

AGM of Gateshead Harriers &AC 24 October 2023

introduction

Here is a summary of the club's year and some issues that the meeting will be asked to consider

Competitive successes

The competitive highlight of the year was Anna Nicholson's magnificent 3rd place in the Para Olympics in the F35 Shot Putt. Congratulations go to Anna and her coach Richard Kaufman on her bronze medal winning performance.

Other athletes receiving international recognition:

- Richard Kilty followed up another successful indoor season by being selected for the
- UK &NI relay squad for the Paris Olympics.
- Dovile Kilty competed for Lithuania in the triple jump in the Olympics.
- Joy Eze was invited to compete in the London fixture of the Diamond League
- Calum Johnson was selected for the UK &NI team to compete in the World Cross Country Championships
- Luca Minale was picked to compete for the UK team in the World Student Cross Country Championships

A further 8 young athletes were selected to join England Athletics Talent Pathway – congratulations to them and their coaches – and 27 of the club's young athletes were selected to represent Northumberland and Durham at the English Schools Championships

In endurance, Calum Johnson won the Inter Counties cross country championships and several top road races including Blaydon and the Newcastle 10k.

Thanks to Janice, the club held its first presentation evening since the pandemic. We are now up to date with the presentation of awards following the pandemic. Club records were established during the year by Joy Eze, David Race, Joseph Johnson and Dovile Kilty

League participation

Following last year's decision to withdraw from the lower age group of the UK Youth Development League, the club finished 3rd in Division 1 of the North East Youth Development League. The older age group team were a creditable 3rd in the Premier East Division of the Northern Region of the UK Youth Development League. The senior track and field team finished 2nd in the North East Development League. Thanks to the team managers for all their hard work in organising the teams

Stephen Miller's retirement

Stephen Miller retired from competitive athletics in September 2025. He has been an inspirational figure in the sport, and we will continue to work closely with his SMILE charity

Events

The club partnered successfully with Run North East in supporting the promotion of the Gateshead marathon and ½ marathon, and the Quayside 5k which this year included the North Eastern Championships for the first time

Thanks to Janice Kaufman the Tartan Games were a success particularly as it included events for under 11s and continued the approach of including para competition in the main programme. The partnership with the British Milers Club in holding graded 800m races for all age groups and standards was also a success.

Another successful series of indoor fixtures over the winter season was organised by Alex Giles and Aileen

We looked again at the cost of holding the minors' events for under 11s in the stadium but unfortunately had to conclude that it would be unviable. We are continuing to submit funding bids to cover the costs so that the events can be held again

Financial position

Janice will present the annual financial report. She has presented regular reports to the committee meetings. Justin Cooper. We are grateful to Justin Cooper for his independent verification of the accounts prior to their submission to the Charity Commission. We have followed his advice in amending some of our financial procedures. The cost of affiliating to England Athletics is increasing and the meeting therefore will be asked to approve a modest increase in individual membership fees.

Governance

The committee has met regularly throughout the year, mostly in virtual format. Attendance has been good but has dropped in recent months. We therefore would welcome nomination for committee membership. Thanks go to all regular attenders, to Aileen for organising agendas and prompt production of minutes and Aileen has also been highly efficient managing the waiting list and in introducing new members to the club and finding

coaching groups for them. Iona has continued to be an excellent club secretary. Thanks also to Angela for sharing the role of chairing the committee.

I attended England Athletics' club conference on 5 October and have registered for the follow up session in January. It was a useful forum for discussing issues of common concern and

By April 2025, clubs will be expected to have achieved Level 6 of the club standards criteria to affiliate to England Athletics. We think that we have the necessary policies and procedures in place but will need to confirm the position over the next few months. Particular attention will have to be given to safeguarding and duty of care arrangements. We also should review the club's constitution and standing orders

We nominated John McDonald for the regional Services to Athletics award and Richard was nominated for the Coach of the Year Award. Neither was successful but there will further opportunities for them and others from the club to be nominated again

Janice is standing down from her position the regional council of England Athletics

Also, Chris Betts is standing down from his role as secretary of the track and field sub committee of the North Eastern Counties of England Athletics Association after many years of outstanding and dedicated service including the promotion of the North East Grand Prix.

Age Group consultation

As mentioned in last year's report, the club indicated its support to the proposed changes to the age groups for competition Subsequently at a special general meeting of England Athletics, the club voted against a motion to rescind the decision to introduce the changes. The new rules will take effect in April 2026

Membership

Aileen has summarised the membership position as follows

We have 584 members, 491 competitive and 20 social.

Waiting list wise we have around 25 on the U11 waiting list that are old enough to be placed with a further 10 or so 6 & 7 year olds waiting to become of age. The longest wait of those eligible is around 5 months which is significantly down from over a year at the beginning of the year. Included in these numbers are quite a few 10/11 year olds which I'm trying to move to other waiting lists or place with Christine Smedley but I need to catch her to discuss.

The only other waiting list we have is for sprinters which it is hard to place any of the older children as all the groups are pretty full and we need to give priority to those moving up from the U11s. From memory I think there are around 20-30 where I think some of them have been on there for 2+ years

Looking ahead

We have been advised that a decision on the future management of the stadium will be taken by Gateshead Council in November.

Thanks

The sport and the club depend on voluntary effort and commitment. To everybody who contributes, in whatever way or however modestly, thank you.

Gordon Bell co-chair, Gateshead Harriers &AC 20 October 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Gateshead Harriers

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

4/1/2023

To

3/31/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions, Entry Passes & Kit	16,922	-	-	16,922	16,579
Travel	1,048	-	-	1,048	392
Tuckshop	304	-	-	304	
Events	15,643	-	-	15,643	24,828
Grants	106	1,000	-	1,106	5,264
Bank Interest	77	-	-	77	53
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	34,100	1,000	-	35,100	47,116
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	34,100	1,000	-	35,100	47,116
A3 Payments					
Facility Hire	3,532	-	-	3,532	3,211
Travel & Accommodation	6,672	-	-	6,672	7,615
Affiliation	1,657	-	-	1,657	1,790
Tuckshop	394	-	-	394	
Events	19,032	-	-	19,032	27,910
Coach Education & Equipment	1,991	-	-	1,991	3,015
Kit	3,849	-	-	3,849	2,292
Bank Charges	360	-	-	360	384
Admin & Misc	983	-	-	983	1,115
Hardship & Athlete Support	1,358	-	-	1,358	1,655
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	39,828	-	-	39,828	48,987
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	39,828	-	-	39,828	48,987
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,728	1,000	-	- 4,728	- 1,871
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	24,032	1,000	-	25,032	26,903
Cash funds this year end	18,304	2,000	-	20,304	25,032

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in bank	18,269	2,000	-
	Cash	35	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	18,304	2,000	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Janice Kaufman	Janice Kaufman	11/11/2024	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

GATESHEAD HARRIERS AND ATHLETICS CLUB

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/03/2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1093956

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

29/01/2025

Name:

JUSTIN COOPER

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ICAEW CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A