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It was with great sadness that we learnt in September about the passing of one of our long-time stalwarts, Roger Smith, who had served CSAA for almost 45 years in a number of capacities. He was a key figure in the CSAA Road Relays producing the on-day results by hand which was no mean achievement.

5 Final Round-Up

This might well be the last CSAA AGM for an Association which traces its roots back to the very first Sports Day in 1864 and was a key member of CSSC when it was formed in 1921. Many GB and other Internationals have graced our events over the years and at one time the Track & Field Championships was a major event in the Athletics Calendar.

Nick Hume CSAA General Secretary February 2026

Annex 1 Event Statistics

The Table below summarises the number of participants per event in the year before Covid and for 2022 - 2025. It is pleasing that the numbers competing in the 10k and Cross Country in 2025 remained consistent despite the changes within the wider CSSC and the workplace with regard to sporting activities.

Event – Combined Men & Women	2019 Nos	2022 Nos	2023 Nos	2024 Nos	2025 Nos
CS 10k	180	197	187	223	225
CS XC	60	72	72	85	77
CS Relays	49	NA	NA	NA	NA
CS Half Marathon	13	8	13	20	NA
CS Race Walk	11	14	12	17	11
CS T&F	79	40	55	57	47