



Musselburgh & District Athletic Club – Chairperson’s Report – March 2026

Overview

It has been another very productive year for Musselburgh & District Athletic Club. Both Junior & Senior membership numbers have increased and this is due to the wide range of training opportunities that we offer and the friendly and supportive coaching structure. We have also seen success at both an individual and team level and this is to be celebrated. All of this will be discussed further in the Juniors and Adults report.

None of this would have been possible without the help of all volunteers in the Club and I would like to thank each and every one of them for their time, effort and commitment. There will be a role for you at the Club if you want to get involved – we have something for every skillset.

One notable success for the Club was that Tony Segall was shortlisted for Scottish Athletics Community Coach of the Year. This recognises the tremendous impact Tony has had at the Club over a twenty-five-year period. Thanks Tony for your enthusiasm and guidance and to read more about Tony’s achievements please follow the [link](#).

I will use this report to focus on the more strategic aspects and developments for the Club and will let the individual reports focus on the most important part of our activities – the athletics.

Review of the Past Year

The Club is a Scottish Charitable Organisation, registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator. We are run by a Board of Trustees and minutes from our Board meetings and presentations are posted on Stack Team App. Members are encouraged to attend Board Meetings so that they can better understand the workings of the Club and express their thoughts and opinions.

In Autumn 2025, the Board carried out a survey of all Club members. We wanted to find out how members viewed the Club and to get their ideas on how we might improve the Club. I am pleased to say that the response we received was positive. However, we are not going to rest on our laurels and there are areas where we can improve.

Following on from the survey, the Board put together a Club Development Plan. A copy of the plan has been included in the AGM attachments. For ease I have highlighted the main development points below:

- Ensure there are sufficient volunteers to undertake the tasks required to run a successful Club
- Improve communications both internally (primarily Stack Team App) and externally
- Improve the experience for members when purchasing kit
- Aim to ensure there are sufficient Juniors available for competitions
- Ensure we provide clear communications to Junior and Senior members around competition expectations



- Arrange more social get-togethers for Senior members
- Continue to improve the training environment for all Senior/ Adult members so we can attract all abilities of runner.

The financial situation at the Club has much improved over the past nine months and this will be detailed in the Treasurer's Report. This is due to the move to monthly payments for Junior members and an increase in membership, a rise in membership for Senior members and the Seniors 10K Festival Race making a healthy profit of £2,500 (thanks to Roddy MacKenzie and his team of enthusiastic volunteers for making this happen).

We are not proposing any increase in membership fees across the Board at this AGM. We will ask the membership to confirm the following fee structure for 2026/7 (our membership year runs from 1 Apr to 31 Mar):

Juniors

- £20 per month for the first child from each family
- £10 per month for subsequent children from each family
- £10 per month for children who train with Musselburgh but use Team East Lothian as their first claim club

Seniors

- £40 per annum

I also want to highlight that we offer bursary schemes for both Juniors and Adults to ensure that cost is never a barrier to membership.

The improvement in our financial reserves will and has allowed us to invest more in our members. For example, we have increased the training time available to Juniors at Meadowbank, we are in the process of purchasing new vests for the Juniors, we are investing up to £1,500 in new jackets for all of our Coaches and Jog Leaders and funds are available for any member who wants to undertake a Scottish Athletics Coaching or Jog Leader course and volunteer at the Club.

Membership

Our current numbers are set out below:

Section	2024/25	2024/25
Juniors (incl. first claim TEL)	106	99
Adults	97	81
Students	2	3

Junior numbers have increased by 6% and adult membership by 20%. One of the points raised in our recent survey was that we don't market ourselves enough & this is something included in the development plan, especially around social media.



Plans for 2026/27

Our activities in the year ahead will continue to be shaped by the demands of our members.

As a Board we will focus on implementing the Club Development plan so we can improve how we operate as a Club, continue to look for ways to attract new members and to promote athletics in Musselburgh, East Lothian and beyond.

Constitution Updates

Please see the separate appendix proposing updates to our constitution relating to the following topics:

- Update to how meetings are conducted to allow for virtual attendance (carried forward from May 2026)
- Update to how membership fees are charged to remove weekly and annual fees for Juniors, replaced by a monthly fee.
- Update to how Senior memberships are charged so that any person who joins between 1 January and 31 March does will not pay a membership fee for this period but the full membership fee will be due from the next 1 April.

Thanks

The final part of my report is dedicated to all of the volunteers who give up their time selflessly to help the Club.

Thanks to all of the members of the Board who offer insight and expertise in helping to run the Club. All members who have served on the Board/ Committee in the past year are listed below:

Secretary – Lynne Arnold
Treasurer – Aileen Wheadon
Membership Secretary – Lindsay Anderson
Welfare Officer – Sarah Nicholson
Race Director – Roddy MacKenzie
Juniors Representatives – Tony Segall
Adults Representative – Suzanne Beattie

Thank you also to our army of Coaches, Jog Leaders and Volunteer Helpers. Each and every one of you plays a vital role in the success of the Club.

My final note of thanks is for Sarah Nicholson and Lindsay Anderson. Both are stepping down from the Board after serving for a number of years as Welfare Officer and Membership Secretary. We appreciate all you have done in your time on the Club Board.

Andy Duncan
Club Chairperson
9 March 2026.