

Tayside Athletes of the Year Announced

This year's Athlete of the year for each Local Authority in Tayside has been announced. The winners are chosen by the Athletics Tayside Partnership (ATP) and are possible due to the funding supplied by START. The winner from each Authority receives a Silver Cup for the year together with a Grant for £100. Account is taken of performances over the previous 12 month period.

Angus

Michael Downie – Michael made tremendous progress in the U15 age group this year and was the outstanding candidate for the Angus Award. The multi-talented youngster made improvements across the board and some of his major achievements included East of Scotland Championships for High Jump, Javelin and Shot Putt gold, Scottish Schools javelin gold, shot putt silver and high jump bronze, Scottish U15 Championships High Jump and Javelin gold and shot putt silver, Scottish U15 Pentathlon Gold and Scottish Schools Pentathlon silver. The only question is which event (s) will Michael make his own in the years ahead?

Dundee

Graeme Oudney – Graeme retains the trophy after winning it last year so remains the only athlete to have won the trophy to date. Graeme's performances improved all year and culminated in an appearance in the Final of the European Under 23 Championships 800m. Along the way Graeme clocked his first 1min 47 and also took gold in the Scottish Indoor Championships, Scottish Closed championships and silver in the Scottish Senior Championships.



Perth & Kinross

Eilidh Child – Eilidh had a fantastic year and recorded seven personal bests at her favoured 400m Hurdles distance, as well as bests in many other events. Her top performances of the year were a 5th place finish at the European U23 Championships and a Bronze Medal at the British Senior Championships, just being edged out of the silver medal position by Scotland's Commonwealth Games Bronze medallist Lee McConnell. In addition Eilidh also won Scottish Senior, U23 and Closed championships and the British U23 crown.