



Helensburgh Amateur Athletic Club

Scottish Charity: SC048176

Trustees' Annual Report & Receipts & Payments Accounts

For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT and RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
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**HELENSBURGH AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB
SC048176**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
For the year ended 31 March 2025**

Helensburgh Amateur Athletic Club (HAAC) is a registered charity with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), charity number SC048176.

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025, along with the independent examiner's report.

Trustee Recruitment and Appointment

Charity Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The quorum for a members' meeting is 20% of the total members or ten members (whichever is the lesser), present in person. The Trustees who served during financial year 2024/2025 and were in office on the date the accounts were approved are as stated below:

Alan Oliver (President)
Claire Heasman (Secretary)
Ian Brown (Treasurer)
Darren Murphy (Junior Secretary)
Ian Williams (Safeguarding)
Other Trustees:
Nicky Bridges
Dianne McLauchlin
Jill Rooney
Debbie Savage
Matthew Scott
Gordon Turk

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by its constitution, a copy of which is posted on the Helensburgh Amateur Athletic Club website (www.helensburghaac.com).

The management committee are the charity's trustees, elected at the AGM by the members. The management of the Charity is vested in the management committee which meets monthly.

All committee members, coaches and run leaders are volunteers with no staff directly employed within the Charity. The Club has however engaged a Club Development Officer (CDO) who is employed by Scottish Athletics and works under the direction of the management committee.

Objectives and Activities

The Club operates as a non-profit distributing Charity whose principal objects are to advance public participation in sport through the promotion of athletics.

The key objective of the Club is to promote amateur athletics. The disciplines include track and field, road running, cross country and trail running. The Club provides a sound athletic coaching base for young athletes and seeks to encourage those living in Helensburgh and surrounding areas to take up the sport.

Other activities incidental or conducive to the furtherance of these objectives are also undertaken, such as the organisation of open running events and organising athletics events at the local Highland Games.

HAAC membership is open to Juniors from age 9 years with senior membership starting at 18 years.

The Club has adopted and complies with the Welfare Policy and Procedures for athletics in the UK (which incorporates child protection) issued by Scottish Athletics. All club coaches involved in junior training are registered through Scottish Athletics and hold PVG clearance for working with children.

The Club has an appointed Welfare Officer who is an ex officio member of the management committee and is responsible for the administration of the Club's Codes of Conduct and Child Protection Policy, both of which are available on the junior website (TeamApp) and on the Club's public website.

The Club is committed to equality of opportunity, irrespective of any personal issues such as gender, gender reassignment, marital status, disability, age, race, colour, nationality, or sexual orientation.

HAAC's Visions and Values

The Club works on the principal of inspiring participation, progress and performance with the agreed club vision being as follows:

Club vision – To develop and inspire the athlete in every member and provide support in fulfilment of their personal goals.

Club values

Inclusive – Welcoming and developing every level of athlete; from beginners to winners.

Friendship – Building friendships through shared involvement, enjoyment, and goals.

Community – The club is run by the members, for the members and seeks to be an active part of the Local Community.

Having fun – Enjoying athletics with like-minded and supportive friends.

Statement of Risk

The management committee has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, those related to the operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied those systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to major risks. A comprehensive insurance policy is also in place with Ansvar Insurance (Charity and Community Policy) which provides Public Liability, Buildings Insurance and Trustee Indemnity.

Achievements and Performance

The Club's membership numbers exceeded one hundred and thirty active members during the 2024/2025 financial year, with the split between Junior and Senior members being approximately equal. Membership has been at this level for several years and it remains the key objective of the Trustees to increase membership in both sections.

The Club recognises that competition plays an important role in the development of the Junior athletes. Notable athletic achievements are therefore recognised and posted on the Club websites. HAAC recorded its best performance for many years in the Central and South of Scotland Athletics League (CSSAL), coming in third place on Division 2. This was achieved across three track and field meetings where athletes from all junior and senior age groups competed in a range of disciplines. In addition to the above league, the junior section competed in the Youth Development League (YDL) as a composite team with Clydesdale Harriers and Inverclyde AC and finished a very credible 6th overall.

The Scottish Athletic Indoor League (SAIL) returned during the 2024/2025 Winter season following refurbishment of the Emirates Arena. Various Road Races and Cross-Country races were supported locally, including Dunbartonshire AAA XC Championships, West District and National XC Championships and the Allan Scally relays where HAAC fielded 5 relay teams for first time.

Support for the local Parkrun, held at Levensgrove Park, has also increased with more HAAC members taking part or volunteering at this weekly 5km event. This has increased the HAAC profile and several enquiries about the Club's activities have translated into new members joining.

Junior website – <https://helensburghaac.teamapp.com/>

Senior website – [Welcome - HELENSBURGH AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB \(HAAC\) \(helensburghaac.com\)](https://helensburghaac.com/)

Progress and Future Plans

The project to construct a new jump/throw facility at Hermitage Academy has been cancelled due to increasing costs and legal complexity. This is very disappointing for the Trustees and alternative arrangements, such as using the new facility at Postie's Park in Dumbarton, will now be evaluated as an alternative to providing these facilities for young athletes.

The Helensburgh 10Km road race, part of the Babcock race series, was again successful in 2024 with over 700 entries. This event is a major undertaking for the club and requires over 50 volunteers on the evening of the race. It does however generate valuable income for the Club. In addition to the 10Km, a new trail race was introduced in 2024. This event is organised by HAAC members and reflects the increasing popularity of trail running. Plans to stage this event again are well advanced.

In conjunction with Scottish Athletics, a Club Development Officer has been employed during the year to support the club's activities. This is a new role with the prime objective of raising the profile of the Club within the community and increasing membership numbers.

Links with a local mental health charity (Jean's Bothy) have recently been established following a donation by Club members (£200). Although at an early stage, it is hoped to set up a weekly running group to encourage Jean's Bothy clients to undertake a 'couch to 5Km' training programme under the guidance of a qualified coach with a view to completing a Parkrun later in the year.

Financial Review

Income for the year from all sources was £21,945, up from £20,459 in the previous year.

While membership income reduced slightly (£11,662 compared to £12,517 in 2023/2024), income from races organised by the club showed a significant increase. This was due to the higher number of entries at the Helensburgh 10Km and a contribution from the new trail race. Combined income from both events was £5,648 compared to £3,435 in the previous year.

Expenditure for the year was steady at £19,707, compared to £19,462 in the previous year.

There were no Professional Coaching costs in 2024/2025, and the Club Development Officer (CDO) joined late in the financial year which minimised expenditure. Coaching Expenses for the year (£2,652) are therefore training, education and licencing of Volunteer Coaches, plus travelling expenses to competitions with junior athletes.

The cost of hiring facilities at Hermitage Academy, all weather pitch and sports hall, eased slightly to £3,015 from £3,391 in the previous year.

Total clubhouse costs (including energy) were £3,573 in the year compared to £2,495 the previous year. This increase reflects an increase in discretionary maintenance costs in the year such as internal re-painting of all common areas within the clubhouse. This reflects the Trustees commitment to the facility as a focal point for junior and senior athletes.

As the Club does not receive funding from any other source, a surplus of £2,238 was recorded in the financial year compared to £998 in the previous 12 months.

The Trustee's aim is to keep a general reserve of at least £20,000. Currently the overall balance on the account is significantly higher than this due to the sale of a portion of Club land in 2017.

The Trustees are currently considering how best to use these funds to promote and develop athletics in Helensburgh and surrounding areas and recruitment of the Club Development Officer is considered a significant step towards this objective.

In the view of the management committee, sufficient unrestricted funds are available to allow the charity to operate for the foreseeable future.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by: -

Sign: Ian Brown
Ian Brown - Treasurer

Date: 19/08/25

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
For the year ended 31 March 2025

I report on the accounts of Helensburgh Amateur Athletic Club (SC048176) for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 8-9.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 as amended in 2010. The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is conducted in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented in those records. It also includes the consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

Have not been met, or

2. To which attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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13/8/2025

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
INCOME					
Membership Fees		£11,662	-	£11,662	£12,517
Donations/Fundraising		£217	-	£217	£262
Bank Interest Received		£2,814	-	£2,814	£2,577
Organised Senior Races		£5,648	-	£5,648	£3,435
Organised Junior Events		£198	-	£198	£98
Club Clothing		£429	-	£429	£837
Other Income		£977	-	£977	£733
		£21,945		£21,945	£20,459
EXPENDITURE					
Senior Expenditure		£2,875	-	£2,875	£2,321
Senior Membership Refund		-	-	-	-
Junior Membership Refund		£55	-	£55	£0
Junior Expenditure		£1,827	-	£1,827	£995
Hermitage Let Costs		£3,015	-	£3,015	£3,391
Coaching Expenses		£2,652	-	£2,652	£3,080
CDO Expenses		£279	-	£279	£2,523
Club Clothing for Sale		£0	-	£0	£155
Clubhouse Insurance		£1,742	-	£1,742	£1,493
Post & Stationery		-	-	-	-
Clubhouse Costs		£3,573	-	£3,573	£2,495
Affiliation Fees to SA		£846	-	£846	£916
Ground Rent		£280	-	£280	£280
New Athletic Equipment		£209	-	£209	£600
Miscellaneous Costs		£2	-	£2	£302
Donations/Fundraising		£555	-	£555	£330
Accountancy & Admin		£250	-	£250	£240
Website Costs		£96	-	£96	£96
Misc: Office Supplies, Race Number Prints, Pins, etc.		£179	-	£179	£125
Hospitality/ Snr Awards Night		£1,182	-	£1,182	£29
Bank Charges		£90	-	£90	£90
		£19,707	-	£19,707	£19,462
		£2,238		£2,238	£998

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total
Bank and cash in hand		0	-	0
Opening balances		£167,216.54	-	£167,216.54
Surplus/(deficit) for year		£2,238.37	-	£2,238.37
Closing balances		£169,454.89	-	£169,454.89

These accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by: -

Sign: Alan Oliver Date: 19/8/25 Sign: Ian Brown Date: 19/08/25
 Alan Oliver – President Ian Brown – Treasurer

Bank and cash in hand - Closing balances as of 31st March 2025 are stated below:

CURRENT ASSETS	Notes	31/03/2025	31/03/2024
Debtors			
Cash		£0.00	£0.00
Deposit Account Santander		£70,981.64	£70,246.12
Current account Santander		£276.62	£852.62
Deposit Account Royal Bank of Scotland		£98,196.63	£96,117.78
Total of current assets		<u>£169,454.89</u>	<u>£167,216.52</u>

1. Assets/Liabilities

There is no specific asset register held however the Ansvar insurance policy covers Clubhouse contents up to a total value of £10,000.