

Secretary's AGM Report 2022

It has been far more of a normal year since the last AGM with the return of the Cross Country season, a full track and field season and a return of most road races including our own Ivybridge 10K which although not back up to 2019 numbers was a real success.

We have continued with using the Rugby Club as our base and have been back inside for the past year. Numbers at training have been good in general and the Couch to 5K programmes have brought in new recruits. We have had a number of new members joining but unfortunately have lost some of our stalwarts for various reasons.

Our membership currently stands at 213. The breakdown is 120 seniors (of which 10 are volunteers) and 93 juniors of which 41 are under 11.

This is slightly down from the previous year but is as expected with COVID. We have had a turnover of members which is a good thing in many ways.

Tom has taken on the role of Chair very well following in the footsteps of Dan Francis who had to stand down for job reasons. Chris Prall has also done a great job as treasurer. We have returned to a more financial stable position after the losses of 2021

Last year we had three main targets which were mostly achieved.

- Return membership to pre-2020 levels. – We are above 2020 levels through the success of the Couch to 5K sessions and increasing numbers of juniors, although theoretically down on 2021.
- Return to financial stability through income from races – This has been done

It was good to be able to put on the 10K again which went very well. We also staged the relays again which also went well. We also put on the 3 Tops Fell Race which was Chris's first time as Race Director. All these events require a lot of help from our members who do a fantastic job. We are very fortunate indeed to have such a great bunch of experienced volunteers.

We have tried to develop a better relationship with the Rugby Club this year and we are resuming regular meetings with them. We hope that facilities for our members can improve and especially if the new developments go through. We may have to pay more to use the venue, but as long as there is an improvement in the facility then we would not be adverse to this. This will be discussed at the AGM.

I would like to thank all of the committee for all their hard work again in this transition year. Particular thanks for Sharon for all she has done in taking the club forward this year. I would also like to thank the coaches who have again done a great job. Can I also thank Monica for running the handicap and Dave Fox for producing more fantastic Harrier magazines. Ken has also done an excellent job with the kit. We continue to try and keep in contact via Facebook, Twitter, emails and the website as well as meeting up face to face on a more regular basis.

I hope you all enjoy the AGM and that you gain a lot of understanding of how the club works. It is an opportunity for you to put your views forward. The club will continue to go forward in a safe, sustainable way in line with the requirements of the governing bodies and our members.

Keith Reed November 2022