

SOUTHAMPTON DAY SERVICES

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This issue is our Sheffield 2017 Special. You can read all about what our OTARS Athletes got up to while competing in The Special Olympics. Enjoy!

Thank you to Carole Richardson, Laura Phillips, Nikki Hunns, Lynsey Lodwidge and Lindsey Shirley for their contributions.

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Didn't They Do Well!

Our OTARS Athletes returned from the Sheffield Special Olympics with a bunch of medals, including 2 GOLD, 3 SILVER and 3 BRONZE!

SDS Staff Members Nikki Hunns, Carole Richardson, Laura Phillips and Dan Belo Fortunato took 10 of our athletes to Bramall Lane Stadium in Sheffield to compete in the Special Olympics 2017.

Our athletes competed in Badminton competitions, plus a host of track and field events including Long Jump, Shot Put and 400 metres.

Here are the results:



Gary Hiscock



5th Ribbon Mixed Doubles
6th Ribbon Badminton Men's Singles

Alison McNeil



6th Ribbon Badminton Female Singles

Adam Holley



BRONZE Standing Long Jump
6th Ribbon Shot Put

Richard Manning



4th Ribbon Standing Long Jump
4th Ribbon 100m
7th Ribbon Shot Put

James Chalk



SILVER 50m
5th Ribbon Shot Put
5th Ribbon Standing Long Jump PB

Lynsey Lodwidge



GOLD Standing Long Jump
6th Ribbon 200m Participation Soft Ball

Sam Moss



GOLD 100m
SILVER Standing Long Jump
4th Ribbon Shot Put

Gillian Sherman

6th Ribbon

Mixed Doubles

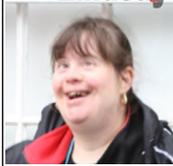


Lindsay Shirley

Bronze 50m

4th Ribbon

Softball Throw



Wayne Taylor

SILVER 400m

BRONZE Shot Put

6th Ribbon

Long Jump



Carole Richardson

If I could choose a specific moment in my time during the whole week, it would be the evening of the opening ceremony at Sheffield United Bramel Lane. I will never forget the moment when we were queuing outside along with 2000 athletes in the pouring rain waiting patiently for our turn to go in. After about 20mins the volunteer indicated that it was the Southern Region's turn; we walked down the side of the stadium. As we entered the ground the whole place was rocking with family, friends and the general public; shouting, cheering, waving, and singing. As we were walking around a tear came to my eye. I never have experienced anything like this. We all danced and sang the whole night through and the place erupted when Tony Hadley came out and sang 'Gold'. It was the most humble experience to be part of Special Olympics. I will always remember it.



Laura Phillips

Sheffield was an amazing experience. We had extremely long days, starting at 6am and not finishing until 11pm. The badminton guys did us really proud. They did their best, listened to what I said and showed excellent sportsmanship. Gillian and Gary played doubles which they had not done before and both played really well, even though it wasn't easy for them they did really well. I learnt so much from my week in Sheffield. I became the head coach for the Southern region one of the days which was a real privilege.



Nikki Hunns

I felt very proud & privileged to be asked to support the Sheffield team for the National Summer Games. The team had a fantastic week and for me it was great to see clients having a great time, experiencing and learning new skills, particularly as some have not been away from home before. The opening ceremony was awesome, everyone was singing and joining in the fun, it's just a shame we got so wet!!! We are very proud of the team for all their personal achievements. I would also like to give a huge thank you to Carole, Laura & Dan for their hard work & efforts during the week, they are a fantastic team & congratulations to Laura on her role as Badminton head coach for 1 day.

The best thing about going to Sheffield was being with my friends. The place where we stayed was really nice, it was at the university. The food was really nice, lots of choice but a bit rushed. I enjoyed the journey but we kept stopping because everyone needed the toilet. I got a gold medal for the standing long jump, and everyone cheered. I competed in 200m and the soft ball throw. When I came home I was very proud to show her my medal, my mum was in tears.

Lynsey Lodwidge

Lindsey SkinCey

It was my first time away for a long time. I really enjoyed it. I loved where we stayed. It was really good to see how everyone else was doing. I'm really looking forward to our next competition in Lee On Valley

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