Victoria Park City of Glasgow Athletic Club

Annual Report and Financial Statements
Period ended 30 April 2026

Charity number: SC047344

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period ended 30 April 2026

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Victoria Park City of Glasgow Athletic Club
Other names charity is known by	VP-Glasgow
Registered charity number	SCO47344
Charity's principal address	86 Athelstane Road Glasgow G13 3NU

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
Mark Ashby	Membership Secretary	
Jan Bissett	Vice-President	
Ralph Morris Connolly		
Gordon Innes	President	
Claire Kernahan	Track and Field secretary	
Graeme Laing		
Julie McElroy	Welfare Officer	
Kiera Maxwell	Treasurer	
Hugh Taylor Stevenson	Secretary	

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing documents

The Club is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution. The Club was previously an unincorporated association and changed legal form to a SCIO on 20 April 2017. The assets were transferred to the SCIO at that date.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

All of the Club's trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our annual general meeting.

They're elected for a period of 1 year but are eligible for re-election. There must be a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 trustees.

Charitable purposes

Our purposes, as recorded in our constitution, are to promote and advance all disciplines of Athletics as a competitive sport.

To provide recreational facilities, and to organise recreational activities, available to members of the public at large, with the object of improving the conditions of life.

Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

Objectives and activities

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

We compete in all National and Regional Championships in Track and Field Athletics, Road Races and Cross-Country races. We provide competition in Scottish Leagues for all ages and UK National competition for our athletes aged 17 years to Veterans.

The Club provides athletics coaching and competition to members of the community from age 8 upwards from our base at Scotstoun Stadium, Glasgow.

The Club provides coaching in Sprints, Endurance, Jumps and Throws on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings to athletes of all ages and abilities, additionally the club also provides pole vault specialised training on a Friday evening. In any week, over 450 children and adults will attend our training sessions in preparation for competition at local and national level.

Due to Scotstoun Stadium being used for the Commonwealth Games, we were delighted to successfully host our Summer Camps at Knightswood Secondary School this year. The camps were held over 5 weeks of the school holidays and, despite the change in venue, we continued to see a very positive level of attendance, with one week attracting close to 70 children. While numbers were slightly lower than in previous years, this was an excellent turnout given the circumstances.

We have a growing group of athletes with a disability who compete in events organised by the club, Scottish Disability Sport and Special Olympics. We also have 5 regular Frame Runners (athletes with cerebral palsy) who compete in events organised by the club and Scottish Disability Sport. The club has invested in new throwing chairs and frame runners to further promote this section of the club.

This year, the club faced the significant challenge of our outdoor track being closed while refurbishment work was carried out in preparation for the 2026 Commonwealth Games. This resulted in approximately 8–12 weeks of disruption before we were able to regain full access to the outdoor track.

Further disruption is expected during 2026 as preparations for the Games continue. However, on a more positive note, we hope that hosting the Commonwealth Games at Scotstoun will leave a lasting legacy for the club, bringing improvements to the facilities and creating new opportunities for our athletes and the wider athletics community.

We provided support and free coaching to many of our local schools. We support several School Sports days and assist the local Active Schools Coordinators in organising athletic meetings.

The Club's activities are made possible by the commitment and enthusiasm of many volunteers who deliver coaching and support the administration and organisation of the Club. The volunteer coaching team is supplemented by several young coaches on payroll set up by the club.

Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

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

The club had yet another highly successful year of competition, with athletes once again representing at the highest level both nationally and internationally.

Our highest level of achievement was when one of our young athletes, Lucy Fraser was part of the 4x100m women's team who achieved the 2026 commonwealth games standard with a time of 44.62s. Dean Patterson was selected to represent GB in an International U20 event in Germany where he ran a PB to put him 4th all-time in Scotland.

At the Loughborough International, five of our athletes were selected to represent Scotland. Stewart Greenhalgh and Ethan Pottie were selected for the men's 4x100 metres relay team, which finished fourth. Lucy Fraser represented Scotland in the women's 4x100 metres relay, helping the team to a fifth-place finish, while Lorne Kerr competed in the mixed 4x400 metres relay team, which secured third place. Silver Nwabuzor was selected for the triple jump and produced a personal best leap of 12.57 metres to finish fifth. Dean Patterson was also selected for GB juniors where he ran the 4x100m relay, and they finished in a time of 39.54s to win the race.

At the Sean Pickering Memorial Throws International, Ava Mitchell was selected to represent Scotland in the U18 shot put, where she produced a personal best throw of 13.37 metres to finish second.

Seven Victoria Park athletes earned their first Scotland vests after being selected to represent Scottish Schools at the SIAB International held at Moorways Stadium in Derby on Saturday 19th July 2025. Congratulations to Lucy Kernahan (discus), Anna Ross (steeplechase), Aneesah King Oubacha (triple jump), Caitlin Allan (triple jump), George Scott (400 metres hurdles), Skye Davidson (javelin) and Ivor Scott (discus) on their well-deserved selections.

At the Scottish Championships, the club had a total of 35 medals in total: twelve gold, twelve silver and eleven bronzes. The 2025 Scottish champions were Ava Mitchell, Amy Pender, Lucy Kernahan, Julie McElroy, Lorne Kerr, Jax Thoirs, Caitlin Allan, Dean Patterson and Kirsty Souttar.

The club also continued its strong relay tradition at the National Relay Championships. The senior women had tremendous success as they took home double gold in the 4x100m relay (Anna Cameron, Lorne Kerr, Zoe Wilson, Chloe Lambert) and the 4x400m relay (Erin Partridge, Zoe Wilson, Lorne Kerr and Chloe Lambert). The U17 Men also took home gold in the 4x100m relay getting round the track in a time of 44.90s. There were many other notable successes among the age groups.

Leagues 2025

We had a very successful year in the Scottish national athletics league this year. This was the third year Scottish athletics have combined the men's and women's league. This league is directed towards athletes in the U17 age group to senior/master level. We took the win again for the second time in three years the league has been running.

Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period (cont'd)

In the Central and South of Scotland League, where athletes from U11 to Masters represent the Club, we finished in 4th place overall.

The club has also been well represented on the road throughout the year from 5k Park runs up to ultra marathons. With one athlete getting a spot at the London marathon through the club.

Road Runners

Membership of our road running group continued to steady during 2025, hitting a new high of 116 after our first couch to 5k in February 2026. Recruitment was helped by offering three couch to 5k courses during the year, increasing our social media presence in the local area and becoming more visible at local races and Park-runs both as competitors and volunteers and providing our summer handicap race at Milngavie reservoir.

Our road runner groups are specifically for adult (aged 18 and above) off-track endurance athletes and meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings throughout the year. Our sessions suit all abilities from beginners to experienced athletes and regularly attract 50-60 runners each night throughout the year. During the year, we have continued to increase the number of trained "Leaders in Running Fitness", putting over 10 through the course over the past year. So that we can continue to expand and offer a variety of sessions that meet the needs of our members, we also have trained "Coach in Running Fitness" leaders.

This year the road running group also continued to actively seek guidance and tested out being a more accessible group by inviting trained guide runners along to help some visually impaired athletes who are interested in this type of running get a chance to train with the group and other people in a safe way.

Whilst recognising that not all our members want to compete, we have encouraged more to take part in races by targeting specific local races to run as a club and making some of the races a more fun sociable experience. Not only has this increased our presence and visibility as a club we have also won team and individual awards at a variety of competitions throughout the year. We have focused on making the club inclusive and enjoyable to be involved with.

Financial Review

Reserves policy

The charity's policy is to hold reserves that are equal to a minimum of 6 months of expenditure to cover any unpredictable circumstances and this objective has been achieved and exceeded.

The Trustees scrutinise the situation and the financial position on a regular basis and are confident that, while there always remains an element of uncertainty, the Club has the necessary resilience and financial reserves to face the short, medium and longer term.

The Trustees have concluded there are no known material uncertainties regarding the Club's ability to operate as a going concern and accordingly the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

Other information

VP-Glasgow are now into our 97th year, having been founded in 1930.

The Club is committed to communicating regularly with its athletes, officials, coaches, and volunteers. Electronic communication is essential for sharing Club news and information in a timely and cost-effective manner, so electronic communication is our preferred mode of communication. Notices placed on Club noticeboards are usually in addition to electronic communication on the same topic. We use email to provide information to members about competition, training, club social events and other Club business.

Our website (www.vp-glasgow.com) includes information on applying for membership, upcoming competitions, social events, coaches, Club records, ranking lists, reports, rules, and policies. Our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/groups/VPGlasgow/) is regularly updated with photos and results from recent events as well as other appropriate information. Our twitter account is @ VP_Glasgow_AC. Both are integrated into the home page of our website.

The club uses an online system powered by 'LoveAdmin' for managing its membership database. This allows current members to make their annual membership or monthly training payments online. The new database system also facilitates selective 'group' E-Mailing which allows the targeting of appropriate recipients for specific E-Mails. This system is now extensively used to contact the entire membership.

Our membership has increased to 735 by the end of April, an increase in over 50 members from last year again. We have supported 5 new coaches in completing their assistant coach course and 1 of our coaches achieved their Level 2 award. Where we have failed to recruit enough volunteers, we have given the opportunity to young coaches to be employed by the club to plug any gaps in our coaching structure.

Our Road Running group is becoming more popular. We have 12 regular jog leaders with over 116 members making up our road running group. This group meets within the stadium reception at Scotstoun at 7pm on every Tuesday and Thursday evening and Saturday morning. The group welcomes runners of all abilities from novices getting fit through the Couch 2 5K program to competing endurance athletes. As a sign of the group's growing importance, we now have 4 of its leaders who have joined our committee.

The charity took over responsibility for payroll during last year through Sage Payroll, which has been a success and saved some money throughout the year.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Gordon Innes
President

Date:

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Victoria Park City of Glasgow Athletic Club

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2026 which are set out on pages 7 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 carried out 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 with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any 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 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, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date

Statement of Receipts and Payments
For the period ended 30 April 2026

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total £	2025 Total £
Receipts:					
Donations	1	7,000	1,595	8,595	8,230
Charitable activities	3	166,321	-	166,321	154,624
Total income		**173,321**	**1,595**	**174,916**	**162,854**
Payments:					
Charitable activities	4	167,942	3,052	170,994	153,647
Total payments		**167,942**	**3,052**	**170,994**	**153,647**
Net receipts / (payments)		5,379	(1,457)	3,922	9,207
Transfers to / (from) funds		-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for the period		**5,379**	**(1,457)**	**3,922**	**9,207**
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds at start of period	6	97,011	3,889	100,900	91,693
Net movement in funds for the year	6	5,379	(1,457)	3,922	9,207
Total funds at end of period	6	**102,390**	**2,432**	**104,822**	**100,900**

Statement of Balances
As at 30 April 2026

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Cash funds:					
Cash and bank balances at start of period		97,011	3,889	100,900	91,693
Surplus on receipts and payments account		5,379	(1,457)	3,922	9,207
Cash and bank balances at end of period		**102,390**	**2,432**	**104,822**	**100,900**

Signed on behalf of all Trustees by:

Name: Gordon Innes
President
Date:

Name: Kiera Maxwell
Treasurer
Date:

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Donations - individuals & community groups	-	1,595	1,595	1,230
Scottish Athletics Club Together	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Corporate Sponsorship	4,000	-	4,000	4,000
Total income from donations	**7,000**	**1,595**	**8,595**	**8,230**

2. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Membership fees	161,355	-	161,355	149,753
Competitions	165	-	165	1,783
Sales of club kit	4,801	-	4,801	3,088
Total income from charitable activities	**166,321**	**-**	**166,321**	**154,624**

3. Payments on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Coaching	8,122	-	8,122	6,466
Staff costs	57,565	-	57,565	49,988
Competitions	11,530	-	11,530	14,658
Affiliations	5,610	25	5,635	4,951
Facilities	50,712	-	50,712	51,445
Equipment	15,244	2,676	17,920	12,553
Transaction charges	8,670	-	8,670	6,149
Admin	3,124	-	3,124	2,994
Hardship assistance	-	351	351	42
Miscellaneous	7,365	-	7,365	4,401
Total payments on charitable activities	**167,942**	**3,052**	**170,994**	**153,647**

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

5. Trustee payments

No remuneration was paid to any charity trustee in the year for services as a trustee.

5 trustees received payments, in accordance with Club regulations, for items including travel assistance to attend competitions outwith Scotland as either athlete or coach, for coaching services provided and / or for reimbursement of properly incurred and receipted expenses for catering and miscellaneous operational expenses.

One Trustee, Kiera Maxwell, is employed as the Club Manager (part-time) as part of the Scottish Athletics Club Together project. The Club Together partnership project is a key part of the Scottish Athletics National Club Development Programme, a scheme which involves clubs and Scottish Athletics jointly investing to fund and employ, normally a part-time Club Together project post, to help the club develop and improve. Ultimately the aim is to increase participation and improve athlete performances within clubs. Dedicated club volunteers working alongside Club Together staff help to provide many benefits including membership and volunteer growth alongside enhancements to club infrastructure. The Club received £3,000 in the period towards this post.

Trustee	Club Manager post	Travel support	Reimbursement of expenses	Total 2026	Total 2025
Kiera Maxwell	10,192	100	153	10,445	9,494
Gordon Innes	-	-	313	313	317
Claire Kernachan	-	-	214	214	-
Mark Ashby	-	-	25	25	-
Graeme Laing	-	100	-	100	-

6. Funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at start of period	97,011	3,889	100,900
Surplus for the period	5,379	(1,457)	3,922
Fund balances at end of period	**102,390**	**2,432**	**104,822**

These funds are retained in order to provide funds for:

Unrestricted purposes
To meet the financial objectives of the Charity, which are to promote and advance all disciplines of Athletics as a competitive sport and to provide recreational facilities and to organise recreational activities, available to members of the public at large, with the object of improving the conditions of life.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

6. Funds (continued)

Restricted purposes
Donations for specific funds and projects as detailed below:

Breakdown of restricted funds

	Frame Running Bikes £	Disability athlete sessions £	Hardship Fund	Total £
Opening balance	1,575	1,226	1,088	3,889
Income - Gifts	-	-	1,595	1,595
Payments - Charitable activities	(1,575)	(1,126)	(351)	(3,052)
Net receipts / (payments)	(1,575)	(1,126)	1,244	(1,457)
Closing balance	**-**	**100**	**2,332**	**2,432**