

As the end of 2008 approaches the annual UK Track and Field rankings have been published and Mansfield Harriers have 10 athletes in the listings.

Rachel Gair is the only senior to make the lists sitting at 7th spot in the Hammer. With a season's best of 59.82 Gair will be hoping to break the 60 metre barrier in 2009.

Both James Mee and Richard Woolley will be aiming to retain their place in the rankings as they move up to the senior age group next season. Woolley's season's best of 62.03 metres places him 7th in the junior men's Javelin whilst Mee sits at 15th in the junior men's 2000m steeplechase with a best of 6:11.0.

Amie Grainger takes second place spot in the Under 17 Women's 1500m steeplechase with her time of 5:26.18 being just half a second off top spot. Charlotte Gair, with another year to go in this age group, will be looking to improve further in 2009 on her best in the Discus of 36.39m to take a few more places off her current 11th place.

Two hurdlers are the Mansfield representatives at Under 17 men's level with James Hardy's 2008 best of 13.57 taking 13th spot whilst Adam Sansom's 56.72 over the longer 400m Hurdles placing him 12th.

Becky Woolley will be one to watch in 2009 as she seeks to emulate her older brother in the javelin. With another season as an Under 15 Becky sits in an excellent third place spot after a late season best throw of 38.40m.

Chevelle Baxter and Robyn Foster complete the line up at under 13 level with Chevelle at 17th over 1500m with a season's best of 5:04.98 and Robyn sitting at joint 19th over 75m with a best of 10.2.

The third race in the Booth Decorators cross-country league took place at Nottingham's Bramcote Park with another good turn out from Mansfield's blue and green vests.

Luke Marshall continued his excellent winter season with another fine run, finishing 4th overall and in first place junior spot. Marshall continues to close the gap on the race leaders with his time of 25:00 being just 35 seconds behind the winner on this occasion.

Pete Stafford's also continued his strong form over the country with a highly credible 10th place finish in what is an increasingly strong field. Stafford also secured the top spot in the V50 category with his time of 25:57 opening up a 21 second gap on the next harrier home – Doug Ross in 15th spot.

Tim Raynor built on his strong run in last week's North Midlands League fixture to finish 23rd in 27:00 with Trevor Hiscox (34th) and Clive Russell (49th) both making the top 50 with finishing times of 28:19 and 29:22 respectively.

Eva Williams was first lady home for Mansfield in 85th spot in a time of 31:52 and this performance also placed her second in the VL40 category.

On the day the men finished in 3rd place with the ladies in 4th and the combined placings putting them in 2nd spot behind Heanor. After 3 races the ladies still sit in second place 4 points behind local rivals Sutton Harriers whilst the men are in 6th and the combined team just one place out of the medal spots in 4th.

OTHER MANSFIELD FINISHERS: 62: Daniel Ward (30:26), 65: Pete Collinge (30:34), 67: Julian Wood (30:39), 82: Steve Wragg (31:44), 86: Les Chambers (31:54), 97: Hannah Wragg (32:31), 108: Claire Coombes (33:29), 111: Dave Rose (33:35), 113: Kate Raynor (33:57), 114: Louise Harrison (33:59), 122: Sue Bellingham (34:42), 126: Tamsin Smith (34:59), 130: Maddy Collinge (35:19), 139: Dave Ward (37:15), 142: Michelle Peet (38:14), 145: Sally Smith (38:42), 146: Alan Smith (39:22), 149: Elaine Greaves (40:51)