

NEW MARSKE HARRIERS ATHLETIC CLUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1168578

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-08-03

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF REDCAR AND CLEVELAND AND IT'S NEIGHBOURING BOROUGHES BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR ATHLETICS.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Middlesbrough
- North Yorkshire
- Redcar And Cleveland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-11-30	£77,996	£67,318	-	-
2023-11-30	£72,866	£69,983	-	-
2022-11-30	£82,094	£79,189	-	-
2021-11-30	£54,770	£53,752	-	-
2020-11-30	£51,723	£56,843	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Michelle Bell	Chair	2021-05-08
Anthony Livingston		2021-05-08
Baroness Tanni Carys Davina Grey-Thompson		2019-02-13
Charles Burke		2021-05-08
Graham Hall		2019-02-13
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JENNIFER TALLON		2019-02-13
JOHN HUTTON		2019-02-13
Jo Downs		2021-05-08
Lisa Chapman		2021-05-08
PAMELA BEST		2019-02-13
Stewart Hart		2021-05-08
Thomas Danby		2021-05-08
William Currie		2021-05-08

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Annual Report

This last year has been a real year of transition. And although we have come so far, we as a committee are still on a journey.

There has been a lot learn, certainly for myself as a senior officer, and the committee. However we as a collective have prioritised how we keep NMH in its current financial position of strength. To do this we have prioritised on ensuring that we have the team of volunteers to enable us to be self sufficient, in facilitating our road races going forward. Our road races are our most consistent source of income, and really supports major aspects of the club, its athletes and our future development.

We have seen the number of volunteers increase over this last year, with some people really stepping up to support, however there is always a need for more in all capacities. In September last year we held an event at New Marske Sports Club, where we recognised some of the great volunteers that support time after time. A great evening was had by all.

Recognition of volunteers is so very important and this is something we really a passionate about keeping on the agenda.

Numbers in our road races last year were still not at full capacity, and this certainly seems to be the trend post covid. We opened entries for this years events back on the 11th January, with entries ticking in slower than last year.

I think this is reflective of the struggles that many club races have seen, where peoples priorities have changed post covid, but also there seems to be a lot more competition out there, a lot coming from the bigger commercialised events.

‘The shed’ at Dormanstown is now a fully functional storage space and has been a vital asset in the transition from Grahams garage to us as a club being able to store our road race equipment. This venue has become a perfect location, as its on the door step of our host Xcountry venue at Foxrush.

Further to the pathfinder lights that were installed on the pink path at Redcar, with further funding, driven by Graham, the final stretches on the Coast Rd between Redcar and Marske, and the path at Green lane that runs past the rugby club to Marske have had the same install, and make the local areas so much more accessible on those dark nights. Creating safer running and walking routes.

Sunday 30th March – NMH working with NA will host the Northern 12&6 stage relays. This is a great opportunity for New Marske Harriers to showcase not just our fantastic athletes, but how we pull together and organise a great race. We are really looking forward to this.

Next year sees our 40 years of NMH. We are looking at really celebrating this milestone, with a series of events to mark the occasion, but also looking at how we can collectively put something together as a club. Support will be required for this, to make it such a special event. Watch this space.

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BALANCE AT 30-Nov-24

<u>Balance Standing</u>	<u>30-Nov-23</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	
TSB Bank Plc	33,453.97	Affli Fees	3,733.00
U/P Items @ year end	-	Annual Subs	440.00
Savings Account	10,660.73	Transport	640.00
PayPal	-	Employer Match Funding	200.00
RHM/Locke Park	-	Donations	1,468.00
Cash in Hand (Treasurer)	100.00	Clothing	2,205.40
Entry Central	500.00	Presentation Eve	4,464.20
Goalpot	1,113.10	Accommodation	4,566.79
Accruals/Prepayments	17,544.66	Coast Road Series	537.14
	<u>28,482.94</u>	X Country	1,202.00
		Track & Field	20,603.66
		Equipment	-
		Refreshments	876.44
		IT	670.00
<u>Income</u>		Courses	400.00
Annual Subs	6,254.95	Grants	857.68
Accommodation	-	Sundry/Misc	20,587.26
Weekly Subs	-	Redcar Festival Events	-
Transport	-	Castleton Show run	-
Employer Match Funding	8,689.47	Redcar Penguins	1,148.70
Donations	2,335.00	Road race	2,022.22
Clothing	263.94	Locke Park Runs	-
Presentation Eve	644.80	Loftus Poultry Run	494.84
Coast Road Series	8,754.24	Advertising	-
X Country	46.30		<u>67,317.62</u>
Track & Field	-		
Equipment use/sale	6,689.03	<u>Balance Standing</u>	<u>30-Nov-24</u>
Grants	15,529.00	TSB Bank Plc	45,735.73
Redcar Festival Events	25,039.45	U/P Items @ year end	-
Castleton Show run	-	Savings Account	11,040.48
Redcar Penguins	-	Accruals/Prepayments	19,198.80
Road race	-	RHM/Locke Park	-
Locke Park Runs	3,369.76	PayPal Account	370.50
Loftus Poultry Run	-	Entry Central	100.00
Interest	179.73	Cash in Hand (Treasurer)	1,113.10
Fund raising	-	GoalPot	-
	<u>77,995.67</u>		<u>39,160.99</u>
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As reported last year, phase 1 of the Coastal Path Illumination project was completed in January. It was £5000 from England Athletics that got us over the finish line, the only stipulation was that the club comply with England Athletics 7 Club Standards by April.

It was envisaged that phase 2 of the illumination project would be completed in the summer months, however, despite funding being secured from Dogger Bank and Sofia Windfarm companies, the major portion was confidently expected to come via the Landfill Communities Fund. Unfortunately, the distributing body that we applied to, ran into regulatory issues and they have not been able to consider our application (made in March) or any other applications. Initially this was thought to be a short-term issue, but by October it became clear that it wasn't going to be so. Fortunately, New Marske Harriers won the England Athletics (NE) Community Project of Year which prompted Sofia Windfarms to advise that we make an application for further funding. On 14th February we received notification that this had been successful, and it is now expected that the work will commence on 22nd April 2024.

In April, with the assistance of Redcar & Cleveland BC we hosted Northern Athletics' Spring Road Relays. Despite less than good weather these were well received by visiting clubs, by and large the course worked well (the main issue was spectators encroaching onto the course) – and NA have indicated that they would like to return to Redcar in 2025.

Entries for the club's road races were generally better than the previous year but have not returned to pre-covid levels – one thing that was consistent was that runners are entering much later than in previous years – probably because of the economic climate. RRF entries were up 12.5% compared to 2022. For 2024 Redcar Half Marathon has been selected as a qualifying event for the England Athletics Masters programme.

Club membership is steady, currently 251, (263 this time last year). New Members that joined during 2023: Junior 16, Minnow 8, 2nd Claim 3, Senior 22.

Regarding the Clubs Standards, this was really a matter of carrying out an audit, and in most cases we did comply.

- Club Standard 1: Does your club have a constitution that is fit for purpose, reflective of the legal structure and agreed by the committee?
- Club Standard 2: Does your club have elected committee members for the key roles? These include club chair, treasurer, secretary, membership secretary, welfare officer and DBS verifier. At least three of the people on the committee should be unrelated or not cohabiting.
- Club Standard 3: Does your club have a Grievance and Disciplinary policy?
- Club Standard 4: Does your club have a privacy notice in line with (General Data Protection Regulation)
- Club Standard 5: Does your club have an inclusion policy?
- Club Standard 6a) Has your club signed and agreed to implement the club safeguarding code of conduct?
- Club Standard 6b) Has your club allocated a Lead Welfare Officer that is appropriately trained?
- Club Standard 6c) Does your club have appropriately qualified and licensed coaches and leaders at the level relevant to your membership base and activities?
- Club Standard 7: Does your club have a health and safety policy and associated risk assessments?

However, it was felt that in some cases we should update and use some of the templates provided by England Athletics. A quite few people contributed to this process, led by Michelle Bell – thanks to all of them.

I ended the 2022 report by saying the next 5 years would be crucial. I would now revise that – the next 12-18 months will be crucial. Despite many appeals we still need volunteers especially in leadership type roles, to fill the gaps that will be left by the retirement of the Chairman, both in his club roles and his roles for the NEYDL

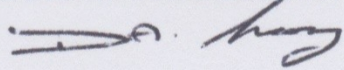
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PayPal	2,856.00	Employer Match Funding	7,400.00
RHM/Locke Park	-	Clothing	1,356.84
Cash in Hand (Treasurer)	100.00	Donations	-
Entry Central	1,500.00	Presentation Eve	518.65
Goalpot	1,113.10	Accommodation	3,714.00
Accruals/Prepayments	- 23,361.01	Coast Road Series	2,506.63
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	25,600.11	Track & Field	2,164.50
		Equipment	9,768.22
		Refreshments	-
		Courses	378.00
		Grants	8,400.00
<u>Income</u>		Sundry/Misc	2,068.94
Annual Subs	6,709.49	Redcar Festival Events	21,679.19
Weekly Subs	-	Castleton Show run	-
Transport	100.00	Redcar Penguins	-
Employer Match Funding	16,153.66	Road race	3,637.14
Donations	4,753.32	Locke Park Runs	1,855.81
Clothing	68.19	Loftus Poultry Run	- 0.00
Fund raising	65.72	Advertising	250.00
Presentation Eve	291.26		
Coast Road Series	6,575.90		
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Equipment use/sale	1,007.66		
Grants	14,157.80		<hr/>
Redcar Festival Events	20,298.74		69,983.47
Castleton Show run	-		
Redcar Penguins	-		
RRC Races	-		
Locke Park Runs	2,545.90	<u>Balance Standing</u>	<u>30-Nov-23</u>
Loftus Poultry Run	0.00	TSB Bank Plc	33,453.97
Interest	95.26	U/P items @ year end	-
Sundry/Misc	43.40	Savings Account	10,860.73
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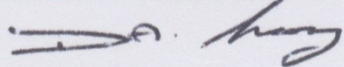
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When I started to prepare this reported, I reviewed last year's report, and by and large I could have copied and pasted most of it, and just changed a few dates and numbers.

On the face of it the club is in a strong position competitively and financially. However, we don't exist in a vacuum.

Our sport (like most grassroots sport) is still dealing with the effects of the pandemic, together with the current economic challenges.

The NEYDL, formed in 2013 was made up of 18 teams in 3 divisions of 6. Last season we lost one club, and for the upcoming season we lost another club. Therefore, for operational and financial reasons the league has restructured into a 1st Div of 6 teams and a single 2nd Div of 8 teams. The leagues lost income and increased costs (especially stadium hire) has been offset by the reduction of fixtures, and therefore there has been no need to hold any fixtures at MSV – 2023 hire charge is £127ph!

NMH compete in the NTFL (seniors) and will be hosting a meeting at MSV – host clubs receive up to £600 reimbursement. The timetable runs 10:30 to 17:00 – at £127ph is over £800.

A wider question, is what the implications for MSV are (specifically the track), losing at least 4 fixtures this and future seasons?

Membership: last year at this time we had about 260 members, and we expected a post covid dip in numbers. In part this did happen, but we benefitted with a few defectors from Middlesbrough/Mandale, as well as the normal new recruits. Current membership stands at 263.

For many years our regular income from road races has matched or bettered that of membership fees. Last year income was down – but this is partly explained by lower numbers, and partly as a carry-over from 2020 when we had entries from races that were cancelled. There were also many fixture clashes, a legacy of the pandemic – eg London Marathon held in October (rather than the usual April), clashed with Redcar Running Festival. For 2023 it appears that entries are not yet recovering to pre pandemic levels, however this is not a major concern yet, at least not from a financial point of view.

We have secured a lot of funding via grants etc, which has enabled further improvements at LJSV track including the purchase new hurdles, and storage for them and other equipment. In addition, we continued to support pole vault by purchasing 12 new poles of various specifications. However, lack of progress in junior coach recruitment and development is still a concern. Though following the retirement Jill Sexton and Rob Pollard we have managed to resurrect the senior Thursday running group – thanks to a few members of the group attaining an EA Run Leaders qualification and a major input by Julie Sparrow.

We continue to work with Redcar & Cleveland BC, not just with the annual Redcar Running Festival, but also other projects including the alterations to the paths in Locke Park which improved the parkrun course and our 5/10/20 mile course, also resurfacing the throwing circle at LJSV.

Most recently in the completed installation of pathfinder illumination of the of the coastal path from Zetland Roundabout to Green Lane along the "Pink Path". This was a bit a slog to secure the funding. This was a phase 1 pilot with phase 2 being the installation of the same technology along the pavement from Redcar to Marske. Following the positive reaction to the first phase, we are already well on the way to securing the funding to compete the project.

The next five years are going to crucial, the club and the sport generally needs to get more volunteers involved whether as coaches, technical officials, committee members. More people need to be proactive across the board, which doesn't necessarily mean joining a committee!

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PayPal	81.05	Employer Match Funding	12,300.05
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Cash in Hand (Treasurer)	100.00	Donations	1,100.00
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	22,695.45	Track & Field	1,053.50
		Equipment	17,358.27
		Retirements	151.85
<u>Income</u>		Stationary	144.89
Annual Subs	6,230.17	Courses	800.00
Weekly Subs	-	Grants	-
Transport	310.00	Sundry/Misc	854.38
Employer Match Funding	27,020.02	Redcar Festival Events	14,787.73
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Road races	5,005.67		
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Equipment use/sale	6,260.00		
Grants	8,000.00	<u>Balance Standing</u>	<u>30-Nov-22</u>
Redcar Festival Events	16,255.89	TSB Bank Plc	32,626.55
Castleton Show run	559.26	U/P Items @ year end	-
Redcar Penguins	1,701.24	Savings Account	10,785.47
Locke Park Runs	3,112.35	Accruah/Prepayments	23,961.61
Loftus Poultry Run	5,849.74	RHM/Locke Park	0.00
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Castleton Show run	589.28	U/P Items @ year end	-
Redcar Penguins	1,701.24	Savings Account	10,785.47
Locke Park Runs	3,112.35	Accruah/Prepayments	- 23,981.61
Loftus Poultry Run	5,849.74	RHM/Locke Park	0.00
Interest	81.85	PayPal Account	2,858.00
		Entry Central	1,500.00
		Cash in Hand (Treasurer)	100.00
	<hr/>	GoalPot	1,113.10
	82,094.05		<hr/>
			25,800.11
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	104,789.50		104,789.50

D A Long
Treasurer

I have audited the Income & Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet of New Marske Harriers.
In my opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs at the club.

S. P. Putnam (retired) Sobie
accountant)
31/01/2023.

NEW MARSKE HARRIERS ATHLETIC CLUB

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NEW MARSKE HARRIERS

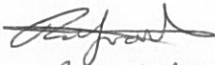
BALANCE AT 30-Nov-21

<u>Balance Standing</u> 30-Nov-20		<u>Expenditure</u>	
TSB Bank Plc	13,882.26	Affil & Race fees	3,000.00
U/P items @ year end	-	Transport	350.00
Savings Account	10,662.58	Employer Match Funding	12,000.00
PayPal	-	Clothing	843.60
RHM/Locke Park	0.00	Donations	1,100.00
Cash in Hand (Treasurer)	363.52	Presentation Eve	-
Entry Central	2,584.68	Accommodation	1,380.00
Goalpot	1,113.10	Road races	-
Accruals/Prepayments	- 6,928.79	X Country	1,005.30
	<hr/> 21,677.35	Track & Field	1,278.00
		Equipment	10,813.05
		Refreshments	93.90
		Stationary	16.09
		Courses	40.00
		Grants	-
		Sundry/Misc	914.05
		Redcar Festival Events	18,679.94
		Zetland Events	-
		Castleton Show run	503.30
		Redcar Penguins	1,151.35
		RRC Races	150.00
		Fox Rush 3Km Time Trials	80.00
		NYSD XC (incl Relays)	354.00
		Locke Park Runs	-
			<hr/> 53,752.58
		<u>Balance Standing</u> 30-Nov-21	
		TSB Bank Plc	12,056.13
		U/P items @ year end	-
		Savings Account	10,703.81
		RHM/Locke Park	0.00
		PayPal Account	61.05
		Entry Central	5,032.86
		Cash in Hand (Treasurer)	100.00
		Accruals/Prepayments	- 6,371.50
		GoalPot	1,113.10
			<hr/> 22,695.45
			<hr/> <hr/> 76,448.03
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<u>Income</u>			
Annual Subs	2,532.08		
Weekly Subs	100.00		
Transport	95.00		
Employer Match Funding	28,126.00		
Donations	1,365.00		
Clothing	226.67		
Fund raising	98.13		
Presentation Eve	-		
Road races	- 5,191.50		
X Country	-		
Track & Field	500.00		
Equipment use/sale	830.00		
Grants	-		
Redcar Festival Events	21,388.63		
Zetland Events	-		
Castleton Show run	528.50		
Redcar Penguins	2,057.96		
RRC Races	1,858.00		
Fox Rush 3Km Time Trials	226.48		
NYSD XC (incl Relays)	-		
Virtual Doorstep 19K	-		
Locke Park Runs	- 11.50		
Interest	41.23		
	<hr/> 54,770.68		
	<hr/> <hr/> 76,448.03		

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AUDITED



RON GRANT

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

14th FEB 2022

New Marske Harriers Report 2021

Nationally and locally, the track & field season for 2021 was delayed and was subjected to restrictions when it did finally get under way, with reduced numbers taking part. This continued into autumn and winter shown by reduced entries in competitions eg: Redcar Running Festival in October 50% of 2019, North Eastern Counties Cross Country Championship in December, 75% of 2019. North Yorkshire & South Durham Cross Country League the junior numbers were 50% of pre covid levels though senior numbers are showing signs of recovery.

New Marske Harriers participation is also reflected by the above – we have approximately 260 members, however as we rolled over our 2020 memberships to 2021 i.e. renewed with no charge, it is not known how many have effectively left the club. The real current membership may be nearer 150.

Aside from participation levels dropping through the effects of the pandemic, a much more serious loss to the club has been the reduction of our volunteer coaching staff. Some have taken the opportunity to retire due to their age, others due to the impact of covid on their work and/or family lives and others have found other activities to fill their leisure hours with. This is a double whammy as so much of coach education and development is through mentoring by more experienced coaches.

Coach recruitment has always been difficult, partly due to the structure of the sport which is complicated due to it being made up of several disciplines: track & field, road/trail running and cross county running being the most popular.

However, it is now even more difficult and more urgent. Unlike running disciplines where it is possible just to pull on a pair of shoes and run down the street, field events generally and throwing events in particular require direct supervision of a qualified coach for the safety of the participants and other people nearby.

The club is in the process of setting up a coach bursary scheme but this will only help with retention and development.

Coach recruitment from mainly parents and older athletes is increasingly challenging due to the size of the ongoing commitment required, when the workplace is also asking more of employees compared to previous generations.

Working with others.

New Marske Harriers has continued to collaborate with other agencies.

At Laurence Jackson School we have made substantial contributions that have seen improvements to high jump facilities in the form of a new storage unit and additional lighting, upgrade of track floodlighting, and improvement to the pole vault area (unfortunately we no longer have PV coach).

Having lost all of the usual road races (which are important both in terms of participation and revenue), in September we were able to successfully host the Northern 6/4 Stage Relays with the assistance of Redcar & Cleveland BC. This is the first time such a regional event has been held within the borough, with leading teams going on to take part in the National event.

Northern Athletics have indicated that they would like to return to Redcar in 2024.

The Redcar Running Festival, again in conjunction with RCBC was largely successful, despite lower numbers due to covid, provided useful revenue. The new course layout and finish into Zetland Park was well received, however there was some communication issues that resulted in outside contractors not deploying cones correctly (resulting in races being long) and road closures were not maintained as required.

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New Marske Harriers Report 2020

15 months ago, we looked back on a “normal” year of ups and downs, and looked forward with hope. And whilst at that time, covid was a subject for discussion we didn't think it would all but wipe out the year.

Like many other sporting clubs, New Marske Harriers has found the last 15 months very difficult. Events organised by the club like the regular annual Coast Road 5 Race Series had to be cancelled for 2020 and 2021, together with the Locke Park races and the 2020 Redcar Running Festival. In addition, there has been little or no Track & Field, Cross Country or Fell Running action.

The road race events are normally our biggest source of income. However, we have managed to benefit from donations via a local employer match funding scheme.

Last year's report stated:

“It is essential that the club formulates a strategy to recruit more volunteers and members. To be effective, this will need to involve as many current members/parents as possible – but it needs to be driven by a good leader.”

And though covid has made this difficult, some progress has been made, but it is still very much a work in progress.

So, the post covid era, which we are hopefully moving into, will be a period of renewal.

There has been a long association between New Marske Harriers and Redcar Rugby Union FC going back decades. And when they were in serious financial difficulties, they appealed for help, and we stepped up with a contribution. It has sparked a renewed sense of mutual cooperation - we have already England's first 2021 cross country event here, and we will look at repeating this annually perhaps in a different format. Other collaborations: we are obviously holding our AGM here, parking for the Northern Road Relays will be here on Sept 18th, and we have set up a new training group.

New Training Group:

We have a new training group meeting at Redcar Rugby Club on Tuesday evenings at 6pm. We are hoping to get the full range of abilities - plodder to podium, not just New Marske Harriers members but anyone who is fed up running with only themselves for company, or looking to start running from scratch! There will be an emphasis on the social aspects and hopefully recruitment will follow.

New Race

Having lost the Pie & Peas 5-mile race at Locke Park we have replaced it with Redcar Penguins 5 Mile - Sunday 25th July 1pm starting outside Zetland Park and finishing inside the park. The event takes place on roads closed to traffic, taking advantage of the road closures in place for the Redcar Sprint Triathlon held earlier in the day.

New Date

Due to other events on the local and national calendar being rearranged due to Covid, the Redcar Running Festival has had to move to the new date of 10th October. The start / finish area has had to be relocated due work that will be underway at Majuba Road car park. The new start will be on the Coast Road near Zetland Park with runners finishing inside the park itself..

New and improved facilities.

Despite delays caused by staff being furloughed, the club has worked to get new and improved facilities in the borough.

At Marshall Drive Playing Fields, a new toilet unit has been delivered and will soon be connected for the primary benefit of parkrun but it can be made available to other community groups. This has largely been funded by a grant from EDF via Tees Valley Community Foundation.

At Laurence Jackson Sports Village the club has spent £15,000 on upgrading the throwing facilities made possible thanks to a £10,000 grant from the Sirius Foundation. The discus / hammer cage has been refurbished and had floodlighting added to extend winter time use, and an additional shot put circle has been added.

Finances.

Our balance sheet looks very strong, but it will be the year end 2021 that will show the effects of covid. That said we can expect to remain financially secure.