

BLAYDON HARRIERS
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs L Craig Mrs J Murray Mr A Dent Mr S Evans Mr L Friel Mr R Houston Mr J Macphail Mr A Muir Mrs S Morris Mr D Craig Mr D Flint Mr I Dunn Mrs N Perry
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year from 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was established under its constitution on 11 March 2009 and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 30 September 2010.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Mrs L Craig
Mrs J Murray
Mr A Dent
Mr S Evans
Mr L Friel
Mr R Houston
Mr J Macphail
Mr A Muir
Mrs S Morris
Mr D Craig (Appointed 1 August 2021)
Mr D Flint (Appointed 1 August 2021)
Mr I Dunn (Appointed 1 August 2021)
Mrs N Perry (Appointed 1 August 2021)

The appointment of trustees is set out in the Constitution.

The recruitment of new trustees is periodically undertaken by the Board, which follows an open and fair recruitment process taking due account of both the skills and needs of the charity and the desire for its membership to reflect the diversity of the local population.

The Charity and its property are managed and administered by a board of trustees, which can have between three and fifteen members.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for athletics.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Promotion and organisation of the annual Blaydon Race for some 4700 senior competitors. This race is an established event in the North East which also attracts overseas competitors.

Worked to improve opportunities to participate in athletics locally and across Gateshead as part of the Gateshead Athletics Network.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Achievements and performance

At the time of writing there are 139 members of Blaydon Harriers & AC and 8 UKA qualified coaches and leaders in running fitness. 2021-2022 has been a difficult year for the Club as it has for many Sports Clubs and Membership organisations. The Pandemic has had a detrimental effect on participation reflected in our lower than previous membership numbers.

Blaydon Harriers & AC do still have a strong core of members and a committee willing to work hard to increase numbers in the future. The cost of the track and now lack of throwing facilities has also impacted the Club. The Blaydon Race must now more than ever help support the Club financially and we continue to make a surplus on the event. The 2022 event was a success on a new course, and we expect another sell out event in 2023. Tickets will go on sale in February 2023. We are actively seeking extra coaches or those willing to undergo the training to become a coach to support those already at the Club.

Financial review

The receipts and payments account on page 4 shows a deficit of receipts to payments of £64,448 for the year ended 31 July 2022. However, it must be taken into consideration that some £59,000 of Entry Fees has been brought forward from earlier years.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three- and six-months' expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

On behalf of the board of trustees

D Flint
Chairperson
Dated 11 October 2022

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BLAYDON HARRIERS

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2022 which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**A K Dunn
Stokoe Rodger**

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Date 10 February 2023

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Designated £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<u>Receipts</u>				
Blaydon Race				
Entries	64,211		64,211	28,786
Donations and sponsorship	-		-	-
Sundry Income	-		-	-
Blaydon Harriers				
Subscriptions/Kit	11,539		11,539	3,755
Sundry Income	-		-	500
Donations	-		-	-
Interest Received	-	9,088	9,088	2,208
Total receipts	75,750	9,088	84,838	35,249
<u>Payments</u>				
Blaydon Race				
Costs	125,031		125,031	2,899
Charitable payments	-		-	5,162
Blaydon Harriers				
Hire of schools and halls	1,386		1,386	658
Race fees and subscriptions	4,738		4,738	1,632
Trophies	1,397		1,397	
Training courses	1,429		1,429	
Kit	3,508		3,508	
Sundry expenses	-		-	454
Computers/Equipment	1,959		1,959	3,401
Bank charges	-		-	-
Independent examiner fees	750		750	750
Interest added to value of investment	-	9,088	9,088	2,208
Total payments	140,198	9,088	149,286	17,164
Net receipts (payments)	(64,448)	-	(64,448)	18,085
Funds from last year end	127,494	-	127,494	109,409
Funds this year end	63,046	-	63,046	127,494

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 JULY 2022

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Designated £
Fixed Assets		
Equipment - valuation	3,400	-
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Cash Funds		
Race account	59,318	-
Treasurer's account	3,628	-
Cash	100	-
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Total cash funds	63,046	-
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Investment Assets		
National Savings Certificates	-	137,111
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Other Monetary Assets		
Race sponsor debtor	10,000	-
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Liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	2,315	-
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The accounts were approved by the trustees on 11 October 2022

D Flint
Chairperson

A Muir
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

1. Designated funds

The club originally set aside the money invested in National Savings Certificates for the express purpose of establishing a permanent building for use as the Club's headquarters and incorporating such facilities as the Trustees consider to be appropriate. The trustees agreed to allocate this fund also to assist for the relaying of the running track at Blaydon, which as at the date of signing, has been completed by Gateshead Council with no capital requirement from the Charity. However, continued use of the facility by the Charity will be charged at a significantly higher fee than previously paid. It is therefore the expectation of the trustees that any interest earned on the National Savings Certificates will be used to help contribute towards these increased track hire fees so to offset any potential increase in costs for the members. This will help the Charity to continue to provide accessible and affordable athletics coaching to its members. The originally established purpose of the funds set aside remains. The reserves may not be used for other purposes except at the Trustees' discretion to deal with emergency situations.

2. Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.