



Chairman of Trustees Annual Report 2025

Dear Member,

This is my fourth Annual Report as Chair of the Trustees since the WFRA became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in March 2022; and this report marks the end of my 12th year as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association.

As the outgoing Executive Chair I feel I can look back with some pride and say that the sport is not only more popular, it is somewhat safer, by way of Race organisers receiving better guidance and support. But at the same time decisions have been made which I believe have enabled the sport to remain rooted to its basic traditions.

We continue to have a stable Board of Trustees, supported by an Executive Committee who work hard throughout the year to meet the objective of the Association, namely the *'promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular by the provision of facilities for participating in fell racing and running'*. I am satisfied we are meeting that objective.

The Association has continued its drive towards promoting safety in the mountains whilst not stifling the adventurous nature of the sport, with a firm recognition that there is always an element of risk. Rules are in place for safe competition, and I'm pleased to say there have been no breaches of safety discipline reported that required any form of investigation in the last 12 months.

Two years ago the Association joined with the Fell Runners Association and the Northern Irish Mountain Running Association to agree a policy on gender which was aimed at protecting the female category in the sport. This agreement has been supported by the membership and remains in place with no adverse comment or challenge to date.

The sports remains one of the most affordable mass participation sports, with all of the races registered by the WFRA being arranged on a not-for profit basis, free from commercialism that we have seen in other running disciplines. This allows the sports to remain at a grass roots level and financially accessible by all parts of the community.

Finance

The Association is in good financial health, with comfortable reserves for a rainy day. There has been no increase membership fees for around ten years remaining at £10, and this has been a deliberate approach from the committee, maintaining the view that the sport should be low-cost to members with a no-frills approach.

Membership

When I started as Chair the association had around about 400 members, and last year we peaked at a record 883, so we must have been doing something right. We have also seen a marked and positive increase in female racers, along with an extension in the numbers of older veterans, with some in their 80s still competing which was unheard of when I started racing; long may this trend continue.

I shall be handing over the helm of the Executive Committee to a new person and I wish them all the very best in the role.

Craig Jones,

Chairman, Welsh Fell Runners Association.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name		No (if any)	
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Membership Subs.	7,070	-	-	7,070
Merchandise	129	-	-	129
Donations	344	-	-	344
Investment interest	313	-	-	313
sep 2023 membership	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,855	-	-	7,855
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Total receipts	7,855	- 0	- 0	7,855
A3 Payments				
Insurance	2,470	-	-	2,470
Calendar costs	1,035	-	-	1,035
Event costs	- 0	-	-	-
Awards/ Prizes	1,093	-	-	1,093
Merchandise	- 0	-	-	-
Bank charges	50	-	-	50
Administration Computer costs	47	-	-	47
Administration Stationery	790	-	-	790
Licences	71	-	-	71
Membership Admin	373	-	-	373
Promotion	-	-	-	-
WFRA representation	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,928	-	-	5,928
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Total payments	5,928	- 0	- 0	5,928
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,927	-	-	1,927
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,295	-	-	17,295
Cash funds this year end	19,222	-	-	19,222

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
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		to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC Current Account	95	-
	HSBC BMM Account	19,010	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	19,105	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	September Interest HSBC BMM Account	23	-
	Membership fees for Sept 25 Fabian4	100	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Membership Admin fee Sept 25 Fabian 4	5	-
			-
			-
			-
			-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	

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Last year
to the nearest £
7875
26
300
20
30
0
0
8251
- 0
- 0
8,251
2,303
848
34
3,693
269
60
541
564
70
620
378
173
9,552
- 0
9,552
- 1,300
-
£18,596
17,295
Endowment funds

to nearest £
-
-
-
-
OK
Endowment funds
to nearest £
-
-
-
-
-
-
Current value (optional)
-
-
-
-
-
Current value (optional)
-
-
-
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-
-
-
-
-
When due (optional)
Date of approval