



ELGIN AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

Trustees' Annual Report

1st February 2025 - 31st January 2026

EAAC Showcasing Our Impact

From their first steps... to achieving their dreams

Building athletes. Building people. Building community.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE 100+ ATHLETES AGED 9+ 100s OF PERSONAL BESTS, CLUB RECORDS & MEDALS ATHLETES REPRESENTING SCOTLAND 40+ DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS 5 CLUBS UNITED ACROSS MORAY	CONFIDENCE Helping young people believe in themselves and achieve their potential.	OPPORTUNITIES Providing pathways to compete, progress and achieve at every level.	COMMUNITY Creating friendships, a sense of belonging and lifelong memories.	DEVELOPMENT Supporting athletes, coaches and officials to learn, grow and give back.
OUR IMPACT IN ACTION - Heart icon: Promoting healthy, active lifestyles - People icon: Supporting mental wellbeing - Target icon: Building resilience, discipline and teamwork - Star icon: Inspiring the next generation	VOLUNTEERS The heart of our club – giving time, skills and passion every day.	YOUNG PEOPLE Learning life skills, building confidence and aiming high both on and off the track.	GIVING BACK Athletes becoming coaches, officials and leaders – inspiring others.	STRONGER TOGETHER, STRONGER FOR MORAY Our current facilities limit what we can offer. A new athletics hub will help us: ✓ Increase participation for all ages and abilities ✓ Provide safer, all-weather training ✓ Support more schools and clubs ✓ Improve accessibility and inclusivity ✓ Inspire more people, across Moray

OUR IMPACT ISN'T JUST MEASURED IN MEDALS.

It's measured in lives changed.

Stronger together

Active for life

Proud of our club

Ready for the future

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Charity Trustees

1	Chair	Dawn Cruickshank	Active June 2025
2	Vice Chair/Interim Chair	Dawn Cruickshank	Resigned May 2025 Vacant
3	Secretary	Leigh- Anne Young	Active May 2025
4	Treasurer	Violet Beattie	Active
5	Welfare Officer	Kerry Rigg	Active
6	Policy and Procedure Officer	Lorne Urquhart	Active April 2025
7	Head Coach	Scott Hamilton	Active Feb 2025
8	Interim Membership Officer	Violet Beattie Linda Gordon	Active Active
9	Cross County	Linda Gordon	Active
	No longer Trustees	Hazel Lumsden	Since March 2025
		Angela Norrie	Since April 2025

Objectives and activities

The charity was established to advance public participation in athletics, promote education through sport, and provide recreational opportunities that improve health, wellbeing, and quality of life within the community. Our purpose is to create an inclusive and supportive environment where individuals of all abilities can participate in athletics, develop their skills, and enjoy the physical, social, and mental benefits of regular activity.

The club delivers structured athletics opportunities in Track & Field and Cross-Country disciplines through at least two weekly coaching sessions held at Morriston Track. We provide accessible and affordable opportunities for young people aged 9 years and above, encouraging participation at all levels, from beginners seeking recreational activity to athletes pursuing competitive development.

Through accredited coaching, organised training, and participation in local and national competitions, the club supports the ongoing education and development of athletes, coaches, and officials. We are committed to encouraging lifelong involvement in sport by fostering confidence, teamwork, discipline, and personal achievement within a safe and welcoming environment.

Participation in competitions and events remains a key part of the club's activities, enabling members to develop their abilities, represent the local community, and build a strong sense of belonging and achievement throughout the year.

The charity also plays an important role in creating a strong sense of community for all involved, including the athletes, coaches, board members and their wider families. Opportunities for volunteering are wide ranging, including ad hoc volunteering, for example, serving refreshments at events or assisting with fundraising. This allows greater social connection and enhanced wellbeing through active participation and a sense of 'giving back'

Structure, governance and management

Elgin Amateur Athletic Club (EAAC), established in 1970, is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) registered in Scotland. The charity operates with a single-tier structure, meaning that the trustees also serve as the members of the organisation.

The charity is governed by a constitution, which sets out the charity's purpose, powers, membership arrangements, and the rules governing the management and operation of the club. The trustees are responsible for ensuring that the charity operates in accordance with the Constitution and relevant charity legislation.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Constitution and are generally elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. Throughout the year, the club seeks to recruit trustees and volunteers who can contribute a range of skills, experience, and knowledge to support the effective running and development of the charity.

The club is committed to maintaining a diverse and balanced board that reflects the needs of the organisation and the community it serves. New trustees are provided with information about their roles and responsibilities to support them in carrying out their duties effectively.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

At each Annual General Meeting (AGM), charity trustees appointed during the year since the last AGM automatically retire. In addition, one third of the remaining trustees must retire. Charity Trustees are required to stand down, in compliance with the aforesaid constitution, but may stand for re-election unless they have given notice of resignation prior to the meeting, or the board do not agree to their reappointment. Trustees are elected by the members of the charity at the AGM.

In addition, the Board has the authority to appoint trustees during the year to fill any vacancies arising where a trustee ceases to hold office. In accordance with the Constitution, the Board must consist of a minimum of four and a maximum of twelve trustees at any given time.

Achievements and performance

EAAC continues to be a club where youngsters progress from local after school clubs into grassroot athletics and become valued members. Watching them grow in confidence, strength and ability, with some reaching senior level representing Scotland. It has been an outstanding year which has seen our athletes competing across Scotland and beyond, achieving personal bests, club records and medals at national levels.

European Athletics Promotion (EAP)

Indoor International (Glasgow)

- One of the youngest athletes to compete against Olympic, European and World level athletes was our very own athlete. What an experience, she did the club proud

National and Regional Success

Scottish Athletics 4J Studios National Indoor

- 8 athletes attended over all the age groups, they achieved 9 PBs, bringing home 2 Silver, and 4 Bronze medals while breaking 3 EAAC club records.

England Athletic Championships

- One athlete represented the club. Huge PB resulting in being 1st ranked in Scotland for the event

Scottish National Athletics League

- 3 athletes achieving new PB's and experience

Scottish Indoor Universities and Schools Championships

- Five athletes represented their school or University, resulting in 6 medals and 4 PBs.

Age Group Championships

- 19 athletes competed in a highly competitive field, securing numerous PBs, 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze medals.

Northern Ireland Age Group championships

- One athlete competed in the U20 400m and came away with a gold medal and Northern Ireland champion.

Indoor Relay Championships

- Two teams made the long journey down to Glasgow, U13G and Seniors both setting Club Records and obtaining experience

National Relay Champs

- 2 teams travelled to Dundee, great runs by all and plenty of experience

Scottish Athletic Outdoor Pentathlon Championships

- An U13 athlete headed to Ayr (230-mile) to compete, finished 5th in a strong field of 21 athletes, smashed 4 PB's and gained invaluable experience.

Club Events and Milestones

Indoor Open Graded, Glasgow and Aberdeen

- Numerous athletes attended, some competing for the first time.
- Despite nerves, the team achieved multiple PBs and gained invaluable experience, showing exceptional team spirit

Superteams

- Five of our youngest athletes within U12 age group took part, some for the first time reaching the final. A sprint, throw, jump and a relay giving them a taste of competition.

Youth Development League (Dundee, Inverness, Aberdeen)

- EAAC had a good representation across the various age groups
- 9 U13's and U15's competed in the first and second rounds
- A total of 24 PB's and a club record were achieved

North District Championship

- 12 athletes were in attendance from the range of age groups
- 12 medals achieved and numerous PB's were obtained

RAM league

- 27 athletes, PB's, strong performances resulting in club records
- The final saw representation across six age categories

North Area Trophy– Inverness (Track only due to shortage of Officials)

- Many EAAC athletes attended with some of the younger athletes getting a taster of their first competitive environment

EAAC Club Championships – unfortunately did not go ahead due to the weather but Awards were handed out for the season followed by a fun night and party.

Many EAAC athletes excel for their individual schools in Track and Field championships including cross- country, long jump, quadrathlon's taking home medals and securing PB's.

While other club members take part in forest runs, park runs, cross- country and Highland Games.

An invite to Stornoway to help celebrate their 40 years turned out to be a terrific weekend for the 28 athletes and coaches/helpers. Buses, ferries, accommodation were all booked resulting in great competition and socially rewarding for the travelling athletes.

Volunteers

Behind every achievement is the dedication of our athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers, from Trustee Board Members to parent helpers. Together, they continue to make EAAC a strong, supportive and ambitious community where athletes can develop, achieve and enjoy their athletics journey.

Vandalism continues to be a negative with intentional fires and misuse of the track by electric bikes. Storm Floris saw trees uprooted and deposited onto our track but due to all our committed volunteers and parents training was only temporarily hindered and recommenced very quickly.

Our dedicated coaches put in a huge amount of time and effort and commitment, while the athletes receive the recognition for their performances. Built on mutual respect, coach/athlete relationships help athletes develop the confidence, physical conditioning and self-belief to achieve their goals. Every PB and medal is also a reflection of the dedication and hard work of our coaching team.

The Club continues to be grateful to all coaches who volunteer their time to not only deliver training to the athletes, but also for attending competitions to encourage, support and be present for the athletes.

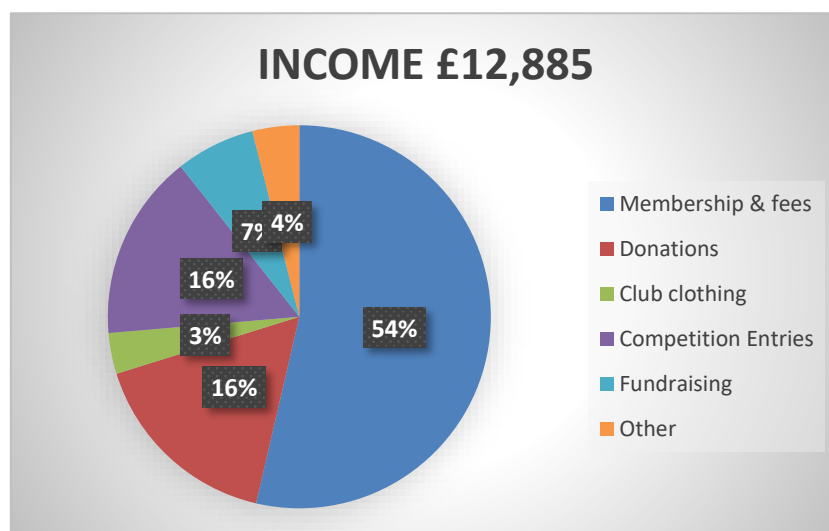
Athletics in Scotland is facing a shortage of officials, and without them there simply would be no competitions for our athletes. To help secure the future of the sport we have our own dedicated members who make the competitions possible.

Financial review

Income

Our main sources of income during the financial year were:

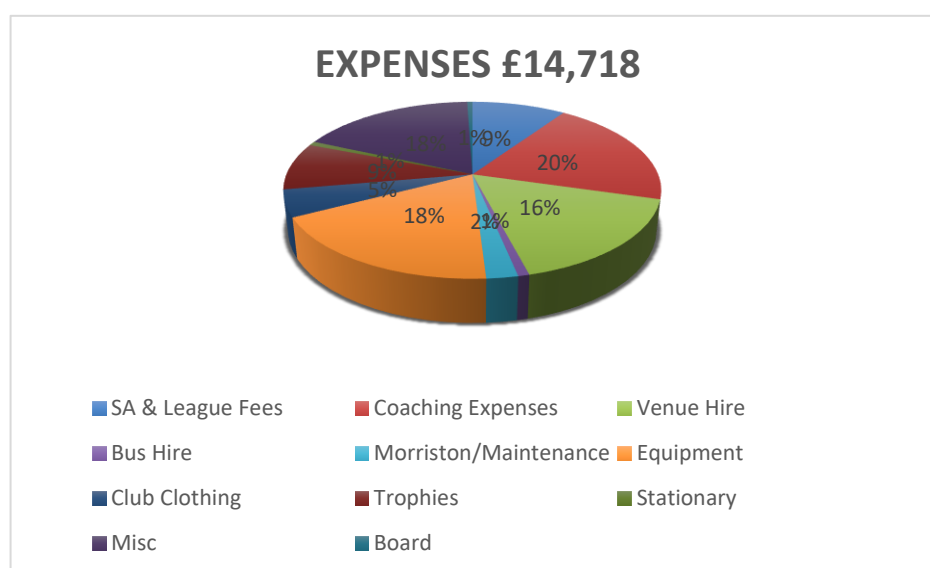
- **Memberships and fees:** £6,910
- **Competition entries:** £2,026
- **Donations:** £2,134 (purchase equipment and subsidise club trip)



Expenditure

Our main expenses during the financial year were essential costs, including:

- **Affiliation fees, league entries, venue hires, and Morriston fees:** £4,162
- **Club clothing:** £724
- **Coaching expenses:** £2,935 (& club clothing for our volunteer coaches)
- **Equipment:** £2,695



Details of any deficit

At year-end, the club recorded a deficit of £1,833. This was primarily due to the purchase of equipment, which was funded for during the previous year. The club therefore remains in a sound financial position, with sufficient funds to meet its ongoing commitments.

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Unrestricted reserves at the year-end amounted to £9,657. The trustees aim to ensure that there are adequate reserves in place; to cover 6 months running costs and this was in place throughout the financial year.

At the year end the amount included within restricted reserves was £6,467. This amount is specifically reserved for the development and upgrade of new facilities.

The club remains in a sound financial position, and the trustees are satisfied that the club will be able to continue to meet its obligations as they fall due.

Future plans

The future is looking positive for EAAC. The Club is committed to continue to build on the progress it has made on creating a stronger future for athletics in Moray.

Our main aim and objectives for the future are:

- To continue to give our full support to the new Moray athletics track project, with the aim of delivering a modern inclusive track and field facility that will benefit EAAC, as well as other clubs, schools and the wider community for many generations to come.
- To continue to raise the profile of EAAC through social media, community engagement and events, encouraging more people to get involved in athletics.
- To increase awareness of the Give as You Live scheme, which will help us attract more donations, fundraising support and sponsorship.
- To encourage and develop both current and future volunteers, recognising that they are at the heart of our club and are paramount to its continued growth and success.
- To continue to provide opportunities for athletes of all ages and abilities to develop, compete and achieve their potential.

Additional information

The future is looking optimistic for EAAC. The Club have recently secured funding towards the building of a new athletic facility. This will bring a much-needed upgrade to their current facility.

This will enviably promote the awareness of athletics within the local community and hopefully ensure the continued success of the club and the athletes.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

Violet Beattie

Print name

Violet Beattie

Designation

Treasurer

Date

25/9/2026