

Mansfield's track and field athletes had their first outing of the winter season at the Sheffield indoor open meeting held at the English Institute of Sport facilities.

200m and 400m sprint specialist Sam Cordin, now studying at Leeds University, tried his hand over the longer 600m distance and recorded the 5th fastest time of the day. Running in race 1 of 17 over this distance Cordin finished in 3rd spot in a time of 1:22.98.

Stuart King and Danny Barks both demonstrated that their winter training is picking up nicely taking 2nd and 3rd spots overall over 2000m. King ran 5:36.82 to win race 1 and clock second overall whilst Barks was one place behind him in 5:40.92.

Matt Woolley was fastest Harrier over both 60 metres and 150 metres recording 7.37 and 17.48 respectively with junior Adam Sansom not too far behind him in both events clocking 7.66 and 17.75.

OTHER MANSFIELD COMPETITORS: 60m – Stef Wilcockson 7.76, Ben Leivers-Riley 7.85, Chris Ashmore 8.18. 150m – Stef Wilcockson 18.25, Ben Leivers-Riley 18.27, Chris Ashmore 19.31, Claire Beaumont 22.06. 600m – Emma Wilkinson 1:45.11, Kiera Abbott 1:49.26, Caelidh Ross 1:50.37, Jess Smith 1:51.09, Corrie-Lee Ross 1:55.64.

Steve Capewell led a small Mansfield contingent home at the Heanor 10K finishing just one place ahead of Darren Hodgkinson who took the honours as the winner of the V45 category. Capewell finished with a time of 36:21 just 16 seconds ahead of Hodgkinson in 36:37. Carol Hartin was the 3rd Mansfield athlete finishing 199th in a field of 644 with a time of 48:07.

A group of Mansfield athletes made the trip to London's Parliament Hill to take part in an open cross country event staged in conjunction with the London Championships. Luke Marshall continued to demonstrate his potential coming home in 59th spot in a field of 260 in the Senior Men's event. Marshall ran a time of 36:17 which placed him in 7th spot in the junior age category.

With much smaller fields in the junior races Harriers were able to pick up some good placings and take the team honours in 2 age groups.

Ryan Saxton finished second out of the 46 competitors in the Under 15 Boys race, this being the biggest junior field of the day. With Saxton running 14:20, Henry Partridge finishing 9th in 15:28 and Tom Wragg 11th in 15:44 this trio picked up team gold.

Chevelle Baxter and Hannah Wragg also took second place spots in the Under 13 and Under 17 girls respectively with the older age group also going on to take team gold.

OTHER MANSFIELD FINISHERS: Senior Men – 113: Tim Raynor – 38:26, 235: Grant Saxton – 46:33, 240: Steve Wragg – 47:35. Under 13 Boys – 16: Jake Lancaster – 11:08. Under 17 Girls – 5: Laura Brown – 20:10, 13: Kate Raynor – 24:00. Under 15 Girls – 9: Demi-Jade Jakymelen – 17:25, 14: Charlotte Bellingham – 18:22. Under 13 Girls – 5: Ellie Saxton – 11:37.

Mansfield's Luke Cragg, now studying at Adams State University in Colorado, helped his team to victory in the prestigious NCAA Division 11 national cross-country championships. Cragg finished in 21st individual position at the event held in Pennsylvania and makes his return to a Mansfield vest at January's Nottinghamshire County Championships.