

Mansfield Harriers youngsters travelled to Stoke for the first fixture of the season in the McCain Young Athletes League.

In a new format Harriers were pitched against City of Stoke and Coventry Godiva and came out in second place overall to the home club.

Chris Clarke again demonstrated his promise with victory in the U17M Shot with a best throw of 13.55m. This is Clarke's first year in this age group and there is surely yet more to come from him.

Alex Rieley showed good early season form over 1500m in the U13 age group to take victory in 4:54.9 with Ryan Saxton also posting a strong performance to win the U17M 3K in 9:29.2.

Caelidh Ross ran a PB of 2:25.2 in very cold and blustery conditions to win the U15G 800m, Rachel Brandham also taking victory in the U17W 800m in 2:30.4.

New PBs were also recorded by Robyn Foster over 100m and 200m, although her 200m was wind assisted. Foster won both races clocking 13.3 and 26.9 and then went on to anchor home the 4x100m Relay team who set anew club record of 53.0 seconds.

On the field Harriers won three of the four Pole Vault competitions – Chloe Elphick taking the U17W, David Wilkinson the U15B and Tamsin Smith out jumping both to take the U15G. Wilkinson also took first spot in the U15B Javelin.

Other Mansfield victories came for Becky Woolley in the U17W Javelin, Hannah Hardy in the U17W 1500m and Charlotte Bellingham in the U17W 3K.