

Charity Registration No. 01138216

BLAYDON HARRIERS
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023.

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 – Resigned during year
Mrs J Murray – Resigned during year
Mr A Dent
Mr S Evans
Mr L Friel – Resigned during year
Mr R Houston
Mr J Macphail – Resigned during year
Mr A Muir
Mrs S Morris – Resigned during year
Mr D Craig
Mr D Flint – Resigned during year
Mr I Dunn
Mrs N Perry

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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Membership & Volunteers

At the time of writing there are 167 members of Blaydon Harriers & AC, a 20% increase from the previous year. We have members ranging from 8 years old, learning the fundamentals of Athletics in our Induction group, through to members in their 70's who not only train regularly but also compete nationally.

In addition, the Club now has 10 UKA coaches and leaders in running fitness, a 25% increase from the previous year. There are a further four members of the Club progressing towards UKA coaching qualifications, and I would encourage other members to start their coaching journey. Growing the number of volunteers and coaches underpins our ability to increase the capacity of the Club and continue to provide high quality training for our members. The Club retains funding to support coach education and training.

Thanks to all our coaches and volunteers who have given up their time to support the Club during the year. The committee continues to work hard to attract new members to the Club and is committed to providing affordable access to athletics. However, the cost of facilities hire will mean that the Club will run at an operational deficit and The Blaydon Race is critical to supporting the Club financially.

The Blaydon Race

A successful Blaydon Race is key to supporting the aims of all at Blaydon Harrier & AC, that's to make athletics accessible and available to all in the local community. All at the Club would like to thank Isaac Dunn (Race Organiser), the supporting Race Advisory Group and the countless volunteer hours that have contributed to a successful race in 2023.

This is reflected in the positive feedback received from participants, club runners, sponsors, suppliers, and key partners that support the race in going ahead at Gateshead Council, Newcastle Council & Northumbria Police. Following the race, the Club have been able to make a charitable donation of £7,152 to Cash for Kids North East.

The charity supports children and young people affected by poverty, abuse, neglect, life-limiting illness, and those who have additional needs.

Athletics achievements

The past year has seen a number of achievements from athletes across all sections of the Club, this include athletes representing the Club at national, regional and county competitions. Stories of these achievements are available on the Club's social media pages.

Through this year the Club has fielded teams in the following competitions:

North East Youth Development League (NEYDL) - Combined team with Wallsend Harriers & Gosforth Harriers.

Northern Athletics Track & Field League - Finishing 2nd in North East Division 1 and securing promotion to the Premier Division for the 2024 season in the combined team with Elswick Harriers

Northeast Harrier League (NEHL) Cross Country with teams from the Club entered in all boys/girls and male/female divisions. Most notably the U13 Boys team who won the Division, with fantastic individual performances from Jacob Hendry, Aaron Jobson and Noah Richards.

North Eastern Counties Athletics Association (NECAA) Road Relay Championships at Hetton Park – fielding Senior Men, Senior Women and Vet Women's teams

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There are a number of individual results to celebrate, particular highlights include:

Dorren Craig – a successful season in the NEMAA Masters winning the F70 sprints, F70 jumps and 2nd in F70 throws championship. Doreen's season ended on a high note, winning a bronze medal in the F70 400m at the British Master Outdoor Track & Field Championship 2023

Paddy Garraghan – another inspiring season in the NEMAA Masters, finishing 2nd in the M65 middle distance league, winning a silver medal in the M65 800m at the British Master Outdoor Track & Field Championship 2023 and ranking 9th all-time in the M65 mile classification.

Kevin Findlay – finished in 2nd place in the M35 NEMAA Masters middle distance league

Roselle Oberholzer – Winner of the F60 British Masters and NEMAA 10,000m Track Championship, after a successful early season on the roads, finishing 1st V60 in Carlisle Half Marathon and 5th in her age category at London Marathon, in the process going 12th on the all-time list for F60 Marathon times.

Eleanor Bradbury – represented Blaydon Harrier & AC in the 2022 Great North Run. Eleanor started from the elite field and finished an impressive 32nd.

In the North East Harrier League Cross Country both David Best and Letha Whitham finished in the top 20 in the individual grand prix.

The Club had fantastic representation at the ESAA National Cross-Country Championship at Wollaton Park with Ellie Fellows, Aaron Jobson, Jacob Hendry, Joseph Ramshaw, Jamie Lonergan, Finn Graham, Max Murray, Robert Atkinson and James Gray representing their respective counties.

In addition, Ellie Fellows went on to represent the county at the Start Fitness Northern Cross Country Championships U17 Women

On the track, May McDonald finished 1st in both the 60m sprint and 60m hurdles at the North East Counties AA Indoor Championships. May also finished 2nd in the 100m hurdles at the North East County Championships.

This follows her success in the later stages of the 2022 track season with May finishing 1st in the Scottish Athletics U17 Championships in 300m hurdles and 4th in the 300m hurdles at the English Schools Track & Field Championships

Jamie Lonergan finished 1st in the Durham County Schools Championship in the 1500m and represented the county in the same event at the English Schools Championship, equalling his PB in the process.

Ellie Morley 2nd place in the 200m at the Durham County School Championships and 4th in the same event at the North East County Championships

These accolades have been achieved through the hard work and commitment of both our athletes and excellent coaches and as a club we hope to support them so that athletic achievements will continue well into 2023 and beyond.

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Financial review

The receipts and payments account on page 6 shows a surplus of receipts to payments of £12,092 for the year ended 31 July 2023. However, it must be taken into consideration that some £10,000 of Sponsorship income related to 2022 and £15,105 hire of facilities related to 2022.

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

A Muir
Chairperson
Dated



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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 2023 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.

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Date

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Designated £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<u>Receipts</u>				
Blaydon Race				
Entries	136,902		136,902	64,211
Donations and sponsorship	12,400		12,400	-
Sundry Income	-		-	-
Blaydon Harriers				
Subscriptions/Kit	15,688		15,688	11,539
Sundry Income	8		8	-
Donations	-		-	-
Interest Received	-	15,425	15,425	9,088
Total receipts	164,998	15,425	180,423	84,838
<u>Payments</u>				
Blaydon Race				
Costs	108,850		108,850	125,031
Charitable payments	-		-	-
Blaydon Harriers				
Hire of schools and halls	31,668		31,668	1,386
Race fees and subscriptions	5,215		5,215	4,738
Trophies	524		524	1,397
Training courses	440		440	1,429
Kit	4,429		4,429	3,508
Sundry expenses	287		287	-
Computers/Equipment	713		713	1,959
Bank charges	-		-	-
Independent examiner fees	780		780	750
Interest added to value of investment	-	15,425	15,425	9,088
Total payments	152,906	15,425	168,331	149,286
Net receipts (payments)	12,092	-	12,092	(64,448)
Funds from last year end	63,046	-	63,046	127,494
Funds this year end	75,138	-	75,138	63,046

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 JULY 2023

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Designated £
Fixed Assets		
Equipment - valuation	-	-
Cash Funds		
Race account	74,736	-
Treasurer's account	302	-
Cash	100	-
Total cash funds	75,138	-
Investment Assets		
National Savings Certificates	-	152,536
Other Monetary Assets		
Race sponsor debtor	1,000	-
Kit stock	3,736	-
Liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	780	-

The accounts were approved by the trustees on

A Muir
Chairperson



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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

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.