



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

Registered Charity Number: 1155865

Address: Thornes Park Stadium
Horbury Road
Wakefield
WF2 8TY

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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The club runs a very tight financial operation relying mainly on 'track fees' paid each time the members visit the track for a session. This income is vital to financial survival of the club. The club also receives income from annual membership fees, NB this is after any fees are taken by EA (England Athletics). As a listed charity, we are always on the look out for opportunities to raise funds for the club.

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.



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Financial Performance – Income and Expenditure

	23/24
<u>Income</u>	
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
	31,310
<u>Expenditure</u>	
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
	33,856
<u>Surplus/Deficit of Income Over Expenditure</u>	<u>-2,546</u>



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Financial Performance – Balance Sheet

	<u>2023/24</u>	<u>2022/23</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
<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
Total Assets	94,958	92,560
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Creditors	4,944	809
Retained Earnings B/F	92,560	97,720
Retained Earnings - Current Year	-2,546	-5,969
Total Liabilities	94,958	92,560

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	