

**CLUB SECRETARY
REPORT FOR AGM
FEBRUARY 26th, 2025**

England Athletics

- Club Standards – we meet 7 out of 7 standards. We have been complimented by our EA liaison officer, as many clubs do not achieve all 7 standards. This will enable us to apply for grants etc.
- From 1st April 2026, EA will implement changes to the age groups with the intention of supporting future development of young people involved in athletics. Matthew Dalton, Chair of England Council said: “The age group changes are just part of the broader approach to tackling the decline in youth participation, and the new taskforce we have established along with the other HCAFs will take a long-term evidence-led approach to reversing the decline in participation.”
- At the request of Don Powel, Fell Running has been added as an activity we offer. This qualifies for reduced rates for any races entered by Club members.

Governance

The Committee has agreed that all Club policies should be reviewed and endorsed at future AGMs. This will ensure that we maintain our compliance with the EA Standards. Items for amendment will be highlighted for members and sent with the agenda. These changes will then be discussed and voted upon if necessary.

Legal Issues

- We are addressing the issue of our Community Action Sports Club (CASC) membership. The CASC scheme enables local amateur sports clubs to register with HMRC and benefit from a range of tax reliefs. Membership also gives us access to the most up to date information available about our tax obligations and any reliefs available to us.
- We have stopped using Phillips Law as our registered company address and now use the address of Anna O'Neill, Minute Secretary. (Thanks Anna!)

Role Guides

All Committee Office Holder role guides have been updated by the post holders and will be added to the Committee Pages of the website.

Post Code

Now we have our Clubhouse, we also have our own letterbox! Royal Mail has been advised of our new address and have been sent a location plan of the new building. They have also been informed that there is a letterbox for the building.

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First Aid

The Purple Guide for event care has tightened the requirements at events and organisers now must provide two medics. This allows one to attend quickly and the second to support with kit etc.

Insurance Claims

Following flood damage to the carpet in the Club Cabin, we made a successful claim for new flooring, which will be laid in March.

Basingstoke Voluntary Action (BVA) Lottery

In the past year we have received £604.50 from this community lottery. A ticket only costs £1 and we receive 60p of every ticket bought by Club members. There is a prize of £25,000 each week, with extra prizes and add ons.

Refreshments

In April, Charlie Coveney volunteered to serve refreshments during training nights and other events. Having given this service a great kick start, Charlie has now stepped back and we now have a great supportive and efficient Refreshment Team. Between April and October, they made £1228.01 profit for the Club! So, remember each drink and chocolate bar you eat is raising money for the Club!

Club Kit

It has been agreed that rather than selling the items we stock at cost price, we would increase the price of Club Kit between £1-£3 per item, to raise money for the Club.

- Buying from stock saves members paying £5.45 p & p.
- The items stocked by the Club Secretary are - Hoodies, Crop tops, Bobble Hats and Beanie Hats
- Competition Vests are available to buy during coaching sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.
- Large range of other items available can be viewed/ordered – Club Kit section on Club Homepage
- I am looking at samples of kit with Masuri, which may lead to changing some of the items we sell.

ROTARY SPORT

This is a new initiative to address the issue of sport for young people. It is associated with the local Rotary Club. The Club Chairman and I have met with the Charter President, Tunde Adelakun, who attended our Clubhouse opening. We are very happy to support Tunde and his colleagues.

VOLUNTEERS AND INFORMATION EVENTS

- In order to increase the number of volunteers, various meetings are being organised. These will be advertised widely to all members.
- Other information events will include a briefing for parents and athletes on the track season – explanation of the different leagues, what to expect, how to prepare etc.

PRESIDENT'S THANK YOU

This is an annual 'Thank You' buffet meal for ALL Club volunteers. It's a great opportunity to meet and chat with other volunteers in a relaxed setting! This year the evening was hosted on 31st January, by Andy Cullen, Club President.

SPORTS COUNCIL

I continue to attend Sports Council committee meetings when I can and diligently report back to the Club Committee on all regular communications received from Kevin Laing, Chairman of the BVA Sports Council.