

APPENDIX 1



Scottish Charity Regulator

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	10	2024	To	30	09	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Giffnock North Athletics Club
n/a
SC047590
c/o GHA RFC
Braidholm Road
Giffnock
Glasgow Postcode G46 6EB

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jon Vincent	Chairman		
2	Jenny Simpson	Treasurer		
3	Catriona Bark	Secretary		
4	Colin Saxby			
5	Clare Stevenson		1/1/25 - present	
6	Fiona Caldow		5/2/25 - present	
7	Gerry Duggan		25/4/25 - present	
8	Laura Tyler		14/1/26 - present	
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Ian McMoneagle	1/10/24-27/11/24
Stacie MacIntyre	1/10/24-14/2/25
William Glasgow	1/10/24-26/11/25
Chris Deery	8/1/25-18/5/25

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

SCIO Constitution (available on the Club website)

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Election, retiral, re-election

60. At each AGM, the members may elect any member to be a charity trustee (unless he/she is debarred from membership under clause 58 and 59).
61. The Board may at any time appoint any member (unless he/she is debarred from membership under clause 58 and 59) to be a charity trustee.
62. At each AGM, all of the charity trustees shall retire from office and shall then be eligible for re-election under clause 70.
63. A charity trustee attending at an AGM will be deemed to have been re-elected unless: -
 1. (a) he/she advises the Board prior to the conclusion of the AGM that he/she does not wish to be re-appointed as a charity trustee; or
 2. (b) an election process was held at the AGM and he/she was not among those elected/re-elected through that process

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The Club will operate as a non-profit distributing charity whose principal objectives are:
(a) To promote and advance Athletics as a sport

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

- Provision of coached Athletics Sessions for all athletes age 9 to Veterans
- Competition opportunities for all age groups
- Run Jump Throw sessions for younger children
- Holiday Camps to provide Community access to athletics
- Pathways to specialist coaching outwith club
- Links to local schools

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

This year has been a landmark one for Giffnock North Athletics Club, with our athletes delivering outstanding performances across all disciplines and age groups. From local cross country meets to global championships, the club's presence has been felt at every level, showcasing the depth of talent, commitment, and community spirit that defines us. The year also marked a significant transition in the club's leadership, with Billy Glasgow stepping down as Chairperson after over 20 years of dedicated service. Under Billy's stewardship, the club evolved into Scotland's largest athletics club; a recognised powerhouse known not only for producing world-class talent but also for fostering an inclusive, community-focused ethos that embraces athletes of all abilities and interests. In recognition of his exceptional contribution, the board conferred upon Billy the title of Honorary Life President.

Following Billy's decision to step down in early 2025, Chris Deery assumed the role of Chairperson, bringing an inclusive leadership style and a clear vision for the club's future. Sadly, Chris resigned from the role in May 2025. In my capacity as Vice Chairperson, I accepted the responsibility of Acting Chairperson. I am proud to serve in this role, but I have made it clear to the board that, due to professional and non-executive commitments, I consider this appointment to be interim until a successor is identified. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to my fellow board members and senior club members for their invaluable support since I took on this position.

In 2024, the club recorded a significant financial deficit (-£12.728k), primarily due to inflationary pressures on key areas of expenditure and static membership fees over several years. At the 2024 AGM, a modest fee increase was approved, contributing to a much-improved financial outcome in 2025. A review and rationalisation of facility bookings also helped reduce expenditure. As a result, the financial outturn for the year ended 30 September 2025 is a much-improved surplus of £3,800. In addition, as part of a renewed focus on financial sustainability, the board has implemented an investment policy to ensure the club's reserves are securely managed, and steps are being taken to register for Gift Aid. It should be noted that we expect membership fees will be unchanged in 2025/26 due to the aforementioned steps, however, with inflation remaining persistently high further increases in fees must be considered in future years to maintain the financial sustainability of the club.

During 2025, the club negotiated a new three-year partnership with Glasgow Hutchesons' Aloysians (GHA) RFC. In light of our financial challenges, the trustees of GHA generously agreed to a substantial reduction in our annual hire costs. This agreement secures GHA as a continued base for our senior athletes and will have a positive impact on expenditure which will commence in 2025.

After many years of service and following his retirement from competitive athletics, Club Manager David Smith stepped down from his role. David was instrumental in the smooth running of the club and provided proactive support to members. Following a review, the board appointed a successor in partnership with Scottish Athletics through the Club Together programme. In July 2025, Alessandro Schenini took on the role and has already made a very positive impact.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period (contd.)

Athletics thrives on the dedication of volunteers whose reward lies in seeing others fulfil their potential. This spirit is exemplified by coach and official Anne Stewart, who has served the club for nearly four decades. Her unwavering commitment to nurturing talent was fittingly recognised this year by Scottish Athletics with the award of Honorary Life Membership.

At the elite level, Neil Gourley continued to lead by example, representing Great Britain with distinction. His season highlights included a silver medal in the 1500m at the World Indoor Championships, a UK national record over 1000m at the Keely Klassic, and his appointment as British team captain where he brought home the silver medal. Neil also competed in multiple Diamond League events and reached the final of the World Championships in Tokyo, finishing 10th. Erin Wallace also enjoyed a stellar season, setting a meeting record in Paris, qualifying for the Commonwealth Games, and placing second on the Scottish all-time list for 1,500m. She performed with distinction at the Tokyo World Championships, just missing out on a place in the semi-final.

Alyson Bell emerged as one of Scotland's brightest sprint talents, breaking national records in the 60m and 200m indoors and captaining the Scotland team at the LIA meet. Her selection for the GB U23 team at the European Championships capped a remarkable season.

Alessandro Schenini continued his dominance in the long jump, setting a Scottish national record and winning the British title. Murray Fotheringham and Angus Rennie also delivered standout performances in jumps and hurdles respectively.

The club's strength in depth was evident across age groups. Louie Muir, April MacAuley, Aaron Reid, and Calum Dick consistently ranked among the top performers in middle-distance and cross-country events, earning selections for Scotland and SIAB representation. There were also age group Scotland Selections for Rory Taylor-Young, Emma McLelland, Oliver Macdonald, Holly Simpson, Saoirse McNulty and Alasdair Maclean, respectively. Our young athletes excelled at the Scottish Age Group Championships, with multiple medals and club records from rising stars including Noah Paisley, Hugo Stewart, Matthew McLachlan, and Amy Plunkett.

Team success was a hallmark of the year. Giffnock North claimed the "Triple Crown" in cross country, winning the Lindsays, Pat Spence, and AT Mays trophies. Our U15 girls and boys teams were dominant at the Lindsays Short Course XC, while the U13 Superteams and relay squads secured national titles. The West District XC saw an impressive haul of seven team golds, and our senior women's teams earned podium finishes at the Renfrewshire Road Race and Scottish 10k Championships.

Masters athletes continued to represent the club with pride. At the British & Irish Masters XC, Sheila Lewis, Mary McCutcheon, Allie Chong, Yvonne McNairn, and Doreen Henderson contributed to team medals, with Doreen earning individual bronze in the V75 category. The V50 women's team also claimed gold at the Road Relays in Livingston. Chris Deery made his international debut at the European Masters Athletics Championships in Madeira. regional and national finals, with Giffnock teams placing 2nd, 4th, and 17th.

The club's commitment to community and development was evident in our hosting of the West XC League and Spring Athletics Camps. Over 60 athletes participated in the Christmas Handicap Race, raising £500 for charity. Our U12 athletes competed enthusiastically in the Superteams regional and national finals, with Giffnock teams placing 2nd, 4th, and 17th.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period (contd.)

The club's reach across endurance sport was further highlighted by athlete representation at the London Marathon and Mini Marathon. International representation continued to grow, with selections for major championships including the European Indoors, World Indoors, and World Championships. Erin Wallace and Neil Gourley were selected for both, while younger athletes such as Emma McLennan and Oliver MacDonald earned Scotland selection for the U20 England Championships.

The summer season was equally fruitful. At the West District Championships, our athletes swept the podium in the U17 1500m and claimed multiple medals across sprints and jumps. The National Age Group Championships saw Giffnock athletes win 18 medals, while the British Championships featured podium wins from Neil Gourley and Alessandro Schenini, along with finalists Rachel Callan, Erin Wallace and Nikki Manson.

In 2025, club membership numbers declined in the junior category. It is important to note, however, that a more robust process was followed in deriving these figures than in previous years. In 2024, junior membership was reported at 575, whereas at the same point in 2025, the figure stands at 498. This reduction appears to be consistent across age groups and genders. Additionally, waiting list management has been less effective in 2025, with the number of individuals on the list increasing from 88 in 2024 to 177 in 2025. In response, the board has approved a revised approach to managing waiting lists.

Senior membership, including young seniors, has seen a modest increase, from 122 reported at the 2024 AGM to 126 in 2025.

A key challenge affecting the club's operations remains the availability of suitably qualified coaches. While the number of coaches has been maintained during 2025, it remains insufficient to meet the club's needs. The Coaches and Officials Committee is actively working to address this issue. Encouragingly, there has been an increase in the number of active officials, with three new additions this year.

The appointment of our new Club Manager has been a very positive development. However, the administrative and developmental workload continues to be largely carried by volunteers, many of whom are increasingly stretched in their capacity to support the club. In the year ahead, it will be essential to undertake a comprehensive review of the club's operational capacity. This should include consideration of strategies to increase the number of volunteers willing to take on key roles, or alternatively, the potential investment in an additional paid position, a model that is becoming increasingly common across athletics clubs nationwide.

As we reflect on the year, Giffnock North continues to thrive as a club that nurtures talent, fosters community, and competes with distinction. Nonetheless, there are challenges that must be addressed with urgency. Whether on the track, in the field, on road or across the country trails, our athletes have represented the club with pride, passion and distinction. Their achievements are a credit to our coaches, officials, board members, and the wider Giffnock North community.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all club members who so generously volunteer their time. Their contributions make a lasting impact on the lives and performances of our athletes, both young and old, and remains central to everything we achieve as a club.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We anticipate the need for a facility in the future to meet the needs of our expanding club as part of our Development Plan. This remains under review as we recognise the need to research and consult our membership fully on this matter. The reserves we hold will be held for that purpose.

Details of any deficit

n/a

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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Other optional information

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>	Jon Vincent	Colin Saxby
Full name(s)	Jon Vincent	Colin Saxby
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chair	Board Member
Date	25/6/26	25/6/26