

Tony Shiret

I am standing to strengthen club representation at a critical time for athletics. In addition to a proven record of representing clubs including formerly as Chair of the England Athletics National Council I have financial skills as a qualified accountant and long-time investment bank analyst.

I am a Life Member of Newham & Essex Beagles AC. (Chair 2017-2022). Currently my main engagement is as a coach for middle distance/hurdles and as NEB's meeting promoter. In 2023 I have promoted eight meetings (around 2000 competitors). I am also a L1 starter/marks and L1 field judge. I have done most things for my club over the years.

I was a member of the EA London Region Council (Chair or Co-Chair 2012-2017) and Chair of the National Council 2013-2017. I am currently vice Chair of the Athletics Research Group, a body set up to argue for club related matters with UKA. I was also a member of the UK Members Council from 2015 to 2017.

What do I want to achieve on behalf of the clubs? Overall long-term UKA strategy needs strengthening and communicating. The sport is not capitalising on the strength and goodwill of the club base which feels excluded from decision making. Focus within UKA is too narrowly on the top-end and I would try to broaden its awareness of the issues clubs face to allow a more sustainable base to be developed.