

**Beverley Athletic Club  
Annual Presentation Evening  
Tickton Grange Hotel  
Saturday 27 February 2010  
Report by Kay Farrow of Beverley Athletic Club**

Members of Beverley Athletic Club gathered at Tickton Grange Hotel last Saturday to celebrate their achievements in 2009.

In an Oscar style presentation ceremony trophies were awarded to runners in recognition of success, improvement, dedication and commitment.

Well-respected local athlete and former Beverley AC member Darran Bilton presented the prizes.

The coveted Runner of the Year trophy was awarded to James Pearson who has enjoyed considerable success in road and cross-country races since joining the club two years ago.

Julie Donald was runner-up in this category. She won all four distance trophies as the fastest lady over 10 km, 10 miles, half and full marathon distances.

Competition for the male performance of the year trophy was very strong. Nominations included Mike Blamires who had completed the Marathon des Sables, a 151-mile endurance event spread over 6 days in the Sahara Desert, and Charlie Culpan who completed the Paras 10-mile challenge carrying a 35lb bergen. However the award went to Pete Watkinson who ran an amazing 105 miles in the Hull 24-hour race at Costello Stadium.

The award for the best female performance in a marathon went to Tanwen Gray. Only seven months after giving birth and competing in her very first marathon, Gray finished the Edinburgh Marathon in an excellent time of 3 hours 47 minutes.

In total 27 athletes received awards. Congratulations to them all!



Event organiser Kay Farrow is pictured left with her husband Steve.