

**ANNUAL REPORT BY CLUB SECRETARY
JANUARY – DECEMBER 2025**

1. COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The Committee has struggled to find replacements for members who have resigned. I undertook to look at the structure of other club committees.

I looked at 12 clubs and my findings showed a wide variety of committee structures. They varied from what appeared to be an enormous number of posts (I could not work out how they actually worked!), to those that operate through a range of sub committees, with a small core committee. The work of each subcommittee is the responsibility of a member of the core committee

The Committee spent a lot of time discussing various models. The structure we agreed would suit BMHAC will be discussed at the AGM.

2. NEW TEAMS

There has been a number of new teams formed over the past 12 months, they are a great addition alongside our established groups. The Media & PR, Cleaning, Refreshment Teams are proving extremely successful.

- Over the year the Refreshment Team have taken **£4143.96**.

The Refreshment Team also offered to help with Club Kit. They hold the stock of vests, crop tops, bobble and beanie hats and act as the 'collection point' for other items of Club Kit sold, sent to them by me. Each item of Club Kit is sold to include approximately £2 or £3 profit – this is not specific as I round up/down to give an easy price.

- This year we have made approximately **£210**.

The team then offered to run a second-hand Club Kit service. They hold donations of kit that people can buy, they do not sell kit on behalf of members. All money raised is donated to Club funds.

- To date this has taken **£80**

3. BDBC – SPORTS PITCH BOOKING

We have an excellent working relationship with BDBC, however there have been a couple of hiccups. They had a major reorganisation that has altered the teams and personnel we liaise with. Firstly, they changed their booking system that, for example did not show any bookings for us from 1/1/2026!

Another more contentious issue is that we are constantly being accused of 'ruining' the rugby and/or football pitches. The Chair (Leigh Henderson), after the last complaint with random-could-be-anywhere-caused-by-anyone photos, is taking a very robust line on this

issue. The pertinent managers in departments concerned has apologised and we hope this phase is now finished.

4. MAIDENWELL PAVILLION FIRE

On the 1st September 2025 there was a fire in the 'tunnel' of the Maidenwell Pavillion. We initially were told that the equipment we lost would be covered by BDBC insurance. After some time, we were told that this advice was wrong. I then started the process of making a claim through our insurance brokers, which is still in progress.

5. CLUB CABIN LEASE AND STRUCTUAL SURVEY

The good news is that after 2 years and 8 months of asking about the renewal of the lease for the Club Cabin we have a draft one. The bad news is that the previous lease is 4 pages long, the new one is 37 pages long and entirely inappropriate for our situation. I am pursuing the need for such a heavy-handed approach. The new lease still maintains our agreement of a peppercorn rent.

The reason for this I suspect is due to the fire in the Maidenwell Pavillion. The Council appointed Newmark UK, Chartered Surveyors, to undertake an inspection of the Club Cabin for the purposes of assessing the rebuild cost for insurance purposes. To this end I met with the surveyor in September. She carried out an internal and external inspection of the Cabin, including taking measurements and photos.

6. INSURANCE

Our insurance broker has confirmed that our equipment is covered anywhere in the UK but must be under the overall care and control of at least one club member. This mostly affects our photo finish equipment. Hiring out any equipment we loan out must have a club member in attendance, to validate any claims we may make.

7. EA FACILITIES SURVEY

The aim of the survey is for EA to understand clubs' main facility need, so that they can discuss further and hopefully support to develop projects and seek funding if needed. E.g. improvements to clubhouse, brand-new facility that will help to develop an Active Track, a Mini Track, or even just a warm/dry space or place where club members can meet socially before/after a run. I completed this survey on behalf of the Club.

8. GOVERNANCE

I continue to maintain the Policies that can be found on our website. They will all be reviewed once I have finished dealing with the outcomes of the AGM. Any major re-writes will be discussed and drawn up by the Committee. The Photography and Recording Policy will have been thoroughly reviewed and taken to the Committee by early April.

We are viewed as having completed all 7 of the EA Standards, an achievement we should be

very proud of.

9. COUNTY DISABILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

- I received an email from Stuart Horsewood on behalf of Surrey County Disability Champs. They are seeking interest from clubs in the surrounding counties to create a combined Counties Championships, with a suggested date of 18th April
- In addition to seeing whether any disabled athletes in our club would wish to take part, the organisers seek help with officials for the event.
- While England Athletics have apparently indicated that they want to promote such an event, so may well help with the costs, there is possibility of interested clubs being asked to contribute to the overall costs
- They are asking if within our club there is interest, either to compete or officiate
- I contacted Neil Barton and Rafer Joseph as they both had worked with athletes with Disabilities sent their comments to Stuart

As I have heard nothing, I assume they are not going ahead in April.

10. 'BIB SWOPPING'

- I was contacted by Rachel Sennett, Chair of Hatch Warren Runners, regarding a club member, who is first claim for us and second claim to HWR
- The athlete had given her number for the GSR to another athlete, whilst she competed in the Hyrox event in Basingstoke
- HWR officials felt as her first claim club we should be made aware of the matter
- After an investigation the athlete has been suspended by HWR until the 31st December 2025.
- It was agreed that Leigh (Chair) would send a message indicating that we fully support the actions of the club management and do not condone breaking rules.

Terry – who is fully aware of the situation – thinks we probably need a policy and to be more explicit with the consequences of bib swopping.

11. BASINGSTOKE VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION – LOTTERY

Some members buy weekly lottery tickets - the Club receives 60p for every £1 spent on tickets. As well as helping the Club, prizes are awarded every month to individuals

- This year we have made **£421** for Club funds.
- Lovemore Munowenyu donated his winnings in October to the Club

BVA were very supportive when the fire destroyed some of our equipment. They sent the following message: "We wanted to reach out following news of the fire at the sports pavilion. We are very sorry to hear about the damage the fire has caused for your club, please let us know if there is any way we can help."

12. PHILLIPS LAW BASINGSTOKE

We received an email from Phillips Law congratulating us on our team's performance as we were placed 1st in the Running Club category at this year's 10k. We were awarded a trophy.

13. RESEARCH REQUESTS

I always try to help students with their research requests but they are increasing to the point where I cannot continue to do so. I had 3 in one week recently. I will continue to reply to each individual message explaining that I can't send another survey to athletes and give some help if I can.

14. PRESIDENTS THANK YOU

Our President hosted the annual 'President's Thank You' meal. All volunteers, in every and any capacity, are invited to the is annual event. It's a way of showing our appreciation of our 'unsung heroes'.....who rake the sandpits, retrieve javelins, provide tea and treats, mark out cross country courses, record results, clean the Clubhouse, send out messages and stories..... the list is extensive!

15. BASINGSTOKE VOLUNTARY SPORTS COUNCIL

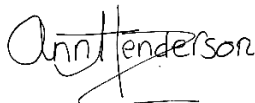
I maintain contact with BVSC, attending meetings when I can. They now have regular meetings with BDBC, which is a good development. Each of my monthly reports, available on the website, has full information on the various activities carried out by BVSC

16. FUTURE TASKS FOR ME IN 2026

Update all policies
Update all role guides

Ann Henderson
BMHAC Club Secretary

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Signed.....