



This is my first annual report as Godiva's Officials Coordinator. Unfortunately, the summer season was later than usual, starting due to the CORONA VIRUS pandemic. As a result, all Leagues were reduced in teams, and divisions were localised for this year. That said, as a club, we are significantly reduced on qualified technical officials, with retirements and other restrictions taking effect. Thankfully there were no relegations or promotions, so the lack of officials proved irrelevant this year. Otherwise, the athletes' performances would have been affected by negativity in points. The club did manage to have technical officials at all required meetings but not the requisite numbers.

I want to thank those who did give their time and efforts to support the club across the summers season. In addition, we welcomed a Field Official Sue, ALVEY (Level 4), who has moved to Coventry and supported Godiva on several occasions. However, she has not joined us but supports all clubs in the area whenever she can. Finally, in May, we had one member (Shona MURRAY) who attended a virtual Field Course and is working to attain her Level 1 grading.

There will be several courses for all disciplines (Track - Field – Timekeeping – Photo Finish - Starting and starters Assistants) throughout the winter and spring months, ready for the 2022 summer season. I would appeal to members to consider and take a course to ensure that the club can fulfil our requirements at League meetings next summer.

On competition days, there are also non-technical jobs that need people to ensure that the events run smoothly.

For those interested, there will also be Endurance Officials courses.

Should anyone be interested in assisting the club, then please, do not hesitate to get in touch with me. I am usually at the clubhouse on Tuesday or Thursday evenings or by email at –

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