

## 2015 Athletic Facts

### Fact File 41

#### Track usage declines over the last 2 years

**Background.** The declining numbers of officials and athletes in England has led ABAC to predict that 2016 will be the year when a noticeable fall off in track participation will occur. Out of curiosity we asked Rob Whittingham to compare the number of track meetings held this year with the number in 2014. He surprised us by not only giving overall numbers but also detailing the number of track meetings at every track. Here is his detailed breakdown.

*N.B. All meetings have been identified from the P10 website.*

*Where 2 championships/matches were held at the same time they have been counted as 2 meetings at the particular venue.*

Here are the meetings for each venue

<u>Venue</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Manchester (Stretford)	35	37
Birmingham	30	25
Exeter	28	10
Watford	27	30
London (Lee Valley)	27	28
Bedford	26	19
Loughborough	22	23
Crawley	20	14
Ashford	19	19
Par	18	21
Middlesbrough	17	11
Derby	16	24
St. Peter Port GUE	16	22
Cleckheaton	16	18
Gateshead	16	16
London(Kingsmeadow)	16	14
Portsmouth	16	13
Oxford (H)	15	23
London (Elt)	15	14
Manchester (Sports City)	15	11
Bromley	14	17
Cudworth	14	14
Wakefield	14	12
Cambridge	14	11
Jarrow	13	19
Corby	13	18
Eton	13	12
Yeovil	12	17
Hull	12	15
London (Tooting Bec)	12	13
Douglas IOM	12	12
Bury St. Edmunds	12	11
Peterborough	12	11
Telford	12	10
Chelmsford	12	8
Tipton	12	2

St. Ives	11	15
Basingstoke	11	12
Gillingham	11	11
Nuneaton	11	11
Worcester	11	11
Yate	11	9
Brighton	10	15
London (Hendon)	10	14
London (Mile End)	10	11
Milton Keynes	10	11
Cheltenham	10	10
Reading	10	10
Southampton	10	10
Horsham	9	11
Warrington	9	11
Liverpool	9	10
Aldershot	9	9
Carshalton	9	9
London (Battersea Park)	9	9
Bristol	9	7
Uxbridge	9	7
Woodford	9	7
London (Parliament Hill)	9	6
Walton	9	6
Sheffield (Woodburn)	9	5
Erith	9	4
Grimsby	8	15
Abingdon	8	14
Hemel Hempstead	8	11
Swindon	8	11
Norwich	8	10
Guildford	8	9
Sandy	8	9
Stevenage	8	9
Winchester	8	9
Canterbury	8	8
Grantham	8	8
Ipswich	8	8
London (Wimbledon)	8	8
Stourport	8	8
Doncaster	8	7
Leigh	8	7
Street	8	7
Wigan	8	7
Dartford	8	6
Hereford	8	6
Bournemouth	7	12
Bebington	7	11
London (Newham)	7	11
Plymouth	7	11
Lewes	7	10
Tonbridge	7	10
Blackpool	7	9
Leamington	7	9
York	7	9
Perivale	7	8

Darlington	7	6
Rugby	7	6
Luton	7	5
Preston	7	5
Solihull	7	5
Spinkhill	7	5
Leicester	6	11
Stockport	6	10
Carlisle	6	9
Stoke-on-Trent	6	9
Woking	6	9
Ewell	6	8
London (Croydon)	6	8
Banbury	6	6
Bracknell	6	6
Braunton	6	6
Gloucester	6	5
Kings Lynn	6	5
Whitley Bay	6	3
Sandown IOW	6	2
Hexham	6	1
Scunthorpe	6	1
Macclesfield	5	8
Braintree	5	6
Colchester	5	6
Eastbourne	5	6
Durham	5	5
Oxford	5	5
Andover	5	4
Rotherham	5	4
Blackburn	5	2
Tamworth	5	1
Little Marlow	5	
Coventry	4	9
Carn Brea	4	7
Great Yarmouth	4	6
Kirkby-in-Ashfield	4	6
Twickenham	4	5
Kettering	4	4
London (Coulsdon)	4	4
Poole	4	3
St. Clement JER	4	3
Grays	4	2
Bury	4	1
Ellesmere Port	4	1
Ashton-under-Lyne	3	4
Bath	3	4
Cosford	3	4
Lincoln	3	4
Litherland	3	4
Whitehaven	3	4
London (West London)	3	3
Salisbury	3	3
Shrewsbury	3	3
Southend	3	3
Wolverhampton	3	3

Brierley Hill	3	2
Hastings	3	2
Clayton-le-Moors	3	1
Salford	3	1
Cleethorpes	3	
Leeds	2	5
Crewe	2	4
Hornchurch	2	4
Hyndburn	2	4
Tavistock	2	4
Basildon	2	3
Bolton	2	3
Harrow	2	3
Portsmouth (RN)	2	3
St. Albans	2	3
Sutton Coldfield	2	3
Worthing	2	3
Bingham	2	2
Morpeth	2	2
Nottingham	2	2
Oldham	2	2
Stoke Mandeville	2	1
Stratford on Avon	2	1
Welwyn	2	1
London (Olympic Stadium)	2	
Ormskirk	2	
Redditch	2	
London (Crystal Palace)	1	10
London (Waltham)	1	5
London (Catford)	1	4
Burton	1	3
Boston	1	2
Brentwood	1	1
Halesowen	1	1
London (Willesden)	1	1
Much Wenlock	1	1
Nelson	1	1
Ramsgate	1	1
Sildon	1	1
Tidworth	1	1
Ware	1	1
Barrow	1	
Marlborough	1	
London (Finsbury Park)		2
London( Enfield)		1
Halifax		1
Lancaster		1
Maidstone		1
Radley		1
Sale		1
Thatcham		1

The above table provides an indication of where track and field athletics has expanded and contracted over the last 2 years.

- In 2014 there were 1488 outdoor meetings in England at 192 tracks.

- In 2015 there were 1445 outdoor meetings in England at 191 tracks

This means that overall there has been a reduction of about 3% in the number of meetings held in 2015 compared to the preceding year.

- 8 tracks that had been used in 2014 failed to host a meeting in 2015
- 7 tracks that had failed to host a meeting in 2014 were used in 2015.
- Crystal Palace declined from 10 meetings in 2014 to just 1 in 2015.
- There are 18 London tracks holding meetings. In 2014 these held a total of 147 competitions. In 2015 this number had reduced to 120 meetings, a decline of 18.4%.

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