

New Marske Harriers Report 2023

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

BALANCE AT 30-Nov-23

M Murray
Treasurer

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BALANCE AT 30-Nov-23

Balance Standing 30-Nov-22		Expenditure	
TSB Bank Plc	32,626.55	Affil Fees	3,053.00
U/P items @ year end	-	Annual Subs	126.00
Savings Account	10,765.47	Transport	855.00
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
	25,600.11	X Country	251.55
		Track & Field	2,164.50
		Equipment	9,768.22
		Refreshments	-
		Courses	378.00
		Grants	8,400.00
		Sundry/Misc	2,068.94
		Redcar Festival Events	21,679.19
		Castleton Show run	-
		Redcar Penguins	-
		Road race	3,637.14
		Locke Park Runs	1,855.81
		Loftus Poultry Run	- 0.00
		Advertising	250.00
			69,983.47
Income		Balance Standing 30-Nov-23	
Annual Subs	6,709.49	TSB Bank Plc	33,453.97
Weekly Subs	-	U/P items @ year end	-
Transport	100.00	Savings Account	10,860.73
Employer Match Funding	16,153.66	Accruals/Prepayments	- 17,544.86
Donations	4,753.32	RHM/Locke Park	-
Clothing	68.19	PayPal Account	0.00
Fund raising	65.72	Entry Central	500.00
Presentation Eve	291.26	Cash in Hand (Treasurer)	100.00
Coast Road Series	6,575.90	GoalPot	1,113.10
X Country	-		28,482.94
Track & Field	-		98,466.41
Equipment use/sale	1,007.66		
Grants	14,157.80		
Redcar Festival Events	20,298.74		
Castleton Show run	-		
Redcar Penguins	-		
RRC Races	-		
Locke Park Runs	2,545.90		
Loftus Poultry Run	0.00		
Interest	95.26		
Sundry/Misc	43.40		
	72,866.30		
	98,466.41		

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