

ESAA – SHROPSHIRE ROLL OF HONOUR

The *Shropshire Schools' Athletic Association* was formed in 1928 but was solely associated with football. It was the 1950s before a schools' association dedicated to athletics would be formed.

Its first county championship took place on the 27th June, 1953 at the Copthorne Barracks Track, Shrewsbury. Seven areas took part, namely Bishop's Castle, Bridgnorth, Ludlow, Oswestry, Shrewsbury, Whitchurch and Wrekin. A team of 25 girls and boys was sent to the 1953 SAA Track and Field Championships.

Immediate success was achieved when John Darlington of Whitchurch Grammar School won Shropshire's first ESAA Championship medal when finishing second in the Intermediate high jump after a 2-hour battle with Harvey Bateman of Sussex. They both cleared 5' 11", an ESAA Championship record for any age-group, but Harvey won with fewer failures.

In 1955 Derek Tart became the first Shropshire ESAA champion when winning the Boys Senior long jump title.

The ESAA Track and Field Championship was held in Shropshire for the first time in July, 1960. The venue was the Technical College Sports Ground in Shrewsbury.

OLYMPIC GAMES MEDALLIST

Robbie Brightwell	1964 4 x 400m Silver
	1956 I 220y-1, 1957 S 220y-1

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLIST

Rio Mitcham	2023 4 x 400m Bronze and 4 x 400m Mixed Relay Silver
	2016 S 200m-4

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLIST

Robbie Brightwell	1962 400m Gold and 4 x 400m Silver
	1956 I 220y-1, 1957 S 220y-1

Rio Mitcham (2022 4 x 400m-1) ran in the relay heat but not in the final.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEDALLISTS

Ruth Martin-Jones (WAL)	1974 Long Jump Bronze
	1960 and 1961 J HJ-2
Yvette Wray	1978 Pentathlon Bronze, 1982 400m Hurdles Bronze
	1975 I 80mH-2, 1976 S 100mH-2, 1977 S 100mH-1
Robbie Brightwell	1962 440y Silver and 4 x 440y Silver
	1956 I 220y-1, 1957 S 220y-1

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BRITISH CHAMPIONS

Ruth Martin-Jones	1974 Long Jump 1961 J HJ-2
Yvette Wray	1978 Pentathlon, 1983, 1985 and 1986 400m Hurdles 1975 I 80mH-2, 1976 S 100mH-2, 1977 S 100mH-1
Joanne Mulliner	1988 and 1990 Heptathlon 1980 J LJ-2, 1981 and 1982 I LJ-2, 1983 and 1984 S LJ-1
Kate Evans	1997 Triple Jump 1992 S HJ-1
Gemma Weetman	2011 Heptathlon 2002 J LJ-2, 2004 I LJ-2, 2005 S LJ-3, 2006 S LJ-1, 2005 and 2006 S HEP-1
Adele Nicoll	2022-23 and 2025 Shot Put 2014 S SP-1
Robbie Brightwell	1962 and 1964 440y 1956 I 220y-1, 1957 S 220y-1
Charles Robertson-Adams	1997 400m Hurdles 1994 I 400mH-1, 1995 and 1996 S 400mH-1
Phillip Nicholls	2007 10000m 1999 and 2000 I 3000m-2

Notes regarding the athlete details shown above :

An entry for each athlete begins with a line (or lines) detailing their Major Championship medal win(s) or their British Championship title win(s). This is followed by a line (or lines) listing their ESAA Championship medal winning performance(s), or showing a non-medal winning performance, in the abbreviated format – *yyyy a eeee p* where :

yyyy Championship Year

a Age Group (I – Intermediate, J – Junior, S – Senior)

eeee Event

p Place achieved (note an 'h-' indicates the performance was in a heat and 'r-' indicates it was in a preliminary round)

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ESAA GIRLS CHAMPIONS

1964	I	DT	Patricia Carder
1965	S	DT	Patricia Carder
1976	J	75mH	Jane Hughes
1977	S	100mH	Yvette Wray
1983	S	LJ	Joanne Mulliner
1984	S	LJ	Joanne Mulliner
1988	S	HEP	Sarah Damm
1989	J	JT	Emily Steele
1990	I	JT	Emily Steele
1992	J	4x100m	Shropshire
1992	S	HJ	Kate Evans
1994	I	200m	Kirsty Payne
1996	S	JT	Sian Lax
1998	J	DT	Emma Forester
1999	S	TJ	Susan Furlonger
2001	J	100m	Sinead Johnson
2001	S	100m	Danielle Norville
2005	S	HEP	Gemma Weetman
2006	S	HEP	Gemma Weetman
2006	S	LJ	Gemma Weetman
2008	S	HJ	Bethan Partridge
2014	I	HT	Katie Lambert
2014	S	SP	Adele Nicoll
2016	S	HT	Katie Lambert
2017	J	75mH	Dani Hales
2020	J	CC	Zoe Gilbody
2021	S	100mH	Dani Hales
2022	I	1500m	Zoe Gilbody
2023	I	CC	Zoe Gilbody
2023	I	3000m	Zoe Gilbody
2025	S	CC	Zoe Gilbody
2025	S	3000m	Zoe Gilbody

ESAA BOYS CHAMPIONS

1955	S	LJ	Derek Tart
1956	I	220y	Robbie Brightwell
1957	S	220y	Robbie Brightwell
1959	J	880y	Roy Mack
1961	I	1M	Roy Mack
1963	S	PV	Nicholas Newton
1968	J	PV	Steven Ryder
1989	J	PV	Jon Yapp
1993	I	HJ	James Brierley
1994	J	CC	Lee Hughes
1994	J	800m	Lee Hughes
1994	I	400mH	Charles Robertson-Adams
1994	S	HJ	James Brierley
1995	S	CC	William Levett
1995	S	400mH	Charles Robertson-Adams
1996	S	400mH	Charles Robertson-Adams
1996	S	SP	Simon James
2001	J	PV	Tom Davies
2004	I	1500mST	Ashleigh Pain
2011	I	JT	Huw Bevan
2013	S	JT	Huw Bevan
2015	I	400m	Ellis Greatrex
2017	S	400m	Ellis Greatrex
2019	I	JT	Adam Lloyd
2019	S	800m	Oliver Carvell
2021	J	800m	Jack Kinrade
2021	I	1500m	Daniel Galloway
2023	S	3000m	William Singleton

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SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS BOARD (SIAB)

The SIAB hold 2 annual international meetings for school athletes from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. These are for *Cross Country* and *Track and Field*. The *Indoor Pentathlon International* (commonly referred to as the *SIAB Indoor Pentathlon*) is actually organised by the *Scottish Schools' Athletic Association (SSAA)*.

A fourth championship, the *British Schools Indoor Athletics Championships* was also held from 1990 to 2000.

GIRLS WINNERS

1965	S	DT	Patricia Carder
1975	I	80mH	Yvette Wray
1981	I	LJ	Joanne Mulliner
2003	I	TJ	Anna Kelly
2022	I	1500m	Zoe Gilbody
2023	I	CC	Zoe Gilbody

BOYS WINNERS

1993	I	HJ	James Brierley
1995	U16	i800m	Lee Hughes
1996	U16	iPEN	Matthew Peleszok
2000	I	3000m	Phillip Nicholls
2004	I	1500mST	Ashleigh Pain
2011	I	JT	Huw Bevan
2015	I	400m	Ellis Greatrex
2019	I	JT	Adam Lloyd
2021	I	1500m	Daniel Galloway

Winning performances are shown in the abbreviated format – yyyy a eeee where :

yyyy Championship Year

a Age Group (I – Intermediate, J – Junior, S – Senior, Under-16 (U16), Over-16 (O16) and Under-18 (U18))

eeee Event (preceded by an 'i' indicates at an indoor meeting)

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WORLD JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

Danielle Norville (2002 4 x 100m Bronze) ran in the relay heat but not in the final.

WORLD JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLIST - BOYS

Ellis Greatrex (2018 4 x 400m Bronze) ran in the relay heat but not in the final.

EUROPEAN U23 MEDALLIST - BOYS

Ellis Greatrex (2019 4 x 400m Silver) ran in the relay heat but not in the final.

EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

2001	Danielle Norville	4 x 100m Bronze
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EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

1995	James Brierley	High Jump Bronze
2021	Charlie Carvell	4 x 400m Gold
2023	Charlie Carvell	400m Silver and 4 x 400m Gold

Lee Holehouse (1999 4 x 400m Bronze) ran in the relay heat but not in the final.

EUROPEAN YOUTH / U18 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

2022	Iris Downes	800m Bronze
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