

## Carmarthen Harriers and the Celtic Games (Athletics)

The Celtic Games was for a long time a four-sided competition between Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and Ulster with one competitor from each country per event

Initially it was a match for under 13 girls, under 15 girls and under 17 women. It then became an under 16 and under 18 competition for women and men with events rotated every year

Sadly, the Celtic Games came to an end in 2018 when Scotland withdrew from the competition. Ulster had pulled out a few years ago and was replaced by the host country development team

Carmarthen and District Harriers Athletics Club and its members have been for many years involved with the Celtic Games

The new Carmarthen all-weather track was opened on 4 June 1988 and Carmarthen was successful in its bid to host the Celtic Games in Carmarthen in 1989, 1993, 2005 and 2009

Hedydd Davies the Carmarthen Harriers Chairman obtained sponsorship to cover the cost of hosting the Games in Carmarthen

1989 £6000- 20 local firms gave £200 each. Hedydd Davies organized a fund-raising Garden Party at his home and Cllr Lorraine Maynard organized a lunch in the Carmarthen Civic Centre

1993 - £16000 from the Carmarthen District Council

2005 - £20000 from Carmarthenshire County Council

2009 - £20000 from Carmarthenshire County Council

All the teams were accommodated in what was known then as Trinity College. The Council schools' meals service provided an excellent buffet lunch in QE Maridunum School for all the officials and guests

In 1989 the Carmarthen Athletics Track had no stands, floodlights or portacabins. The Territorial Army provided a few tents for the athletes and the PA system and the recorders were housed in Rees Sound bus in the lay by outside the Track

At the present time, the results before 2004 are not available

Since 2003 Carmarthen and District Harriers 88 athletes have competed for Wales in the Celtic Games. 18 members competed for Wales in the 2006 Celtic Games in Waterford Ireland, Carmarthen Harriers athletes won 34 gold medals

It was a key fixture in the Welsh Athletics calendar, and it gave a target and incentive to the young athletes

It was sad that the end of season competition came to an end in 2018

Date	Venue	Athlete	Position	Performance
<b>07/08/2004</b>	<b>Grangemouth SCO</b>	<b>9 Harriers competed</b>		
07/08/2004		<b>Under 16</b>		
07/08/2004	Grangemouth SCO	Victoria Buxton	1	JT 35.73
07/08/2004	Grangemouth SCO	Garth Loughran	1	JT 56.58
07/08/2004	Grangemouth SCO	Aled Thomas	1	4 x 100m relay
07/08/2004	Grangemouth SCO	Hannah Thomas	3	4 x 100m relay
07/08/2004	Grangemouth SCO	<b>Under 17</b>		
07/08/2004	Grangemouth SCO	Mathew Evans	1	SP 16.48m
07/08/2004	Grangemouth SCO	Bruce Tasker	2	400m 48.11
07/08/2004	Grangemouth SCO	Daniel Evans	2	100mH 13.93
07/08/2004	Grangemouth SCO	Samantha Jones	3	80mH 12.57
07/08/2004	Grangemouth SCO	Mathew Evans	3	HT 49.49m
<b>06/08/2005</b>	<b>Carmarthen WAL</b>	<b>13 Harriers compete</b>		
06/08/2005		<b>Under 16</b>		
06/08/2005	Carmarthen WAL	Josh Madden	1	JT 51.39m
06/08/2005	Carmarthen WAL	Kueni Igbagiri	1	LJ 6.30m
06/08/2005	Carmarthen WAL	Hannah Jones	1	4x100m relay
06/08/2005	Carmarthen WAL	Christian Davies	1	4x100m relay
06/08/2005	Carmarthen WAL	Josh Madden	3	HJ 1.70m
06/08/2005	Carmarthen WAL	Emily Mitchell	4	100m 13.16
06/08/2005	Carmarthen WAL	Catherine Goldsmith	4	SP 10.91m
06/08/2005		<b>Under 18</b>		
06/08/2005	Carmarthen WAL	Mathew Evans	1	SP 15.45
06/08/2005	Carmarthen WAL	Kylie Clarke	1	JT 34.01
06/08/2005	Carmarthen WAL	Caryl Granville	1	43.94 300mH
06/08/2005	Carmarthen WAL	Mathew Evans	2	DT 44.95
06/08/2005	Carmarthen WAL	Hannah Thomas	2	4x100m relay
06/08/2005	Carmarthen WAL	Craig Davies	3	HJ 1.75m
06/08/2005	Carmarthen WAL	Daniel Evans	3	100mH 13.9
06/08/2005	Carmarthen WAL	Caryl Granville	4	LJ 5.19m
<b>12/08/2006</b>	<b>Waterford IRE</b>	<b>18 Harriers competed</b>		
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	<b>Under 16</b>		
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Lydia Jones	1	JT 36.94m
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Dewi Griffiths	1	1500m 4.15.95
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Josh Madden	1	JT 58.75m
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Rhys Webb	2	80mH 11.5
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Kueni Igbagiri	2	LJ 6.39m
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Trystan Davies	2	SP 15.16m
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Tomos Edwards	2	DT 41.40m
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Tomas Coleman	4	100m 11.79
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Tomas Coleman	1	4 x 100m relay
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Kueni Igbagiri	1	4 x 100m relay
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	<b>Under 18</b>		
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Caryl Granville	1	300mH 44.39
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Caryl Granville	1	TJ 11.51m
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Kayleigh Brown	2	3000m 10.27.74
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Victoria Buxton	2	JT 39.28m
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Michael John	2	JT 54.83m
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Emily Mitchell	3	100m 12.33
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Hannah Jones	3	200m 25.66
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Katie Parkes	3	800m 2.18.71
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Hannah Jones	2	4 x 300m relay
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Caryl Granville	2	4x300m relay

12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Emily Mitchell	3	4x 100m relay
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Rebecca Gatehouse	3	4 x 100m relay
12/08/2006	Waterford IRE	Rachel Marfleet		1500m Sc DNF
<b>04/08/2007</b>	<b>Antrim NI</b>	<b>6 members competed</b>		
04/08/2007	Antrim NI	<b>Under 16</b>		
04/08/2007	Antrim NI	Rheon James	1	DT 42.75
04/08/2007	Antrim NI	Danielle Hamer	2	JT 39.02
04/08/2007	Antrim NI	Angharad Davies	2	1500m SC 5.24.32
04/08/2007	Antrim NI	<b>Under 18</b>		
04/08/2007	Antrim NI	Josh Madden	1	JT 55.01m
04/08/2007	Antrim NI	Tomos Edwards	2	SP 14.47m
04/08/2007	Antrim NI	Tomos Coleman	3	4x 100m relay
<b>02/08/2008</b>	<b>Grangemouth SCO</b>	<b>10 Harriers competed</b>		
02/08/2008	Grangemouth SCO	<b>Under 16</b>		
02/08/2008	Grangemouth SCO	Ffion Rees	3	LJ 5.44 pb
02/08/2008	Grangemouth SCO	<b>Under 18</b>		
02/08/2008	Grangemouth SCO	Dewi Griffiths	1	3000m 8.42.18 NR
02/08/2008	Grangemouth SCO	Dafydd Walters	1	100mH 13.45 pb
02/08/2008	Grangemouth SCO	Josh Madden	1	JT 60.22m pb
02/08/2008	Grangemouth SCO	Tom Coleman	1	100m 11.06
02/08/2008	Grangemouth SCO	Tomos Edwards	1	SP 15.49m
02/08/2008	Grangemouth SCO	Tom Coleman	1	4x100m relay
02/08/2008	Grangemouth SCO	Adam Bitchell	2	1500m 4.10.94
02/08/2008	Grangemouth SCO	Emyr Jones	3	PV 3.70m
01/08/2009	Carmarthen WAL	Under 18		
01/08/2009	Carmarthen WAL	Paul Bennett	1	400m 49.10
01/08/2009	Carmarthen WAL	Paul Bennett	3	4 x 400m relay
01/08/2009	Carmarthen WAL	Rheon James	2	DT 43.88m pb
01/08/2009	Carmarthen WAL	Rheon James	3	SP 15.41 pb
01/08/2009	Carmarthen WAL	Catrin Lewis	3	1500m Sc 5.57.67
01/08/2009	Carmarthen WAL	Ffion Rees inv		300m 42.89
<b>07/08/2010</b>	<b>Athlone IRE</b>	<b>2 Harriers competed</b>		
07/08/2010	ATHLONE IRE	<b>Under 16</b>		
07/08/2010	Athlone IRE	Carys Mansfield	1	JT 35.69m
07/08/2010	Athlone IRE	<b>Under 18</b>		
07/08/2010	Athlone Ire	Ffion Rees	4	LJ 5.23m
<b>13/08/2011</b>	<b>Antrim NI</b>	<b>7 Harriers competed</b>		
13/08/2011	Antrim NI	<b>Under 16</b>		
13/08/2011	Antrim NI	Rhys Granville	1	800m 2.01.37
13/08/2011	Antrim NI	<b>Under 18</b>		
13/08/2011	Antrim NI	Awen Rosser	1	DT 40.67m
13/08/2011	Antrim NI	Enfys Jones	2=	PV 2.55m
13/08/2011	Antrim NI	Carys Mansfield	3	JT 34.06m
13/08/2011	Antrim NI	Kyran Roberts	3	1500m 4.11.85
13/08/2011	Antrim NI	Ronan Llyr	4	2000m Sc 6.54.75
13/08/2011	Antrim NI	Mathew Davies	3	4x 100m relay
<b>11/08/2012</b>	<b>Aberdeen SCO</b>	<b>3 Harriers competed</b>		
11/08/2012	Aberdeen SCO	Aled Price	1	LJ 6.80m
11/08/2012	Aberdeen SCO	Rhys Granville	3	800m 1.57.33
11/08/2012	Aberdeen SCO	Rhys Granville	3	4x 400m relay
11/08/2012	Aberdeen SCO	Llyr Jamieson (d)	3	4 x 400m relay
<b>03/08/2013</b>	<b>Colwyn Bay WAL</b>	<b>4 Harriers competed</b>		
03/08/2013	Colwyn Bay WAL	<b>Under 16</b>		
03/08/2013	Colwyn Bay WAL	Sam Bleach	2	JT 46.81m
03/08/2013	Colwyn Bay WAL	<b>Under 18</b>		
03/08/2013	Colwyn Bay WAL	Shaun Pearce	1	100m 10.98

03/08/2013	Colwyn Bay WAL	Carys Jones	2	PV 2.91m
03/08/2013	Colwyn Bay WAL	Rhys Granville	3	800m 2.00.77
<b>09/08/2014</b>	<b>Dublin IRE</b>	<b>1 Harrier competed</b>		
09/08/2014	Dublin IRE	<b>Under16</b>		
09/08/2014	Dublin IRE	Carys Jones	2	PV 3.20
<b>01/08/2015</b>	<b>Grangemouth SCO</b>	<b>3 Harriers competed</b>		
01/08/2015	Grangemouth SCO	Under 16		
01/08/2015	Grangemouth SCO	Lauryn Davey	2	TJ 11.11
01/08/2015	Grangemouth SCO	Aled Rees	3	HJ 1.85
01/08/2015	Grangemouth SCO	Danielle Jones	4	DT 29.52m
<b>06/08/2016</b>	<b>Swansea WAL</b>	<b>5 Harriers competed</b>		
06/08/2016	Swansea WAL	<b>Under 18</b>		
06/08/2016	Swansea WAL	Ben Thomas	2	2000m Sc 6.19.5
06/08/2016	Swansea WAL	Carwyn Morris	3	JT 52.71m
06/08/2016	Swansea WAL	Lauryn Davey	3	TJ 10.81m
06/08/2016	Swansea WAL	Danielle Jones (W D team)		SP 10.64m
06/08/2016	Swansea WAL	Joe Worrall (WD team)		DT 49.24m
<b>05/08/2017</b>	<b>Dublin IRE</b>	<b>3 Harriers Competed</b>		
05/08/2017	Dublin IRE	<b>Under 16</b>		
05/08/2017	Dublin IRE	Lili Church	2	HJ 1.65
05/08/2017	Dublin IRE	Under 18		
05/08/2017	Dublin IRE	Ben Thomas	2	2000mSc 6.16.98
05/08/2017	Dublin IRE	Danielle Jones	3	DT 33.90
<b>04/08/2018</b>	<b>Grangemouth SCO</b>	<b>7 Harriers competed</b>		
04/08/2018	Grangemouth SCO	Under 18		
04/08/2018	Grangemouth SCO	Alicia Samuel	1	100m 12.11
04/08/2018	Grangemouth SCO	Alicia Samuel	1	4 x 100m relay
04/08/2018	Grangemouth SCO	Ben Thomas	2	2000m Sc 6.14.56
04/08/2018	Grangemouth SCO	Danielle Jones	2	DT 34.51m
04/08/2018	Grangemouth SCO	Iwan Glynn	3 Inv	400m 50.23
04/08/2018	Grangemouth SCO	Iestyn Williams	4	800m 2.00.83
04/08/2018	Grangemouth SCO	Lili Church	4	HJ 1.56m
04/08/2018	Grangemouth SCO	Beca Roberts	4	TJ 10.80m