

## **Athletics: Be Part of our Golden Era**

Athletics is one of Guernsey's fastest growing sports and in recent years has been at the forefront of sporting achievements on this island.

Building on the commitment of our coaches and officials and the excellence of our athletes of all ages we believe that athletics is about to embark on a Golden Era. Over the next five years we are planning for athletics in Guernsey to grow from strength to strength at every sector of the club.

- For our elite athletes we are establishing a programme of high level competition. It begins with the Commonwealth Games in India in 2010 when we hope to field our largest ever team. We then plan to participate in the Commonwealth Youth Games in 2011, plus two Island Games and numerous national and international Games. Our five year programme will culminate in the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, where we hope that our development plan will result in record achievements.
- We will host a programme of track and field events that is developing an international reputation. In particular, our focal event, the Mees Peirson Golden Track Series, will continue to attract quality international competitors
- We will maintain our endurance races which includes a full programme over the Autumn/Winter season. Events such as the traditional Easter Festival, All-Terrain Series and Father's Day Half Marathon will cater for 100's of local athletes.
- Our Junior section will attract 13-17 year olds in growing numbers and provide an exciting range of athletics events all year round.

All of the ingredients for our Golden Era are in place:

- A group of talented young athletes who are committed to doing their very best over the next few years.
- A team of dedicated coaches, officials and volunteers whose aim is to support the athletes in fulfilling their personal goals.
- Excellent facilities based at Footes Lane that provide a backdrop to so many exciting athletics events.
- Access to top races on an international level that will provide exciting opportunities for growth for our island teams.

One of the strengths of Guernsey athletics is that we are a club that remains part of its community. We strive to be inclusive and to cater for all types of athletes, from the excellent to those who like to compete but will never win.