EVH AGM 2026 – Summary Minutes

Nov 4, 2026

Meeting details

The 2026 Annual General Meeting of Erme Valley Harriers was held at the Hunting Lodge on Tuesday 3rd November 2026, chaired by Tom Davies. 35 members attended and 12 sent apologies. All officers were re-elected, the committee was adopted en bloc with Trudi Rowe joining, and 2027 subscriptions were agreed. The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Attendance

Present (35): Peter Allen, Allister Bristow, Ben Bristow, Liz Bristow, Monica Bristow, Nick Bristow, Ross Busby, Andrew Chapell, Helen Chapell, Adabelle Davey, Tom Davies, Justin Frost, Jenny Hayes, Luke Hayes, Alasdair James, Emma Lake, Richard Lane, Becky Lee, Andrea Mitchell, Andrew Mitchell, Neil Moffatt, Barry Neal, Gillian Paull, Kevin Paull, Chris Prall, Dave Rayfield, Jayne Reed, Keith Reed, Chris Rickard, Trudi Rowe, Ken Summers, Ruth Terry, Sharon Terry, Phil Warren, Stuart Witty.

Apologies (12): Dave Engledew, Alison Engledew, Dave Fox, Carol Hansen, Ronnie Haynes, Lindsay Lane, Nick McMahon, Charlie Milward, Steve Watson, Shirley Watson, Lynne Whitfield, Val Wookey.

Formal business

Every motion was carried; the officer elections and subscriptions were unanimous.

Item	Decision	Proposed / nominated by	Seconded by
Minutes of 2025 AGM	Adopted as a true record	Jenny Hayes	Monica Bristow
Matters arising	None	–	–
Officers' and Newsletter reports	Accepted as a true record	Peter Allen	Richard Lane
Chair	Tom Davies elected	Phil Warren	Andrea Mitchell
Secretary	Keith Reed elected	Monica Bristow	Ken Summers
Treasurer	Lynne Whitfield elected	Andrew Mitchell	Emma Lake
Volunteer Coordinator	Sharon Terry elected	Ross Busby	Jenny Hayes
Welfare Officers	Sharon and Ruth Terry continue	–	–

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Committee	Adopted en bloc; Trudi Rowe joins	None – elected en bloc	–
Subscriptions 2027	£40 seniors, £25 juniors (U12s up from £12), £10 U10s – otherwise unchanged; carried unanimously	Richard Lane	Barry Neal

At Monica Bristow's request, Tom Davies also chaired the elections. Phil Warren stood down from the committee and was thanked for his service. The committee for 2027 is the four officers plus Dave Rayfield, Chris Rickard, Emma Lake, Barry Neal, Ruth Terry, Chris Prall, Charlie Milward and Trudi Rowe.

Officers' reports in brief

Chair (Tom Davies). Thanked the committee and volunteers. The club lost former chairman Paul Ross in June; two perpetual shields in his name will be presented to the winning women's and men's teams at the next EVH Relays. Highlights included strong cross country turnouts, the senior men retaining the Armada Christmas Relays title, and a course record at the Erme Valley Relays. Chris Prall steps down as Three Tops Race Director and Neil Moffatt takes over. Appeals: more run leaders, especially in winter; help organising the 10k and Relays; hi-viz on Tuesdays.

Treasurer (Lynne Whitfield, in absence). Income £26,665 and expenditure £23,902 gave a surplus of £2,763. Balances at 31st October: £14,259 current, £32,677 deposit, £20 cash, a total of £46,956 – about two years of outgoings. The 10k made £3,761, the Relays £513 and the Fell Race £146.71. About £1,400 was donated, mostly to local charities. An independent check of the accounts is planned for December 2026.

Secretary (Keith Reed). Membership is 236 (137 seniors including 8 volunteers, 99 juniors), against 238 last year. Junior numbers are thin at U10 (8) and U18 (5). Five new assistant coaches qualified. The juniors won the Devon Sportshall League on the final day, but junior track and field numbers were poor. Friday training is suspended until spring; a Thursday session at ICC is being considered. Records fell to Simon Fitze, Alison McEwing and Ben Holmes in the marathon. Priorities for 2027: coaches and volunteers, juniors in competition, recruitment at both ends, and supporting the Westward League.

Newsletter (Dave Fox, in absence). Twelve editions of the Harrier were issued, from 15 to 43 pages. Members are asked to keep sending race reports and photos.

Open forum and actions

- Ken Summers asked about the independent review of the accounts. It will be done in December; last year's was done by Ross Busby at the end of 2025.
- Issues with the Rugby Club were discussed.
- Becky Lee raised the Boxing Day run, scheduled for 29th December this year because of Parkrun clashes.
- Members said the Filham Relays had been good.
- Chris Prall suggested a Thursday AGM might attract more parents.

- The new Thursday sessions were discussed, as Fridays have stopped.

Actions

- ☐ Keith Reed – discuss the Boxing Day run date with the Armada clubs
- ☐ Treasurer – arrange the independent check of the accounts in December
- ☐ Committee – consider a Thursday date for the 2027 AGM