Carnegie Harriers



# Annual Report and Financial Statements

# for the

# Year ended 31st March 2025

# Charity Number SCI051520

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# Trustees’ Annual Report

# Year Ended 31st March 2025

The Board of Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner’s report for the year ended 31st March 2025.

## Name and Address

Carnegie Harriers c/o 8 The Wellheads, Limekilns, Dunfermline KY11 3JG

## Constitution and Purpose

Carnegie Harriers is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated organisation – No SCIO 51520

Carnegie Harriers’ principal objective is:

 To encourage and promote participation in the sport of running.

## Trustees

Alan Murray President

Sue Walker Secretary

Brian Miller Treasurer

Sarah Wellcoat Welfare Officer

Kathryn Fairfield

Kevin Spowart

Kerry Hunter

Nicole Jackson

Nils Krichel

Val Macaulay

Two trustees, Kieran Morgan and Natalie Wilson, resigned during the year.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 6 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:-

Sue Walker Secretary

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Membership on 31 March 2025 stood at 141 (137 full and 4 associate members), a 6% decrease on 2024. The club continued to attract new members throughout the year.

In spring 2024, we launched the second “Couch2Carnegie”, a JogScotland style group aimed at those new to running or looking to get back into the sport. Almost half of those who attended the eight-week programme on a regular basis have now joined the club as full members. Those who chose not to join the club appreciated the support they were given with their running.

Although the Return to Running group has not formally operated over the past 12 months, members returning after injury, tapering for a big event or otherwise do have the option to come along to training and take things easier, perhaps going for a gentle run rather than a full-on training session.

These initiatives complemented our regular twice weekly sessions and we actively encourage prospective new members to come along to our training sessions for several weeks before committing to joining the club. Training is delivered by a training group comprising a Level 2 Coach in Running Fitness and several Leaders in Running Fitness. The club supports members who wish to work towards these qualifications.

Throughout the year we organised a members’ only competition series embracing road, trail, cross-country and hill races both locally and nationally. The revised format with more local, club organised events and fewer events overall has proved popular with many club members being inspired to try out new races and new types of events. 78 members competed in at least one race in the series. This is slightly lower than last year but, 41 members completed at least one marathon or ultra in the year, perhaps leaving less time for shorter events. The aim is to cater for as wide a range of interests and abilities as possible, and encourage members to try different disciplines, whilst trying to reduce/restrict the costs of competing at this time.

During 2024/25 we were, once again, able to host the Graham Clark Memorial Race. Unfortunately Storm Eowyn caused significant damage to Devilla Forest and we were forced to cancel the 2025 Devilla Forest Trail Races. While the Graham Clark race proved very popular and indeed entries sold out in one night, the cancellation of our popular Devilla Trail races has impacted on the club’s income for the year.

The club’s success is due, in large part, to its volunteers. The trustee board has worked on several initiatives to improve communication within the club and promote our activities to a wider audience using social media, as well as overseeing the day-to-day running of the club. Over 60% of club members have volunteered at least once in the past year to support not only club activities but external events as well.

Over the coming year, we will continue to work on our training provision, introducing new sessions and training venues and recruiting more people to lead the sessions. We will aim to recruit new members to the club, by catering for different levels of experience and ability and support existing members who may be finding it more difficult to get out and run.

# Carnegie Harriers (SCIO 51520) – Treasurer’s Report 2024-25

### **Treasurer:** Brian Miller

## Introduction

I hereby present the Treasurer’s Report and Annual Accounts, as independently reviewed by Peter Fotheringham MA (Hons), CA (see Appendix #1).

The Harriers’ financial year follows a consistent pattern, with membership income and race events occurring at the same point of the calendar each year.

One significant exception this year was the unfortunate cancellation of the annual Devilla races. This was due to storm damage on the course. The lack of Devilla income saw the Club post a financial deficit of £1,070 this year.

## Income

Membership income received during the year is as detailed in the Notes to the Accounts (see Appendix #3). The majority of members signed up via Entry Central, where the Club met the 5% Admin Fee.

Membership fees were frozen this year, after a 10% increase the previous year.

Only one of our hosted races went ahead this year, after storm damage in Devilla Forest. We incurred an admin charge and a loss of £446 for processing entries/refunds. 100% of the Graham Clark profits (£1,300) were donated to charity. Therefore, race income for the year was significantly reduced versus last year and is the main contributor to this year’s deficit.

Clothing sales were significantly lower this year and reverted to the norm, as there was a concerted effort last year to sell old clothing items to members at a reduced price.

The club organised a social event in Aviemore in November 2024. Cash was paid to the club by all members planning to attend. This was paid to the Aviemore Youth Hostel to secure accommodation for the weekend – the event was well attended and self-funded to break even.

The club is repeating this event in November 2025, albeit to Oban rather than Aviemore. Members have paid deposits to secure accommodation at the local Youth Hostel. Final payments to be made later in the year. Again, this event is self-funded and expected to break even.

The Christmas Social Event was another source of income this year - organised via Entry Central. This was essentially a Not-for-Profit event, but ran a small surplus this year after we re-used some of the party decorations from last year.

In late 2024, the club helped to host one of the East District Cross Country events in Kirkcaldy. The East District organisers donated £200 to the club to recognise the effort of volunteers. This is recorded in Miscellaneous Income along with £20 received as ‘cash-back’ from a deal with High 5.

## Expenditure

There are a number of membership expenses that are incurred every year as part of the club’s operations. Scottish Athletics Affiliation Fees, GP Prizes, Trophies, Website, etc, and these were much in line with expectations. Overall, membership costs were higher than 2024 (Appendix #3), mainly due to the purchase of a defibrillator and a new club laptop.

Expenses for Graham Clark were in line with budget.

Costs were also incurred for the social event, primarily the venue hire and catering costs at Pitreavie Golf Club. These were largely offset by ticket sales to members.

IT Costs were higher this year, as me moved away from our Google based emails to Microsoft. Costs of this migration plus monthly support and licensing saw these costs increase.

Other costs included the Zoom subscription we have relied upon these last few years for some of our Committee meetings. This expense has come to an end, as we now use Teams via our Microsoft License.

## Independent Review

The independent review was performed remotely via email, with documents shared electronically, consistent with the approach of recent years.

## Conclusion

This has been a challenging year financially for the club, reporting an unexpected deficit. This was largely due to the Devilla cancellation in February. The club remains in a healthy financial position due to the reserves we have maintained to mitigate such circumstances.

Any surplus funds are reinvested in the club to maintain our long-term financial security. The club will maintain a financial reserve to meet costs and liabilities occurring due to unforeseen circumstances. For example:

1. the need to replace club assets if destroyed or damaged;
2. unexpected, late cancellation of the Devilla Forest Race.

The club enters 2025-26 in good shape and looks forward to another successful year.

I would like to issue thanks to the committee members for their support and diligence in ensuring our finances remain so well controlled.

Brian Miller

### Appendix #1 – Independent Review



### Appendix #2 – Income and Expenditure Account



### Appendix #3 – Notes to the Accounts





### Appendix #4 – Race Summary



### Appendix #5 – Club Assets

