



BURNHAM-ON-SEA HARRIERS

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Minutes from the 44th Annual General Meeting of the Burnham-on-Sea Harriers Running Club, held on the 3 February 2026 at 18:45. Meeting held at Burnham Association of Sports Clubs (BASC).

Attendees: Steve Dorrall (Secretary), Phil Hobbs (Acting Chair), Mark Benton (Treasurer), Steve Wilcox (Members Secretary), Todd Johnson (Social Secretary), Alex Hamilton (Captain), Julie Lench (Vice-Captain), Jon Williams, Nicola Englefield, Anna Taylor, Sue Nicholls, Hannah Beech, Alexis Briggs (Kit Manager), Carla Searle, Katrina Bufton, Alan Alford, Christine Alford, Lyndsey Webster, Jason Roberts, Alfie Lismore-Pope, John Bennett, Liam Cannard, James Lovell, Greg Facey, Richard Saupe, Russell Jones, Duncan Staddon, Adrian Smith, Lloyd Arthur, Steve Pike, Tracey Benton, Mary Hamm, Maria Casey, Samuel Brown, Toby Brown, Ruth Brown, Clare Popham, Alan Beech, Ganesh Gudka, Abi Milburn, Tracey Thomas, Darren Noad, Lesley Goulding, Amy Noad, Stuart Anderson, Kathy Beard, Annette Milburn (Welfare Officer), Ian Waude, Len Horlock, Alex Hunt, Lindsay Woodward, Luke Bugler, Reg Huxtable.

- 1. Opening and Welcome:** Steve D opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
- 2. Notice Convening the Annual General Meeting (AGM):** Notice to all members to tonight's meeting – notice was advertised on the Harriers members Facebook, Spond and Harriers website.
- 2. Apologies, Additions, Changes to the Agenda:**
Apologies noted – Members who could not attend confirmed via the Spond AGM invite.
No additions or changes to the agenda.
- 4. Minutes from the 2025 AGM:** Minutes from the 2025 AGM were agreed as an accurate representation of the meeting and discussions.
Actions: Actions from the 2025 meeting were addressed. The only action that remains outstanding was to identify a first aid training course for run leaders. Further discussion on this action noted under matters arising (item 5).

5. Matters Arising

- **Junior Club Section:** Discussions were raised following enquiries on whether the club would run a junior section. A junior section would require several qualified leaders with DBS and safeguarding as well as a welfare lead for juniors to meet EA standards. Many running clubs with a junior section operate from a dedicated facility so juniors can be closely supervised. Whilst members saw the merits to a junior section, there wasn't an immediate need or commitment from members a junior section, but the club is happy to keep it on the radar in case members would be happy to commit to qualify and run a junior section.
- **Recognition of Service Awards:** The idea was proposed by Reg H to recognise either long-standing members or those that have given long term dedication/service to the club's benefit, such as those who have served club committee or official positions. The club recognised Matt P for his long-standing service as club chair until last year and suggested recognitions include life membership. Everyone was in favour of the proposal with ideas and recognitions to be decided at the next committee meeting (**Action – committee**).
- **First Aid Training** – The idea was muted at last year's AGM and was raised after the tragic passing of a runner on the 2024 Big Cheese. Run Leaders and members are keen to complete some first aid training so they can respond to incidents. Members that hold current first aid at work/emergency first aid certificates could also provide first aid should the need arise during a Harrier's club run. Alex happy to contact Apex first aid for some quotes and dates to deliver first aid training for interested parties (**Action – Alex H**)
- **New Run Leaders** – Call made to members to become run leaders. The club currently has around 20 run leaders, and as the club grows, the need for run leaders increases. Additional run leaders can support additional runs during the week for members who may not be able to attend Tuesday club evening, meeting demands on evenings such as Thursday when other runs are organised. A webpage was suggested outlining the run leader role including the England Athletics webpage to run leaders/training opportunities (**Action – SD**).
- **Couch-2-5km 2026** – Todd J outlined the successes of the Couch-2-5km programme; however, following graduation of the last Couch-2-5km there was a realisation to the demands of running the programme including the keeping in touch activities to keep graduates interested and motivated after the programme is complete. It was decided and agreed by everyone present to run one couch-2-5km programme each year to organise a successful programme both during and after.

6. Constitution, Additions, Changes

[Club Constitution](#) – No immediate comments on this item. The constitution provides the foundations and rulesets for the club. Steve D thanked Reg H for his support in developing the constitution to reflect how the club is run, with reviews ongoing. Members are welcome to provide comments where relevant and appropriate. Constitution can be found on the [Organisation](#) page of the Harriers website. Members

are encouraged to view the constitution and other policies, providing feedback for their ongoing worth and development. **(Action – all)**

7. Election of Office Bearers: [Job Descriptions](#)

Role	Officer	Proposed	Seconded
Chairperson	Phil Hobbs	Reg H	Mark B
Vice-Chair	Matt Powell	Phil H	Mark B
Treasurer	Mark Benton	Reg H	Adrian S
Club Secretary	Steve Dorrall	Reg H	Mark B
Members Secretary	Steve Wilcox	Reg H	Mark B
Wellbeing Officer	Annette Milburn	Todd J	Tony Milburn
Social Secretary	Todd Johnson	Annette M	Adrian S
Club Captain	Alex Hamilton	Sue N	Steve W
Vice-Captain	Julie Lench	Alex H	Sue N
Brean Banger Race Director	Alex Hamilton	N/A	N/A
Burnham Half Race Director	Julie Lench	N/A	N/A
Brent Knoll Race Director	Todd Johnson	N/A	N/A
Social media	Nicola Englefield, Lucia Goodwin and Nicole Powers	Todd J	Johnathan W
Webmaster	Steve D/Katrina B, Matt Powell, Phil Hobbs	Todd J	Adrian S
Kit Manager	Alexis Briggs	Todd J	Adrian S

8. Club Reports 2025-26

Chairperson: Phil H thanked Matt P for his tenure and successes as chairperson of Burnham Harriers, looking forward to the challenge of being the new club chair. Phil congratulated all runners, run leaders and the committee for their commitment on making the club so welcoming, successful and inclusive. Thanks given to Alex for all his organisational skills and efforts in making all three club races so successful, each race selling out with great feedback.

Treasurer (Audited Financial Statement): Overall income for the club through 2025 saw a 36.8% increase. Main source of income for the club is generated from the three races, although there has been a doubling of income generated from club kit.

2025 saw an increase in costs, such as costs to host bigger races, medals, core training and race equipment, costs that have helped to further develop the club.

The club also donated £1283 to Somewhere House, the club's chosen charity for 2025. The donation saw a decrease from £1500 – proceeds given to Rusty Road via profits from the 2024 Pawlett Plod.

Overall, the club remains financially very healthy.

Secretary: Steve D congratulated all Harriers on their running and races entered through the year. Steve D announced that he is standing down as a run leader owing to injury and difficulties committing to delivering organised runs. England Athletics athlete affiliation fees will increase to £23 (from £21) from April 2026. The club affiliation fee will increase to £210 from April 2026.

Members Secretary: Steve W reported that the club now has 194 members – 181 full members and 13 social members. Approaching the next membership tier (189) that would enable the club to receive 2 London marathon club entries. Steve W outlined the demographics of the club showing a wide range of ages who have membership and routinely race, representing Burnham Harriers.

Captain/Vice-Captain: Alex highlighted the successes of the three races in 2025, each race selling out and popular among all runners. The YouTube race highlight videos and the three stage medals were popular too, although it led to many Harriers racing the three events, leading to a shortfall of volunteers. An increased call for Harrier members to volunteer at 2026 races. Monopoly challenge is entering its 4th year. Alex thanked the run leaders for delivering many runs over different terrains, types and at different times of the week – aim for 2026 is to see an increased running offer during the week beyond Tuesday and Thursday. A welcome to new members and run leaders asked to welcome new faces when they appear at club runs.

Wellbeing Officer: Annette thanked everyone for their support and welcoming Annette to the role of Welfare Officer. No major issues to report, Annette is always happy to chat to members should they wish to talk. The welfare email address is posted on the weekly update, and website should anyone need support. Annette highlighted how inclusive the club is, reminding everyone to be kind and respectful to each other, even at times where decisions may not be favourable.

2025 Race reviews:

Brean Banger – Race was highly successful with good feedback. Plans for the 2026 race include a new start procedure and chip timing, also planned for the half marathon and Brent Knoll. Costs for a first aid provider in 2026 will increase. Brean Banger scheduled to take place on 8th July.

BOS Half Marathon – Another successful race with a record turnout for the race. Road closures made the event safer, and plans to include road closures/limitations again for 2026. Race entries soon to be launched for the 2026 event, which will be the 40th anniversary race. Race scheduled for 13th September.

Brent Knoll – Successful race with a record turnout. Weather was good overall, bar a heavy downpour towards the end of the race, conditions wasn't easy, but feedback overall was positive. Race scheduled for 22nd November.

Social Media Secretary: Nothing to report

Webmaster: Steve D thanked Matt, Katrina and Phil for their support in maintaining the website. A request for images was made to keep the site up to date, reflecting new members, recent activities and celebrations. Everyone agreed that the website provides lots of value even though media sites such as Facebook, Spond etc provides instant news, races and club run

details. Everyone agreed that the website remains among the best running club websites around.

Kit Manager: Nothing to report

9. Special Awards:

Runner's Runner award: 3rd – Anna Taylor and Mark Benton; 2nd – Sue Robinson; 1st – Todd Johnson.

Newcomer of the Year: Sam Brown

Most Improved Runner: Mark Benton

Captains Cup: Claire Popham

Club Championship:

Ladies: 3rd – Tracey Thomas; 2nd – Becci Green; 1st – Ruth Brown

Men: 3rd – Mark Toms; 2nd – Sam Brown; 1st – Toby Brown

10. General

(i) Club Subscription Structure (Annual, Social) – 2026 membership will remain at £25, the same as the 2025 membership rate. Social membership = £10.

(ii) 2026 Race entry fees:

Brean Banger - £19 unaffiliated, £17 affiliated (350 race entries, 300 in 2025)

Burnham half - £26 unaffiliated, £24 affiliated (proposed increase to 500 entries, 400 in 2025). Cash prizes offered to top 3 male and female finishers.

Brent Knoll - £21 unaffiliated, £19 affiliated (proposed increase to 300 entries, up from 250 in 2025)

(ii) Club Championship: Stuart A and Alex H outlined a new format for 2026. New format is designed to encourage members to race with an ethos of local races, reasonably priced. Alex and Julie will choose races, with 1 race each month qualifying for the championship. Parkruns included and best 8 races will count. Age grading will be used to help calculate championship points. **(Action – Stuart A, Alex H and Julie L).**

(iii) UKA License Standards – Burnham Harriers currently meet the 7 required standards to maintain its affiliation. Policies are being updated by Steve D, members are welcome to provide input to maintain and improve them. Policies are located on the Organisation page of the website. SD to review and update policies, engaging members to develop policies as required. **(Action – SD).**

11. Any other business:

2026 Charity – St Margarets Hospice

Brent Knoll – flags identified on course, need to be removed.

Coaching – Group discussion on opportunities for members to be coached. Len H, Nick C and Reg H happy to give advice. Social Media posts giving members useful running tips also encouraged **(Action – Social Secretaries/Reg/Len/Nick to discuss running**

tips for Harrier social media channels). Members also encouraged to post their running profiles on social media helping to welcome and engage new members or familiarise existing members with each other.

Final message from the AGM to all members is to be kind and friendly to each other. The club, its committee and members may not get every decision correct, but aims to provide a friendly, inclusive club that encourages running for all abilities that runners enjoy.

12. Next Meeting / Closing: Steve D thanked everyone for their attendance and input. Meeting closed at 20:50pm