



Bollington Harriers Running Club

Chair Report – 8th October 2022

It's great to meet all our members in person at The Poachers for our 5th Annual General Meeting. It has been great to see many of the road and trail races return.

Approximately 135 runners participated in the club's first half marathon organized by Rob Massey and Laurence Tendler in May. Finish times were impressive and there was a lot of talk about the picturesque route around Happy Valley. Runners are welcome to join us next year for our Happy Valley Half Marathon and we are also hoping to re-launch the Bollington 3 Peaks. This year it is great to meet all our members face to face at The Poachers for the club's 5th AGM. It has been great to see road and trail racing return.

This year our club celebrated its 5th year anniversary with a dinner at The Viceroy. It was great to see one of our members win a race entry into our Happy Valley Half Marathon Trail Race 2023.

I want to thank everyone at this Club – those volunteers who have supported our Christmas Race, C25K training course, Happy Valley Half Marathon, and our 5th Birthday Anniversary.

A big thanks to our Running Leaders who plan and organise our weekly Tuesday and Wednesday night road and trail runs. They have also provided support with training plans for the Wilmslow Half Marathon and guidance for other race entries that our members have taken part.



Members continue to strive for greater personal goals with our running and this year you have taken part in a variety of races in the UK and abroad. We also saw an increase in members taking part in the in The Lakeland 55km and 23km race and 10km. The heat on the day made the race particularly challenging but post-race the cold beers were a welcome rehydration.

Our social media continues to provide our members with a source of inspiration and support. It has been a wonderful year for you all entering events or completing personal challenges as below:

- Paul Hebden completed his #1000 day run streak!
- New mum Rebecca took baby Ivy along to her first Park Run.
- Rob, Andrew, Sara and Nicola took part in the White Peak races 50 miles, 100 miles and marathon.
- Approximately twenty-five of our members took part in the Lakeland Ultra and Trails Series 14km 23km, 55km or the 100km in July.
- Bollington Harriers took part in Tez's High 5 a challenging fell race of a little under 5 miles with 1490 foot of climbing.
- Jubilee Run to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee



With money raised from our Christmas Fun Race and our Happy Valley Half Marathon we have donated money to the Bollington Dementia Group.

This year we say farewell to committee members Andrew Vincent and Tom Grimes both of whom have served on the committee since 2017. On behalf of the committee we would like to offer an opportunity to thank them both for the time they have spent on the revision of our club constitution and for the support they have provided. Tom maintained our membership data base and we have implemented a new payment system. Both have been active and we will miss them both.



We have welcomed many new members this year, proved support for new members want to learn to run and the clubs first official half marathon, congratulations! What a great year for Bollington Harriers, great [Running Leaders](#) and vibrant [Committee](#)

What will next year bring us? We are planning the following events:

- C25K and Rebecca who leads this course will also be encouraging Mums to get active with their little ones by joining her for a buggy fit run.
- Annual Christmas Fun Run
- Happy Valley Half Marathon
- Bollington 3 Peaks
- A monthly walk and talk
- Club Dinner at The Viceroy.

Details of these events will be published on our Facebook and Instagram pages plus you will receive our excellent newsletter. If you have any suggestions, please, feel free to send an email to bollingtonharriers@gmail.com

Bollington Harriers – A Club that loves to run in the community of Bollington and the surrounding areas.

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Chair – Bollington Harriers

Keep safe and healthy 🍷 Keep on running 🍷

