
UK Athletics Awards for 2007 **Special Award for George Bunner**

UK Athletics Chairman Ed Warner presented two special awards, both to recognise Meritous Service to Athletics. One of these awards, the final award of the evening went to George Bunner of Halton & Frodsham Harriers.

For more than 30 years George has made an immense contribution to the sport. His development of Sportshall Athletics into a competitive winter sport has introduced many thousands of young people throughout Britain, and now worldwide, to the fun of athletics.

Not only has he inspired thousands to run, jump and throw but also he has motivated hundreds of people to pick up a clipboard, stopwatch or tape measure and volunteer. He has since carried on to bring us star:track which in turn has made an indelible mark as the first step into our sport for many thousands of young athletes and offered fresh coaching opportunities to an army of volunteers. Many of the current Great Britain & Northern Ireland team have enjoyed Sportshall Athletics and have since gone on to World Junior, World and Olympic glory. His contribution to their early interest and motivation should not be underplayed.