

Armagh Athletic Club

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108617

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2022-06-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	12 Woodford Gardens Armagh BT602az BT602AZ
Phone	07432477385
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Website	www.armaghac.com

Activities

Purposes: The purpose of the club is the advancement of amateur sport, specifically athletics, for the benefit of its members in terms of physical and mental health. The club will secure this purpose by:-

- offering coaching and competitive opportunities in Athletics.
- promoting the club within the local community and Athletics including through its affiliation to Athletics Northern Ireland.
- exercising a duty of care to all members of the club including through safeguarding arrangements and the promotion of safety in sport.
- providing all its services in a way that is fair to everyone

What the charity does: The advancement of amateur sport

How the charity works: Sport/recreation

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Men, Older people, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£90,625	£91,136	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Angela Kerr		
Brian Vallely		
Celine Doran		
Evanna Fitzsimons		
Fearghal Delaney		
James Vallely		
Lorcan Vallely		
Mark Mckeown		
Martin Mckenna		
Mr Dermot Kerr		
Ms Cate Nicolay		
Oonagh Haughey		
Stefan Kennedy		

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Accounts

Charity No: NIC 108617

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**Trustee Report
and
Receipts and Payments Account
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

Armagh Athletic Club

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Armagh Athletic Club

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner:

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report:

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

WHR

30 May 2025

WHR Accountants Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
56 English Street
Armagh
BT61 7LG

Date 30th May 2025

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Statement of Receipts and Payments - Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023
Receipts						
<i>Voluntary Receipts:</i>						
Donations & Gift Aid	2	5,148	-	-	5,148	1,577
Fundraising		-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest		-	-	-	-	-
<i>From Charitable Activities:</i>						
Membership Fees		10,392	-	-	10,392	5,003
Activities & Grants	3	64,747	10,338	-	75,085	67,891
		-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts		80,287	10,338	-	90,625	74,471
Payments						
Cost of Fundraising		-	-	-	-	-
Cost of Charitable Activities	4	72,934	11,799	-	84,733	68,647
Grants and Donations	5	-	-	-	-	-
Governance Cost	6	6,403	-	-	6,403	2,638
		-	-	-	-	-
Total Payments		79,337	11,799	-	91,136	71,285
Net Receipts / Payments		950	(1,461)	-	(511)	3,186
Transfers net		(1,461)	1,461	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(511)	-	-	(511)	3,186
Funds brought forward 01 September		27,472	-	-	27,472	24,286
Deduct non cash/bank related Endowment Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Funds carried forward 31 August	7	26,961	-	-	26,961	27,472

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Year Ended 31 August 2024

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and cash at start of year	27,472	-	-	27,472	24,286
Net movement in funds	(511)	-	-	(511)	3,186
Bank & cash at end of year	26,961	-	-	26,961	27,472
Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposits Accounts	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Current Account	26,961	-	-	26,961	27,472
Cash on Hand	-	-	-	-	-
Total	26,961	-	-	26,961	27,472

Approved by the trustees on 19 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

James Vallely

Trustee

James Vallely

Date: 19 June 2025

Fearghal Delaney

Trustee

Fearghal Delaney

Date: 19 June 2025

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Notes to the Accounts - Year Ended 31 August 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As the total income of the Club is less than £250,000 the Club have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the Clubs discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific Club activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the Clubs general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the Club for use in the future.

RECEIPTS

2. DONATIONS & GIFT AID

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations & gifts	5,148	-	-	5,148	1,577
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>5,148</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,148</u>	<u>1,577</u>

3. ACTIVITIES & GRANTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Race entry fees	31,333	-	-	31,333	27,354
Sponsorship	31,914	-	-	31,914	24,361
Grants	1,500	10,338	-	11,838	16,176
	<u>64,747</u>	<u>10,338</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,085</u>	<u>67,891</u>

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PAYMENTS

4. COST OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
McElmeel Cup CC Races	2,871	-	-	2,871	1,219
Flagstaff Mountain Race	486	-	-	486	778
Armagh 10-Mile Road Race	8,478	-	-	8,478	5,629
Armagh 10-Mile Road Race (Preparations)	-	-	-	-	316
Relay Entry Fees	52	-	-	52	148
Armagh International Road Races	55,802	11,107	-	66,908	56,270
Shettleston Harriers' grant to Armagh AC Scally Relays p:	-	-	-	-	500
Sl. Gullion Mountain Race	420	-	-	420	436
Cost of Club Awards (Trophies)	64	-	-	64	350
Klubfunder Fees	240	-	-	240	240
Hire of Armagh Harps Hall for juvenile training	1,320	-	-	1,320	-
Coaching Course Fees	490	-	-	490	-
Travel Expenses	625	-	-	625	-
FSGT hosts in Paris	40	-	-	40	33
Annual Club Christmas Dinner	2,046	-	-	2,046	1,504
Defibrillator Purchase	-	-	-	-	1,225
Race Entry Payment Fee	-	692	-	692	-
	72,934	11,799	-	84,733	68,647

5. GRANTS & DONATIONS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

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6. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023
Athletics NI Reg. Fees and Club Affiliation Fee	5,666	-	-	5,666	1,920
Hire of Pipers Club for meetings	-	-	-	-	270
Cost of Club advert signs at Mary Peters Track	-	-	-	-	156
Computer and Stationery	371	-	-	371	-
Bank charges	366	-	-	366	292
	-	-	-	-	
	<u>6,403</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,403</u>	<u>2,638</u>

7. FUND BALANCES

	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payments £	Surplus/ (Deficit) £	Transfers net £	Balance at end £
Unrestricted Funds						
General	27,472	80,287	79,337	950	(1,461)	26,961
	<u>27,472</u>	<u>80,287</u>	<u>79,337</u>	<u>950</u>	<u>(1,461)</u>	<u>26,961</u>
Restricted Funds						
ABC Council Grant	-	10,338	11,799	(1,461)	1,461	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>10,338</u>	<u>11,799</u>	<u>(1,461)</u>	<u>1,461</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Funds	<u>27,472</u>	<u>90,625</u>	<u>91,136</u>	<u>(511)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,961</u>

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Statement of Receipts and Payments - 01 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022
Receipts						
<i>Voluntary Receipts:</i>						
Donations & Gift Aid	2	1,577	-	-	1,577	5,000
Fundraising		-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest		-	-	-	-	-
<i>From Charitable Activities:</i>						
Membership Fees		5,003	-	-	5,003	376
Activities & Grants	3	67,891	-	-	67,891	1,378
		-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts		74,472	-	-	74,472	6,754
Payments						
Cost of Fundraising		-	-	-	-	-
Cost of Charitable Activities	4	71,285	-	-	71,285	497
Grants and Donations	5	-	-	-	-	-
Governance Cost	6	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
Total Payments		71,285	-	-	71,285	497
Net Receipts / Payments		3,186	-	-	3,186	6,258
Transfers net		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		3,186	-	-	3,186	6,258
Funds brought forward 08 June		24,286	-	-	24,286	18,028
Deduct non cash/bank related Endowment Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Funds carried forward 31 August	7	27,472	-	-	27,472	24,286

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Period Ended 31 August 2023

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and cash at start of year	24,286	-	-	24,286	18,028
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Bank & cash at end of year	<u>27,472</u>	-	-	<u>27,472</u>	<u>24,286</u>
Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposits Accounts	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Current Account	27,472	-	-	27,472	24,286
Cash on Hand	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>27,472</u>	-	-	<u>27,472</u>	<u>24,286</u>

Approved by the trustees on 03/06/2024 and signed on its behalf by:

James F. Kelly
Trustee

Date: 03/06/2024

[Signature]
Trustee

Date: 03/06/2024

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Notes to the Accounts - Period Ended 31 August 2023

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RECEIPTS

2. DONATIONS & GIFT AID

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations & gifts	1,577	-	-	1,577	5,000
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,577</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,577</u>	<u>5,000</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Race entry fees	27,354	-	-	27,354	1,278
Sponsorship	24,361	-	-	24,361	100
Grants	16,176	-	-	16,176	-
	<u>67,891</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,891</u>	<u>1,378</u>

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PAYMENTS

4. COST OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Hire of Pipers Club for meetings	270	-	-	270	-
Bank charges	292	-	-	292	32
Klubfunder Fees	240	-	-	240	60
McElmeel Cup CC Races '22	1,219	-	-	1,219	345
Flagstaff Mountain Race '23	778	-	-	778	-
Armagh 10-Mile Road Race '22	5,629	-	-	5,629	-
Armagh 10-Mile Road Race '23 (preparations)	316	-	-	316	-
Juvenile Relay Championships entries	148	-	-	148	-
Armagh International Road Races 2023	56,270	-	-	56,270	60
Annual Club Christmas Dinner	1,504	-	-	1,504	-
Athletics NI Reg. Fees and Club Affiliation Fee	1,920	-	-	1,920	-
Payment of Shettleston Harriers' grant to Armagh AC Sc	500	-	-	500	-
Cost of presents to FSGT hosts in Paris	33	-	-	33	-
Sl. Gullion Mountain Race '23	436	-	-	436	-
Defibrillator Purchase	1,225	-	-	1,225	-
Cost of Club Awards (Trophies)	350	-	-	350	-
Cost of Club advert signs at Mary Peters Track	156	-	-	156	-
	<u>71,285</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,285</u>	<u>497</u>

5. GRANTS & DONATIONS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £
Donations	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

6. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £
	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Notes to the Accounts - Period Ended 31 August 2023

7. FUND BALANCES

	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payments £	Surplus/ (Deficit) £	Transfers nett £	Balance at end £
Unrestricted Funds						
General	24,286	74,472	71,285	3,186	-	27,472
	<u>24,286</u>	<u>74,472</u>	<u>71,285</u>	<u>3,186</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,472</u>
Restricted Funds						
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Funds	<u>24,286</u>	<u>74,472</u>	<u>71,285</u>	<u>3,186</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,472</u>

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Annual report

Armagh Athletic Club

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

1st Day of September 2022 to 31st Day of August 2023

Charity Name: Armagh Athletic Club

Other Names Charity is known by: Armagh AC

Charity's principal address: 17 Drumcoote Road, Armagh BT60 4PL

Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity

Trustee Name	Office
1. Brian Vallely	President & Publicity Officer
2. Fearghal Delaney	Chair
3. Mark McKeown	Secretary
4. James Vallely	Treasurer
5. Oonagh Haughey	Sponsorship Officer
6. Jacqueline Wright	Volunteer Officer
7. Shauna Duggan	Designated Officer
8. Evanna Fitzsimons	Junior Coordinator
9. Celine Doran	Junior Parent Rep.
10. Stefan Kennedy	Committee Member
11. Niamh Donnelly	Committee Member
12. Angela Kerr	Committee Member
13. Martin McKenna	Committee Member
14. Lorcan Vallely	Committee Member

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of Governing Document: Constitution adopted 11/07/2021

How the charity is constituted: Unincorporated association

Trustee selection methods: Trustees are appointed or reappointed at the AGM held in April.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing

document: The purpose of the club is the advancement of Amateur Sport, specifically athletics, for the benefit of its members in terms of physical and mental health.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

in relation to these objects: In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our committee meetings. Our main activities are as follows:

- Coaching and training of our members [over the year we had 80 senior members of whom 23 were female; and 55 Juvenile members of whom 25 were female] to improve their skills and performance levels in the various disciplines of athletics.
- Participation in events organised 1. by our own club; 2. by neighbouring clubs, usually in Ulster or North Leinster; 3. by Athletics N. Ireland (the governing body to which our club is affiliated and which organises and promotes NI & Ulster Championship events in Cross-country, Track & Field, and Road Running); 4. by The Northern Ireland Mountain Runners' Association (NIMRA); 5. by Athletics Ireland (who organise and promote All-Ireland Championship events in Cross-country, Track & Field, and Road Running); 6. by Shettleston Harriers, Glasgow, to whose annual Road Relays we usually send a team; 7. by the FSGT (French Federation who invite a mixed team of six to take part in the Vivicitta Race in Paris)

As the programme of each promoted event generally includes competitions suitable for all age-groups, the younger athletes competing will also witness the performance of the seniors, giving them a glimpse into what it is possible to achieve in athletics and demonstrating to them that athletics is not just for children, but is an activity that can be enjoyed throughout life.

Additional details of objectives and activities

We are indebted to our club coaches who are all volunteers, and freely give up their time to coach groups of athletes at one, two, or three sessions per week and frequently accompany them to athletic events taking place chiefly at the weekends. In the Juvenile section of the club we have 2 Athletics Coaches and 6 Assistant Coaches. In the Senior section we have 2 Athletics Coaches, 1 Coach in Running Fitness, 4 Leaders in Running Fitness, and 3 Assistant Coaches.

As declared in Section 9 of our governing document “Armagh AC is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of its members. Every individual in the club/organisation should, at all times, show respect and understanding for their rights, safety and welfare, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the organisation and the guidelines provided by our governing body and contained in the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children’s Sport.”

Achievements and Performance

In September (2022) we staged our annual **McElmeel Cup Cross-country races**, jointly sponsored by the club, White’s Oats, and McElmeel Mobility. This event which attracted hundreds of Juvenile and senior athletes from all over Ulster was a great success both as a fund-raiser for the club and in terms of the top-class competition for the runners and the enjoyment it provided for the spectators.

Results in the senior races at the McElmeel Cup count towards the Athletics NI **Cross-country League** in which Armagh AC

athletes take part. Our Women's team (16 Armagh AC runners in total, took part over the various rounds of the league) took 4th place from some fourteen teams. Our Men's team (also using 16 runners in total overall) took 3rd place out of twenty-five competing teams.

In the **Ulster Juvenile Cross-country Boys' Championships** we had an Under-16 and two Under-14s qualifying for the All-Irelands, along with an Under-20 qualifying from the Girls' section. Our 6-strong Under-16 Boys' team won silver in the Ulster C'ships and also qualified for the All-Irelands, while our lone qualifier in the Senior Girls' Ulster Schools C'ships finished 36th in the All-Ireland Schools. A girl and a boy from the club who took part in the Primary Schools Cross-country Finals both qualified for the Flahavan's Porridge Athletics NI Junior Cross-country squad. Finally, two of our Juvenile athletes, a male and a female were nominated at the Craigavon Borough Council Sports Awards, and our Chief Coach was nominated for Club Coach of the Year.

In October we promoted the Annual **Armagh 10-Mile Road Race and 4-Mile Fun-Run**, at their traditional Navan Centre venue, which, with its extensive car park and modern catering facilities is ideal . Both races were well supported, some competitors even coming from as far away as Dublin. Taking place, as it does, just three weeks before the Dublin City Marathon, the 10-Mile is regarded by many as an excellent 'sharpener' for that event, while the Fun Run attracts many juvenile runners, as well as joggers and keep-fit enthusiasts in general. From our club we had 20 male and 6 female competitors in the 10-Mile ; while 11 of our Juveniles participated in the 4-Mile Fun Run. Again, this event proved to be a good fund-raiser

Many of our club members, both male and female, took part in the **Dublin City Marathon** and we were delighted to learn that our male team had pulled off a shock victory in the All-Ireland

Masters' Marathon Championship, held in conjunction with that event.

Preparations began in October for the **2023 annual Armagh International Road Races** which take place in February. These once again were a huge success, attracting male and female athletes from a dozen countries including the USA. This event shows Armagh AC at its best, with the involvement of some 50 members (apart from the numerous members actually running) of all ages in administration, officiating, stewarding, advertising for the programme, programme-selling, etc., etc. As well as the Senior Elite races there is also a full programme of juvenile races for both boys and girls, in which practically all of our 55 Juvenile members took part, running either for the club, or in the colours of their schools - the choice was left up to them! It is a genuine cross-community event with the participation of all the primary and secondary schools in the area, as well as clubs from all over Ulster and north Leinster, and with sponsorship coming from local shops and businesses to augment the grants and sponsorship provided by the Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council, Brooks Sportsgear Company, Armagh Sports & Trophies, Linwoods Health Foods, Athletics NI, White's Oats, and Armagh City Hotel.

The Men's 5k race (which has been described as "the fastest in-depth 5k in the world") and the elite Women's 3k, attract, among many others, Olympians, World Championship contenders, as well as Commonwealth Games and European Championship participants. The event provides a great boost for the local economy at a lean time of year, and generates enormous publicity for the club and from this we gain many new members at all levels. We had 6 Armagh AC runners in the Women's 3k, 6 in the Men's 3k, and 3 in the Men's 5k.

In March we staged the **first of our Mountain Races**, this one taking place on **Sliabh Gullion**. We had a record entry of both male and female athletes, and we were very fortunate with the weather - blue skies and bright sunshine throughout! Both our

Male and Female teams were very successful, with the Men victorious in their section, and the Women taking the Runners-up prizes in theirs. This event too showed a healthy profit.

In the same month came the **Alan Scally Relays**, organised by Shettleston Harriers of Glasgow. We sent a team comprised of two men and two women which took first place in the Mixed Relay event.

The final mountain race of the year promoted by Armagh AC - **the Flagstaff to Carlingford Mountain Race** - took place in June. With approximately 11 miles of 'up hill and down dale', this is the longest and most demanding on the provincial mountain race calendar and requires six mountain-peak check-points to be manned for over four hours - we are fortunate in being able to call on members, past and present, to monitor these posts. Six members of the club ran here in competition against more than a dozen teams from other clubs. Again the funds raised from this race were a welcome addition to our coffers.

One of our Masters athletes secured the Cup as best V40 runner in the **Newcastle 'Hill and Dale' series of Mountain Races** in the Springtime.

Four Armagh AC male athletes were selected on the NI and Ulster team for the **International Masters Cross-country** event in Scotland, and we also had representatives at the World Masters Mountain Running Championships in Clonmel.

In **Track and Field**, club members were very much to the fore, with our Juvenile athletes in particular making steady progress in many events under the watchful eye of their coaches. At the **Ulster Championships** one of our female athletes took silver in the

Under-18 400 Metres and qualified for the **All-Irelands**, where she finished a very creditable 5th. Another of our young female athletes came 4th in the Under-14 1500 Metres and she too qualified for the All-Irelands where she finished 16th.

In the **Ulster Schools Championships** one of our Senior Girls finished second in the Steeplechase and in the **All-Ireland Schools** came 7th in the same event. Another Senior Girl was runner-up in the 400 Metres and 3rd in the 400 metres Hurdles. One of our Intermediate Boys placed 3rd in the 200M and went on to finish 7th in the All-Irelands, while another of our Intermediate boys finished 8th in the Mile. There was a good turnout of Juvenile athletes also in the Firmus 5 series of Meets at the Mary Peters Track, inspired by the enthusiasm of their coaches.

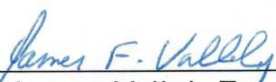
At the **Ulster Masters' Championships** we supplied the champion in the Women's V40 1500 Metres and double-champion in the Men's V40 1500M and 3000M. In the **All-Ireland Masters Championships** we had a silver medallist in the Men's V45 800M and for good measure the same athlete followed up with a bronze in the High Jump.


FINANCIAL REVIEW

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash in Bank at 31st August 2023 was £27,472.27 in unrestricted funds. The main financial risk to the charity is loss of funding from the local Borough Council and reduced sponsorship.

Details of any funds materially in deficit: Not applicable.


Mr James Vallely Treasurer
25/06/2024


Trustee (Club Secretary)
25/06/2024

Armagh Athletic Club

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108617

Annual return

Armagh Athletic Club

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Armagh Athletic Club

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31 August 2023.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner:

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report:

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



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25/06/2024

Date