

BLAYDON HARRIERS
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr A Muir Mr I Dunn Mrs N Perry Mrs I Henderson Mr T Nichol Mr C Johnson Mr P Young Mr R Young Mrs E Cartwright Mr R Hulse Mrs H Ballard Mr M Graham Mrs J Graham
Charity number	01138216
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

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:

Mr A Dent – Resigned during year
Mr S Evans – Resigned during year
Mr R Houston – Resigned during year
Mr A Muir
Mr D Craig – Resigned during year
Mr I Dunn
Mrs N Perry
Mrs I Henderson – Appointed 24 October 2023
Mr T Nichol – Appointed 24 October 2023
Mr C Johnson – Appointed 24 October 2023
Mr P Young – Appointed 24 October 2023
Mr R Young – Appointed 24 October 2023
Mrs E Cartwright – Appointed 24 October 2023
Mr R Hulse – Appointed 24 October 2023
Mrs H Ballard – Appointed 24 October 2023
Mr M Graham – Appointed 24 October 2023
Mrs J Graham – Appointed 24 October 2023

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.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

Objectives and activities

The Charity's object 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.

Promotions and organisation of the annual Blaydon Race for some 4,800 senior competitors. This race is an established event in the North East.

Membership & Volunteers

At the time of writing there are 254 members of Blaydon Harriers & AC, a 52% 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 11 UKA coaches and leaders in running fitness, a 10% increase from the previous year. There are a further five 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 2024.

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.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Athletics achievements

The past year has seen a number of achievements from athletes across all sections of the Club, this includes 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 3rd in North East Division 1 in the combined team with Elswick Harriers

North East Harrier League (NEHL) Cross Country with teams from the Club entered in all boys/girls and male/female divisions.

There are several individual results to celebrate, highlights include:

Dorren Craig – a successful season in the NEMAA Masters winning the F70 sprints grand prix, topped by golds in the F70 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m & Javelin at the NEMAA T&F Championship.

Kevin Findlay – who took the gold medal in the M40 800m & 1500m at the NEMAA T&F Championship and finished in 2nd place in the M40 NEMAA Masters middle distance league

Roselle Oberholzer – a successful season in the NEMAA Masters winning the F60 middle distance grand prix; in addition to age category performance wins at Blyth 10k and Great North 10k.

Ellie Fellows – 1st place Quayside 5k B Race, setting a new PB in the process and age category victory in The Blaydon Race 2024. Ellie also finished in 3rd place in NEHL Cross Country Grand Prix.

The Club had great representation at the ESAA National Cross-Country Championship at Pontefract with Ellie Fellows, Jacob Hendry, Jamie Lonergan and Robert Atkinson representing their counties. In addition, Ellie Fellows went on to represent the county at the Start Fitness Northern Cross Country Championships U17 Women.

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 2024 and beyond.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Financial review

The receipts and payments account on page 6 shows a surplus of receipts to payments of £23,612 for the year ended 31 July 2024.

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 24 September 2024

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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 2024 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
TC Group**

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Date 24 September 2024

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Designated £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Receipts</u>				
Blaydon Race				
Entries	151,409		151,409	136,902
Donations and sponsorship	16,500		16,500	12,400
Sundry Income	-		-	-
Blaydon Harriers				
Subscriptions/Kit	17,601		17,601	15,688
Sundry Income	727		727	8
Donations	-		-	-
Interest Received	-	6,123	6,123	15,425
Total receipts	186,237	6,123	192,360	180,423
<u>Payments</u>				
Blaydon Race				
Costs	119,207		119,207	103,850
Charitable payments	5,786		5,786	5,000
Blaydon Harriers				
Hire of schools and halls	16,621		16,621	31,668
Race fees and subscriptions	5,640		5,640	5,215
Trophies	710		710	524
Training courses	2,010		2,010	440
Kit	4,461		4,461	4,429
Sundry expenses	3,784		3,784	287
Computers/Equipment	3,596		3,596	713
Bank charges	-		-	-
Independent examiner fees	810		810	780
Interest added to value of investment	-	6,123	6,123	15,425
Total payments	162,625	6,123	168,748	168,331
Net receipts (payments)	23,612	-	23,612	12,092
Funds from last year end	75,138	-	75,138	63,046
Funds this year end	98,750	-	98,750	75,138

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 JULY 2024

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Designated £
Fixed Assets		
Equipment - valuation	-	-
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Cash Funds		
Race account	95,502	-
Treasurer's account	3,148	-
Cash	100	-
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Total cash funds	98,750	-
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Investment Assets		
National Savings Certificates	-	158,658
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Other Monetary Assets		
Race sponsor debtor	-	-
Kit stock	4,497	-
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Liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	810	-
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The accounts were approved by the trustees on 24 September 2024

A Muir
Chairperson

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

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.