

# WAKEFIELD DISTRICT HARRIERS AND ATHLETIC CLUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1155865

## Details

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**Other names** WDC & AC

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2014-02-20

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF WAKEFIELD AND SURROUNDING AREA BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR ATHLETICS AND RELATED DISCIPLINES (TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETICS, ROAD RUNNING, CROSS COUNTRY AND RECREATIONAL JOGGING AND RACE WALKING).

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## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Services
- **What:** Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE INHABITANTS OF WAKEFIELD AND SURROUNDING AREA
- City Of Wakefield

## Finances

| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-08-31 | £31,310 | £33,856     | -      | -         |
| 2023-08-31 | £36,375 | £42,344     | -      | -         |
| 2022-08-31 | £29,347 | £27,978     | -      | -         |
| 2021-08-31 | £17,168 | £11,930     | -      | -         |
| 2020-08-31 | £18,457 | £23,518     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                | Role | Appointed  |
|---------------------|------|------------|
| ALAN SLACK          |      | 2014-01-07 |
| CHRISTOPHER BEDFORD |      | 2014-01-07 |
| Robin Ford          |      | 2024-05-03 |

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# Wakefield District Harriers & A.C.



## Trustees' Annual Report

**PERIOD: 01/09/2023 to 31/08/2024**

### Charity Details

Charity Name: Wakefield District Harriers & Athletics Club

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Trustee Members: Christopher Bedford – Club Chairman  
Robin Ford – Club Treasurer  
Alan Slack – Former Club Treasurer

*Trustees selected at Annual General Meeting (held every year at the end of August)*

### Summary of Principle Activities

Wakefield District Harriers is an Athletics club, based in Thornes Park (Wakefield). It offers membership from the age of 8 upwards. The club is primarily split in to 3 sections: -

Junior Jets: Ages between 8 to 10 (U11)

YARDS: Ages between 11- under 17

Seniors: 17 upwards

The club prides itself on offering a community athletics club for anyone (over the age of 8) who wish to join, whether it be for healthy recreational activities or active competitions.

The club has in excess of 350 members and of these at least 270 are competitive athletes across the age groups, the remainder of which fall under the umbrella of 'social' athletes.

There are between 10-15 coaches who are part of the club on a voluntary basis, along with approx. 24 official volunteers and 4 officials.

The club hires the local outdoor running track for an hourly 'track fee' from the local Council at Thornes Park. It also has use of the indoor track section, that the club can hire occasionally during the Winter months for competitions.



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No remuneration is paid to any of our volunteers, coaches, or officials and our biggest (and the majority of our outgoings) is for the hire of the track.

We allow provisions for Team entries fees and Team travel in relation to competitions.

We are affiliated to Northern Athletics, Northern Track and Field and England Athletics. An annual fee is payable to each of these establishments in order to remain affiliated.

Once a year the club likes to celebrate the achievements over the year with all the athletes, by way of a presentation evening. Despite our best efforts to raise funds to pay for the event typically it tends to end up being a cost for the club. However as a club we recognize the importance of hosting these events for both the promotion of our club and the health and wellbeing of our members.

## **Achievements / Performance**

The club suffered a loss for the year of -£2,546.46 (see finance section). Despite the reported loss, we have moved in a positive direction compared to the £6k loss reported during 22/23. The losses also absorbed alternative track hire costs whilst the stadium track was being resurfaced as the rates to hire were significantly higher than what they would have been at Thornes Park.

We also incurred higher than usual Team travel costs, mainly down to the location of some of the competitions.

There were no grants, sponsorships or charitable donations received during the year.

Despite the justification for suffering back to back financial losses. For the long term stability of the club this can't continue and in order to protect the clubs reserves, we have made the difficult decision to increase our subs 'track fees'. These increases have now been implemented and will be reflected in the numbers we report for the year ending 24/25.

On the back of the increase in subs and the club now being back at the track, we forecast a small surplus in income over expenditure for the financial year 24/25.

Due to the track being resurfaced the club was unable to hold any external meetings. It did however hold a small indoor series, however due to lower than forecast athlete numbers, the club made a very small loss from hosting the event.

Our athletes had an amazing year across all categories with some outstanding performances. These can be found on the power of 10 website and by filtering by club to Wakefield.



# Wakefield District Harriers & A.C.



## Financial Performance – Income and Expenditure

|  | <b>23/24</b>              |
|--|---------------------------|
| <b><u>Income</u></b>                                     |                           |
| Training Fees  | 17,196                    |
| Membership Fees  | 4,233                     |
| West Yorkshire League XC                                 | 1,200                     |
| Indoor Series  | 2,000                     |
| Presentation Evening                                     | 785                       |
| Clothing/Shop  | 2,387                     |
| Hire of Electronic Timing Eq.                            | 2,650                     |
| Host Northern League                                     | 600                       |
| Interest Receivable                                      | 259                       |
|  | <hr/> <b>31,310</b>       |
| <b><u>Expenditure</u></b>                                |                           |
| Track Hire   | 17,874                    |
| West Yorkshire League XC                                 | 287                       |
| Indoor Series  | 2,070                     |
| Presentation Evening                                     | 2,363                     |
| Clothing/Shop  | 1,876                     |
| Annual Insurance   | 733                       |
| Affiliation Fees   | 1,009                     |
| Team Entry Fees  | 1,890                     |
| Team Travel  | 2,550                     |
| Awards & Trophies  | 292                       |
| Training/Admin/First Aid                                 | 990                       |
| Host Northern League                                     | 1,522                     |
| Stripe Fees (EA Portal)                                  | 160                       |
| Bank/Credit Card Charges                                 | 240                       |
| Depreciation   | 0                         |
|  | <hr/> <b>33,856</b>       |
| <b><u>Surplus/Deficit of Income Over Expenditure</u></b> | <hr/> <b>-2,546</b> <hr/> |



# Wakefield District Harriers & A.C.




## Financial Performance – Balance Sheet

|                                  | <u>2023/24</u> | <u>2022/23</u> |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b><u>Assets</u></b>             |                |                |
| <u>Fixed Assets:</u>             |                |                |
| Equipment                        | 18,370         | 17,404         |
| Office Units                     | 20,000         | 20,000         |
| Total Fixed Assets               | 38,370         | 37,404         |
| Depreciation                     | -26,540        | -26,540        |
| Net Fixed Assets                 | 11,830         | 10,864         |
| <u>Current Assets</u>            |                |                |
| Stock                            | 4,500          | 4,500          |
| Debtors                          | 1,187          | 1,822          |
| Prepayments                      | 250            | 0              |
| Cash - Current                   | 51,932         | 75,374         |
| Cash - Savings                   | 25,259         | 0              |
| <b>Total Assets</b>              | <b>94,958</b>  | <b>92,560</b>  |
| <b><u>Liabilities</u></b>        |                |                |
| Creditors                        | 4,944          | 809            |
| Retained Earnings B/F            | 92,560         | 97,720         |
| Retained Earnings - Current Year | -2,546         | -5,969         |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>         | <b>94,958</b>  | <b>92,560</b>  |

## Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

|              |   |  |
|--------------|---|--|
| Signature(s) |  |  |
| Full Name    | Robin Ford  |  |
| Position     | Club Treasurer  |  |
| Date         | 18.05.2025  |  |

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### **Achievements / Performance**

Whilst our Operating Profit for the year showed a loss (see finance section) of -£5,969.26, we had to make an adjustment to our Fixed asset register and resulting amortization cost.

It is anticipated that at some point during the Summer of 2024, the track and surrounding facilities will undergo a long overdue significant upgrade/investment and as part of that our 2 porta cabins will be removed. Moving forward, we will be renting new cabins provided by the Council.

The current value of the cabins vs the cost of removal has forced us to revalue our assets on the Balance Sheet, whilst this has had a negative impact on our reserves, it is a one-off expense and the forecast for 2023/24 is currently looking a lot healthier.

During the year, the club held several T&F meetings (6 in total) as a method to promote and generate revenue for the club as well as offering a professional well run competition.

The competitions attracted athletes from a wide geographical location and always prove to be very popular.

We will need to look for alternative track hire options whilst the work is being undertaken. The cost of alternative hire will need to be factored in, but at this stage we do not anticipate it to be any higher than our current charge.



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## Financial Performance – Income and Expenditure

| <b><u>Income</u></b>                              | <b>2022/23</b> |
|---|----------------|
| Training Fees                                     | 20,268         |
| Memberships                                       | 3,864          |
| Income from Open Meetings & Reimbursements        | 6,656          |
| Profits from Catering/Clothing Sales              | 4,718          |
| England Athletics Subs                            | 15             |
| Hire of Electronic Timing Eq.                     | 540            |
| Other Income                                      | 313            |
|   | <b>36,375</b>  |
|   |                |
| <b><u>Expenditure</u></b>                         |                |
| Track Hire  | 14,740         |
| Event Costs                                       | 4,673          |
| Affiliation & Team Entry Fees                     | 2,565          |
| Team Travel                                       | 550            |
| Awards & Trophies                                 | 3,026          |
| Shop/Clothing                                     | 4,429          |
| Equipment   | 360            |
| Training/Admin/1st Aid Etc.                       | 1,331          |
| Other   | 10,671         |
|   | <b>42,344</b>  |
|   |                |
| <b>Surplus/Deficit of Income over Expenditure</b> | <b>-5,969</b>  |



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|                                    |        | 2022/23       |
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| Fixed Assets:                      |        |               |
| Equipment                          | 17,404 |               |
| Office Units                       | 20,000 |               |
| <b>Total Fixed Assets</b>          |        | <b>37,404</b> |
| Depreciation                       |        | -26,540       |
| <b>Net Fixed Assets</b>            |        | <b>10,864</b> |
| Current Assets                     |        |               |
| Stock                              |        | 4,500         |
| Debtors                            |        | 1,822         |
| Cash                               |        | 75,374        |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                |        | <b>92,560</b> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                 |        |               |
| Creditors                          |        | 809           |
| Retained Earnings - Non restricted |        | 97,720        |
| Retained Earnings - Current Year   |        | -5,969        |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>           |        | <b>92,560</b> |

## Declaration

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| Signature(s) |  |  |
| Full Name    | Robin Ford  |  |
| Position     | Club Treasurer  |  |
| Date         | 28.06.2024  |  |