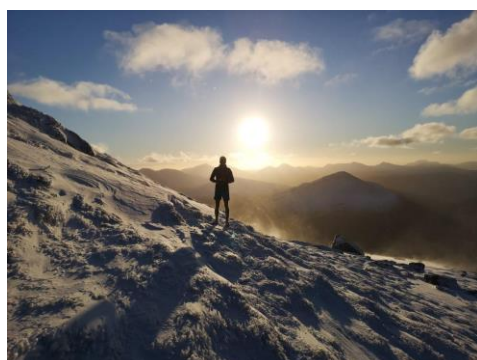


# Westerlands Cross Country Club SCIO (SC049593)

## Annual Report

1<sup>st</sup> Nov ~~2020~~ to 30<sup>th</sup> Sep ~~2021~~



## CONTACT INFORMATION

Name	Westerlands Cross Country Club
Scottish Charity Number	SC049593
Website	<a href="https://westerlandsgccc.co.uk/">https://westerlandsgccc.co.uk/</a>
Facebook	<a href="https://en-gb.facebook.com/westerlands/">https://en-gb.facebook.com/westerlands/</a>
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## CHARITY TRUSTEES

- Alistair Boyer, Chair
- Helen Macpherson, Treasurer
- Andrew Fullwood, Secretary
- Sharon Taylor
- Chris Furse

Alistair Boyer is stepping down from his role as Chair but will remain a Charity Trustee. We thank Alistair for his work and welcome Chris Furse to his new role as Chair.

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Westerlands Cross Country Club is managed according to its Constitution:  
<https://westerlandsgccc.co.uk/about-westerlandsgccc/constitution/>

### Trustee Recruitment and Appointment

There is a minimum of three and maximum of seven charity Trustees. The chair, secretary and treasurer will each be a trustee and additional Club members can be elected at each AGM. Trustees retire at the end of each year and the election of new Trustees takes place at the organisation's AGM. A Trustee cannot stand for re-election if they have served as trustee of the organisation for more than 9 contiguous years (without a break of at least one year).

Date of annual general meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

**The organisation's purposes are to promote the advancement of public participation in hill running, cross country and trail running; and to foster a social community of those who enjoy running and the natural environment in Scotland and beyond.**

Our activities include:

- Fostering a community of people interested in running and the outdoors in Scotland and beyond
- Organising regular training runs in and around Glasgow
- Supporting the Scottish Hill Racing community by running events and races for people to test their sporting activity
- Training people in fitness, skills required for running in the hills and trails, and navigation
- Arranging training weekends at mountain locations in Scotland and beyond
- Supporting competition, entering teams in national team races

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Westies continues to grow as an organisation supporting hill running and cross country in Glasgow and throughout Scotland. This year we have increased in membership from 182 in 2019-2020 to 225 and are proud of the diversity of our membership.

After a very disruptive year at last we could return to more regular club activities! Our Monday night training reps are back, Wednesday training runs are back, weekends trips to the hills are back, hill relay races are back and get-togethers are back.

The year started with COVID-compliant activities including a carefully devised Winter league of hill activities that kept members occupied through the colder part of the year and an extension to this in the form of The Bucket List that saw a range of remarkable activity in the hills around Glasgow and further afield.

Then as the year went along, we progressed from individual events and challenges; to organising inter-club races between local running clubs; to a full range of races and events.

The club had an excellent turn-out for the Scottish Hill Running Championship series of races. 43 of our members completed at least one out of the Eildon 3, Dollar, Cioch Mhor, Glenshee 9 and Two Breweries races. In general, there was strong representation across the wide range of hill and cross-country events. Cross Country events with a large Westies turn out included the National Championships at Falkirk in February, the West District championships at Balloch County Park in November 2021 and the Cyclists V Harriers event at Irvine in December 2021. The club arranged teams and transport to two National Relay races: The Hodgeson Brothers Mountain Relay and the British Athletics Fell and Hill Relay Championships.

As well as participating and arranging general training, the club organised a number of events including the Two Breweries which was a National Championship race.

Club members completed an incredible array of challenges, including: Tranter Rounds, a Ramsay Round, a Bob Graham Round, the Celtman race, Kintyre Way Ultra, a Frog Graham Round, solo Cape Wrath Trail, Mullardoch Rounds, Torridon Rounds and Assynt Rounds. The club also devised a new challenge called the “Campsies Round”. Starting at the Clachan of Campsie, a runner must visit these hills in any order: Cort Ma Law, Dumbreck, Dumfoyn, Dumgoyne, Earl's Seat, Holehead, Lecket, Meikle Bin, Slackdhu and Tomtain. This already inspired many strong efforts and we hope will become a lasting challenge for years to come.

We work hard to make the club runs as inclusive as possible and were able to arrange transport to the races for people, helping to minimise the impact of travel on the environment and increase access to the great Scottish outdoors.

We thank all the Trustees, Committee Members, Race Organisers, Event organisers, Marshals and Participants for the tremendous work that builds such an amazing community in sport. Overall Westerlands continues to thrive supported the imagination and athletic achievement of its incredible membership.

Alistair Boyer, Chair; Jenn Ruddick & Alasdair MacInnes, Captains

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The club has settled into its new status of a SCIO. The first Statement of Accounts was returned to OSCR, the Scottish Charity Regulator, at the end of June 2021 as part of the club's Trustees Annual Report. My thanks go to Dr Helen Purchase for advice and assistance in preparing the accounts and for being the Independent Examiner of the club accounts.

In the club year 2020-21, our activities have again been affected by the Covid-19 virus pandemic and as a result there wasn't great activity with the finances. Westerlands income comes from membership fees and race income. This last year it has been almost solely from memberships. These remain healthy and in fact have grown again this year; there are 205 full members and 17 social, up from 166 and 13 in 2019-20; 11 members left. There are 3 life members. Already, 5 new members have registered in October 2021. There were only two club-organised races, both in September 2021; the new Luss Lollipop and the Two Breweries. The Luss Lollipop made a healthy profit; the Two Breweries finances have not been finalised as it takes place so close to the end of the financial year but I understand it should have a small profit.

While the start of the year had none of the normal events, races started up again early summer. There was strong activity from club members. Relay race entries were paid for and the provision of transport to some events further of Glasgow was supported. As agreed at the AGM 2020, donations were made to the local Mountain Rescue teams and other hill-running related organisations. Other expenditure is on social events and housekeeping to keep the club active and organised. The club is still holding some money paid by members in the last two years for social events which have yet to happen; e.g. Loch Ossian weekends; the Extravaganza. A new kit supplier was finally found by mid-2021 and supplies of kit are now available. While there was no expenditure on kit in 2020-21, there will be a substantial outgoing for 2021-22. Given the number of new members eligible for a free vest, a good quantity of this kit will be club expenditure.

The Statement of Balances indicates that the club has a substantial surplus for 2020-21 - £4107. This is much more than should be carried for a non-profit making organisation. Subscriptions were not reduced for 2020-21 as the impact of the pandemic on activities was not understood at the time of setting. It is now appropriate that they are as the effect on the club finances can be seen. For 2021-22, there will be a substantial spend on kit. With this spend, and the halving the membership fees, the surplus should be substantially reduced.

For financial year 2021-22, I propose that the full membership fee is reduced to £10 per annum and the social membership to £3. This should be effective for one year only on the assumption that normal life will resume for 2022-23.

Helen Macpherson, Treasurer

### **Statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The organisation does not have a stated policy on reserves. As an organisation with no significant overheads or responsibilities, it does not hold large reserves. It always aims to break even each year and maintain a sufficient amount of cash in its bank account to cater for any unseen issues.

### **Details of any deficit**

The organisation has no deficit.

### **Donated facilities and services**

The organisation benefits from the donation of members' time as volunteers for various of its own organised events and for external, related organisations' events. General day-to-day maintenance and administration of the website and social media is done by members of the organisation. The website and social media are very important to the organisation for promotion of its activities and its general marketing.

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2020-21**

Prepared by Helen Macpherson, Treasurer.  
Independent Examiner: Dr. Helen Purchase.

**Summary of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 30 September 2021**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Year Ended 30/09/2021</b>	<b>Year Ended 30/09/2020</b>	
	£s	£s	
Subscriptions	4,220	3,390	<i>note 1</i>
Race Organisation	5,674	-	<i>note 2</i>
Kit	165	332	<i>note 3</i>
Social	475	3,683	<i>note 4</i>
Other	-	9	<i>note 5</i>
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<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>10,534</b>	<b>7,414</b>	
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<b>Payments</b>			
Race Entries	1,181	1,076	<i>note 6</i>
Race Organisation	2,170	2,673	<i>note 7</i>
Kit	-	33	<i>note 8</i>
Social	1,270	2,330	<i>note 9</i>
Other	1,805	1,231	<i>note 10</i>
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<b>Total payments</b>	<b>6,426</b>	<b>7,343</b>	
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<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>4,108</b>	<b>71</b>	
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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Notes to the accounts, for the year ending 30th September 2021

	Year Ending 30/09/2021	Year Ending 30/09/2020
	£s	£s
<b>Subscriptions</b>	<b>4,220</b>	<b>3,390</b>
Full (205 @ £20)	4,100	3,300
Partial (1 @£18)	18	12
Social (17 @ £6)	102	78
<b>Race Organisation (receipts)</b>	<b>5,674</b>	<b>-</b>
Arrochar	-	-
Ben Lomond	-	-
Cort Ma Law	-	-
Kilpatricks	-	-
Two Breweries	4,879	-
Whangie	-	-
Luss Lollipop 2021	795	-
<b>Kit (receipts)</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>332</b>
Cycling	-	43
Beanie	-	12
Other (Vests, Ts, Buffs)	165	277
<b>Social (receipts)</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>3,683</b>
Extravaganza	-	450
Loch Ossian 2019	-	406
Loch Ossian 2020	-	822
Loch Ossian 2021	263	-
Xmas	-	960
Lakes	-	330
DBs Bus	-	24
FRA accom	-	691
HBMR accom	213	-
<b>Other (receipts)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>
Interest	-	7
Refund SAL	-	-
Donation	-	2

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	Year Ending 30/09/2021	Year Ending 30/09/2020
	£s	£s
<b>Race Entries (payments)</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>1,076</b>
Devil's burdens	-	546
Charity donation (SAMH)	-	100
Comrie Relays	40	-
FRA relays	840	-
Hodgson's Relays	240	-
National XC Relays	-	48
National XC	-	173
Short Course XC	-	24
West District XC	-	113
West District XC Relays	61	-
Masters XC	-	72
<b>Race Organisation (payments)</b>	<b>2,170</b>	<b>2,673</b>
Ben Lomond	-	-
Arrochar Alps	-	-
Two Breweries 2021	1,620	2,662
Two Breweries refund 2021	24	-
ITDH prizes	-	11
Luss Lollipop 2021	526	-
<b>Kit (payments)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33</b>
Refund hoodie	-	21
Refund beanie P&P	-	12
Beanies	-	-
Purple Rock	-	-
Cycle Jersey	-	-
<b>Social (payments)</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>2,330</b>
Extravaganza	-	227
Loch Ossian 2019	-	86
Loch Ossian 2020	-	865
Loch Ossian 2021	750	-
Xmas party	36	773
Lakes	-	252
Xmas score event catering	-	50
FRA food	-	28
Gillside Bunkhouse deposit (HBMR)	50	-
Xmas Reps Tasties	-	49
Virtual Bucket List Prizes	60	-
Lairig Ghru Bus	148	-
Glenshee 9 Bus	226	-

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	Year Ending 30/09/2021	Year Ending 30/09/2020
	£s	£s
<b>Other (payments)</b>	<b>1,805</b>	<b>1,231</b>
AGM room hire	50	30
AGM Catering	-	24
Gifts	125	63
Trophy engraving	24	26
SH Racing donation	200	200
SHR Donation	100	-
MRT Donations (Arr,Lom,Moff)	250	-
Web Hosting	90	90
Scot. Athletics Membership	853	796
Subs Refund	80	-
Interest adjustment	-	2
Curry supplies	30	-
P&P	3	-
<b>Clothing stock</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>896</b>
Bufs @£8 (8)	64	264
Tops @ (31)	314	518
Jackets @ £38 (3)	114	114

DECLARATION

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

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Name	Alistair Boyer
Designation	Chair and Trustee
Date	25 JUNE 2022