

Annual Report 2022-23



Developing Community Athletics

Registered Charity Number: 1174636

In a world of the individual sport brings together people of race, cultures, ability, genders, sex, religion and faith for one purpose: improvement of the self. Confidence builds self-esteem, power builds strength, resilience builds determination, purpose builds ambition, solidarity builds compassion and belief builds trust. Faster, stronger, bigger, agile, supple, flexible. Through sport we make our own destiny.

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Executive Summary

The North of Tyne Athletics Network (NOTAN) is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) reflecting a partnership between local athletics clubs and Harriers, who work collaboratively with local partners organisations.

‘for the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of North Tyneside and its surrounding areas by the provision of facilities for athletics’.

(Object 3, of our Constitution)

Once more, due to COVID-19 we are unable to hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM) which was due to happen in April. Rather than postpone indefinitely, our trustees have agreed to cancel the AGM for this year and to share information with our members digitally via this report and invite any questions via our website www.info@notan.org

The trustees are pleased to present their Annual Report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the period April 2022 to March 2023 which are also prepared to meet the requirements of a Chair’s report and accounts for the Companies Act purposes.

Due to the level of inactivity the Trustees felt it unwise to commission an accountant to review our accounts as there has been no transactions in or out since 2021, as evidenced in this Report.

Chair's Report

This report reflects the continued impact COVID 19 has had on the unpublicised third sector of business: the voluntary sector. On 23rd March 2020, the Government announced national lock-down measures to stop the spread of a virus that at that time had no known cure.

Small charities such as NOTAN, who are solely dependent on volunteers to organise, operate and deliver events, remain in the process of recovering from 'long COVID'. Our once thriving activities programme ground to a halt in February 2020, and has thus far failed to get going.

Our once army of volunteers, some of whose children are now participating in junior international athletics meetings, have had their heads and hearts swayed to watch athletics in stadia away from North Tyneside rather than remain at the grassroots and be part of our succession delivery.

As I write this Annual Report the Trustees continue to struggle to rejuvenate the once buzzing activities programme that filled our calendar year. Monthly conversation of activity delivery is now turning toward dissolving the Network.

We, the Trustees, are aware that our sport brings joy to so many children, adults, and officials. And it is in this sad spirit that this Annual Report has been written.

Trustees

Normally at our AGM we would ask our members to approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting and the appointment of new trustees. I am saddened to report that NOTAN have hosted very few Trustee Meetings since last April. That said, I can confirm that the board remains unchanged from that reported in 2020 i.e.

Tommy Brannon - Chair
Christopher Mole
Daniel Njai-Rowney
Michelle Wordsworth

Volunteers

In 2022-2023, NOTAN were unable to honour our volunteers in the usual fashion i.e., nominations for awards at the annual England Athletics

Regional Volunteers Awards ceremony. It is uncertain whether we will ever do so again.

Portfolio of Activities

Spring Relays Postponed

Summer Grand Prix Postponed

Winter Handicap transferred to North Shields Polytechnic Club, who have continued to deliver the series in our absence.

Visually Impaired Runners Club Postponed

North Shields Commemorative Fun Run Postponed

Financial Report

Our AGM is also the time when we usually present our year end accounts to our members. They are as follows:

Overview 202223 (Period 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023)

Balance on 01/04/2021: £20,529.83

Balance on 31/03/2022: £20,529.83

Income: £0

Expenditure: £0

No income or expenditure occurred in the reporting period, as evidenced in Appendix 1, attached.

Appendix 1:



Detail of last operations (Mini statement)

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DATE	CODE	TRANSACTIONS	AMOUNT	BALANCE
21/05/2021	CHQ	ICS CHEQUE PAYMENT 000019	-100.00	20,529.83
03/05/2021	PAY	PAYMENT Service Charges Ref:702896316	0.00	20,629.83
22/03/2021	DEB	Weebly CD 3315	-129.00	20,629.83

Balance: 20,529.83

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