

Charity Registration No. 01138216

BLAYDON HARRIERS
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

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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

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year from 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025.

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 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**

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)

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Objectives and activities

The Charity's object is 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

Blaydon Harrier & AC currently has 239 members, ranging from 8-year-olds in the Induction group to members in their 70s who continue to train and compete nationally.

The Club now has 13 UKA coaches and leaders in running fitness, an 18% increase from last year. Expanding the number of coaches and volunteers strengthens the Club's capacity to deliver high-quality training. Funding is retained to support coach education and development.

We thank all coaches and volunteers for their time and commitment.

The Club continues to attract new members and is committed to affordable access to athletics. However, rising facility hire costs mean the Club will operate at a deficit, making the Blaydon Race essential to financial sustainability.

The Blaydon Race

A successful Blaydon Race is vital to the Club's mission of making athletics accessible to the local community. We thank Race Organiser Isaac Dunn, the Race Advisory Group, and the many volunteers whose efforts ensured the success of the 2025 event.

Positive feedback from participants, sponsors, suppliers, and partners reflects the race's strong reputation and community impact.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Athletic achievements

This year, athletes from across the Club have achieved success at county, regional, and national levels. Highlights include growing participation in the

- North East Youth Development League (NEYDL): combined team with Wallsend Harriers & Gosforth Harriers
- Northern Athletics Track & Field League: combined team with Elswick Harriers
- North East Harrier League (NEHL): teams entered across all age groups and genders
- At the ESAA National Cross-Country Championships Ellie Fellows, James Cathey, Jamie Lonergan, Jacob Hendry, and Robert Atkinson represented their counties. James Cathey also competed at the ESAA Track & Field Championships in the summer.
- At Blaydon Harrier & AC we want to create a strong and inclusive running community. So, it's not just about winning and medals but encouraging participation, fostering team spirit, enjoyment and celebrating when any athlete achieves a personal milestone.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

Financial review

The receipts and payments account on page 6 shows a surplus of receipts to payments of £36,117 for the year ended 31 July 2025.

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



14. 1. 2026

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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 2025 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.

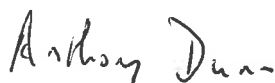
Basis of independent examiner's report

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 2025

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Designated £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Receipts</u>				
Blaydon Race				
Entries	159,133		159,133	151,409
Donations and sponsorship	19,800		19,800	16,500
Sundry Income	-		-	-
Blaydon Harriers				
Subscriptions/Kit	13,846		13,846	17,601
Sundry Income	-		-	727
Donations	-		-	-
Interest Received	-	2,363	2,363	6,123
Total receipts	192,779	2,363	195,142	192,360
<u>Payments</u>				
Blaydon Race				
Costs	120,145		120,145	119,207
Charitable payments	8,000		8,000	5,786
Blaydon Harriers				
Hire of schools and halls	19,678		19,678	16,621
Race fees and subscriptions	2,918		2,918	5,640
Trophies	815		815	710
Training courses	880		880	2,010
Kit	1,366		1,366	4,461
Sundry expenses	2,050		2,050	3,784
Computers/Equipment	-		-	3,596
Bank charges	-		-	-
Independent examiner fees	810		810	810
Interest added to value of investment	-	2,363	2,363	6,123
Total payments	156,662	2,363	159,025	168,748
Net receipts (payments)	36,117	-	36,117	23,612
Funds from last year end	98,750	-	98,750	75,138
Funds this year end	134,867	-	134,867	98,750

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 JULY 2025

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Designated £
Fixed Assets		
Equipment - valuation	-	-
Cash Funds		
Race account	131,289	-
Treasurer's account	3,478	-
Cash	100	-
Total cash funds	134,867	-
Investment Assets		
National Savings Certificates	-	161,021
Other Monetary Assets		
Race sponsor debtor	-	-
Kit stock	2,662	-
Liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	810	-

The accounts were approved by the trustees

A Muir
Chairperson



14.1.2026

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

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.