

Adam Edney awarded for his Perseverance, Determination and Success

ADAM EDNEY, 14 years old from Royston was awarded the trophy for *perseverance, determination and success* during the Eastern Region Athletics DSE Championships, held in Chelmsford on Saturday 10th May, 2014.



Adam Edney with his Coaches

Representing Special Olympics East Herts (SOEH), Adam won two gold medals and one bronze medal; the first was achieved in the 1500m run where he finished in 7 minutes 53.9 seconds and the other gold in the 800m run finishing in a time of 2 minutes 56 seconds. The bronze medal was won in the field event long jump, measuring 2.97 metres.

A total of twenty-six SOEH athletes travelled to Chelmsford to take part in the competition, and for many of the athletes it was their first competition. Age groups were Primary, U14, U16, U18, U20 and Senior. SOEH returned home with 25 Gold, 19 Silver and 11 Bronze medals.



Jack Smith

Winning three gold medals were: **Jack Smith** (Primary); **Conor Wills** (U20); and **Emma Large** (U20).

Winning two gold medals were: **Adam Edney** (U16); **Grace Gypps** (Primary); **Ellie Berry** (U16); **Billy Elford** (Senior).

Winning one gold medal: **John Baldwin** (Primary); **Sam Wilson** (U20); **Chris Thornton** (U18); **William Philips** (Senior); **Luke Rogers** (U18); **Kyle Vinyard** (U18); **Charlie Forgione** (U20); **William Philips** (Senior).

Three silver medals were presented to **Luke Rogers** (U18). Two silver medals were presented to **Luke Cooper** (U16); **Susannah Mew** (U20); **Mitchell Wright** (U20); **Kyle Vinyard** (U18); **Chris Thornton** (U18) and receiving a silver medal was **Zak Guy** (Senior); **John Baldwin** (Primary); **Lucy Goodman** (Senior); **Max Anker** (U16); **Grace Gypps** (Primary); **Harry Herbert** (U14). **Debra Dann** (Senior) and **Sam Cawdell** (U14) won bronze medals. **Ifepo Koleade** finished 4th, with **Daniel Carr-Sheen** and **Jamie Henderson** finishing in 5th places.

Penny Warner Vice Chairman of SOEH and Head of PE at Amwell View School said *"It was a fantastic day, we were very pleased with the numbers of athletes that attended. Even the down pour, at the end of the afternoon which resulted in athletes getting soaked, didn't impede their enthusiasm or dampen the spirits of the team."*

"Many thanks to all the parents, carers and volunteers who came to support the event."

Neil Ward, Founder and Chairman of Special Olympics East Herts said *"I am so proud of all of the athletes. We are now working hard to prepare for our Annual Presentation Evening which will celebrate another great year."*



Ifepo Koleade

Full set of results can be found on the website: http://www.specialolympicseastherts.org/ourclub.php?club_id=8