

## **Noel Blatchford**

We are sad to announce that we have lost another athlete and official who has contributed so much to Oxfordshire Athletics.

Noel Blatchford died in Italy on Saturday 21 October. She had been competing in the European Masters' event in Pescara, where she won a silver medal in the Women's 5k Walk, in the Over 75 age group. She subsequently suffered three strokes and it was the third, while she was in hospital, that proved fatal.

Noel was a very popular person on the circuit, always tremendously supportive of her fellow athletes and officials. She will be greatly missed and sincere condolences go to her husband, Andrew, and her family.

There is an excellent, full obituary on the Abingdon AC website, at <https://www.abingdonac.org.uk/news/noel-blatchford-obituary>.