Minutes of the Hardley Runners AGM Meeting
Sunday 22 February 2026

at 10am at Vibrant Brewery

1. Welcome, Apologies and introductions

Sarah opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. The meeting was declared quorate.

Attendance
Imogen Hart
Sarah Fitton
Andy Simpson
Tamsin Roberts
Jack Fairbrother
Daniel Parker-Hales
Emma Fairbrother
Jenny Bundy
Danii Bundy
Stuart Fawcett
William Baker
Chris Harris
Claire Aplin
James Peckham
Richard Bingham
Simon Ibbotson
Adrian Mudle
Sarah Hood
Jane Hodge
Karen Denham

Apologies
Jeremy Barber
Dan Chown
Kate Garner
Louisa Rayner
Phil Rudd
Alice Rudd
Marnie Seymour
Julie Swainson

2. Acceptance of last meeting minutes

The Minutes of the AGM held on 23 February 2025 were agreed to be an accurate record of that meeting.
Proposed: Claire Aplin
Seconded: Sarah Hood

3. Chairs' Report

Sarah Fitton provided a report from the Chairs:
"We would like to thank you for coming to this year's AGM. I would like to welcome Andy as co-chair and thank Andrew for his contributions. We would usually summarise our achievements for the year but this year I feel we covered that in the Hardley advent of achievements. Thank you for the kind messages that were sent regarding that initiative.
2025 saw a social run guideline which has been written and is available to read on the website.
Thank you to the membership, friends and family who support our various ventures during the year. Thank you to the coaches and run leaders who provide training throughout the year and thank you to the committee who volunteer their time to ensure the club continues to be able to organise and deliver the abundance of activities and events to the membership.
In 2026 our aim is to be as inclusive and welcoming as possible, encourage participation and

celebrate success. We plan to have some new challenges and the awards brunch will see some new categories and include practical keepsakes for winners. We also hope to look at the constitution and make it more relevant. We would welcome any new committee members or anyone who is willing to organise an event. We are also looking forward to our first foreign tour for a long time in May which is when 17 of us are going to Poland."

4. Re-lection of officials

The existing Committee was re-elected.
Proposed: Imogen Hart
Seconded: James Peckham

5. Treasurer's Report

Dan Chown was unexpectedly detained elsewhere as the meeting started. The annual accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Annual Accounts accompany these Minutes.

6. Membership Report

Jane Hodge provided an update on current membership and proposed next year's membership fees:
170 members in total:

- 90 EA members
- 64 non EA
- 7 second claim
- 6 out of county
- I younger member
- 2 lifetime members (4 in total)

EA members include 14 run leader/coaches, 2 lifetime members, one out of county member.
Membership fee covers 1 April – 31 March
Renewal notices are sent in early March followed by another two reminders and these link to WhatsApp groups, FaceBook and Strava. MemberMojo updates members via email. With the final reminder if you don't renew you don't get any further emails so you will fall out of the loop with information. If membership expires at end of month, non-members are not covered by insurance.
The AGM sets fees for the upcoming year. Jane Hodge recommended an increase in annual membership fees of £3 to cover the increase by England Athetics. This will increase for those who pay it, the EA fee from £37 last year to £40 for 2026. As the Club is in a good financial position, she doesn't propose an increase in the fee for non EA members.
Proposed fee structure for 2026/27:

Category	**2026/27**	**2025/26**
EA Members	£40	£37
Non EA Members	£17	£17
Second Claim	£17	£17
Out of County Members	£7	£7
Members aged 15-20	0	0
Lifetime Members	0	0
EA add on	£23	£23

Proposed: Jane
Seconded: Imogen

Vote: The proposal went to a vote which was unanimous.

7. Hants Road Race League

Daniel PH provided a summary of the HRRL season this year.
Daniel raised a question regarding fees and whether we should continue to pay for a second ladies team. We currently pay about £50 for A and B teams for men and ladies. But due to low turnout for the women's teams he asked if we should reduce to a single ladies team. The first 4 runners to finish comprise the A team, the next 4 comprise the B team. In order to have two teams, Hardley would need to have 8 female runners.

Simon Ibbotson said that numbers persistently were falling.
Chris Harris was keen to ask all runners to participate and not just fast runners, and suggested the league captains should encourage wider participation.
Jane Hodge agreed with this viewpoint.
James Peckham was also concerned about closing the door on a second ladies team given £50 is a relatively small amount of money.

The proposal to keep the second ladies team went to a vote:
For: 13
Against: 7

The vote to retain the ladies B team was upheld, but numbers will be monitored continuously until the next AGM when this question will be reviewed.

8. Club Coaching Report

Chris Harris thanked all the coaches and run leaders for making the training happen, especially this Winter with the rain and the cold. The run leaders are Simon, Tamsin, Karen, Julie, Danii, Claire, Sharon, Daniel PH, Tim, Paul, Dan C, Aaron, Callum and ????, and the coaches are Chris and Ian.

She said:

"I want to mention where people have been injured or had issues of illness, repeatedly the same people have stood in:

Aaron and Danii – the group thanked them via an applause.

Julie and Karen want to do the Coaching and Running Fitness course and will do it when there's a local one available.

Training is going well. Summer training in the Forest was great. Everyone enjoys the track sessions and New Forest Academy are good to work with. We hosted the Mile of Miles event this year and came third. The event went really well. Our ladies especially did well. Out of twenty clubs attending, Hardley Runners had four ladies in the top ten.

Winter sessions are all good but with them the rain came and we have had to cancel three sessions.

There has been lots of change to the training including new courses and new sessions such as fartlek sessions, including the Christmas fartlek which was good fun.

We have done one time trial , a timed 5km where thirteen people attended. We have done more in the past but noticed attendance dropped off so we did just one this year.

As requested we attended the Southampton track on a Thursday evening, as the previous session held on a Friday was not popular. The problem with a Thursday is that other clubs also use the track at the same time, and we are only able to book the track at the later time of 7:30pm. Only seven people attended which means this is not really a viable option. However, she would like to go back to the track one more time before the clocks go forward. But it will be a Friday.

We continue to attract new people to training and they do stay. Beginners went with Julie, Danni and Sharon, and we got Stuart, Susie and James join the club, which is the same number as the previous year.

Claire has done a new poster promoting the run leaders and the club and Chris has asked that people take them and put them up – e.g. sport environment

Next Beginners course starts Tuesday 31 March”

9. Welfare Report

Charmaine Bradford had sent her apologies and a note to say there are currently no welfare concerns.

10. Club Kit Report

Sarah Fitton provided a report:

Total kit sales in 2025 was £742.08

10 items of old stock are available at the discounted price of £10 each.

Buffs are available at £5 each

Hoodies are available from Branding Worx in Totton at about £28.50 each. Members can call and order direct 02380 869248 saying they want a Hardley Runner hoodie. They will be able to collect in about 2 weeks.

Hats are made to order for charity – suggested dona/on £15 – just let Sarah know

Current value of stock held is £1011.72 – this represents an increase in value due to minimum order quantities

All sizes in both men’s and women’s T-shirts and vests are currently available. We have a few long sleeved T-shirts available in men and ladies medium and large.

An order once a year (usually in autumn) seems to be working well, it is done like this to try and minimise P&P costs, which is £24 inc VAT, which is paid for by the club. Kit is sold at cost price.

If anyone has any new ideas for kit, please liaise with me.

We had a problem the vest orders this year (no mesh at the sides) this has been resolved but still trying to negotiate a little compensation from Scimitar.

11. CC6 Report

Daniel PH provided a summary of the season to date, with the last occurrence of the league still outstanding.
Hardely had fielded a Men's side of 29 participants overall. Dave Wilson and Mick Anglim have raced every race. Six participants have done four or more to qualify: Dave, Mick (first in age category),Andrew Vaughan, Dan PH, Kev Day and Simon.
The Club has fielded 14 ladies: Imogen and Jane have done all races. Alice has done 4. Poppy could win ladies championship if she comes to the last one.

Team – men are 4th in league (Lordshill is main competition)
Women – 6th comfortably

Dan PH now does the results for the CC6 asked for feedback on how he does the results. He was commended for getting the results out so quickly.

12. RR10

Tamsin Roberts provided a summary on the upcoming RR10 season.

- The season starts Wednesday 22 April
- All races start 7pm
- The Hardley Runners hosted race is Wednesday 5 August at the Cadnam Estate. Please offer your support as volunteers on the day and also make cake donations. The Cadnam Estate is yet to give permission but hopefully this will happen as in previous years.

13. Cross country Report

In Mick Anglim's absence the following report was read out:

"Cross Country report
Hampshire Cross Country League
The Hardley men had a great season gaining promotion to Division 2 with a 1st and two 2nd positions.
Despite the Hardley ladies winning Division 2 at Bournemouth they had no one at Aldershot and only two brave women at a waterlogged Dinton so with only one team score Hardley ladies remain in Div 2.
Mick Anglim was first M70 in the individual League.
Hampshire Cross Country Championships

Hardley Runners competed well above its size in the 11.36km Senior men's race finishing 5th out of 25 Clubs. That was Hardley's best Championship Team result for a decade.
Mick Anglim was the only individual male medallist for Hardley taking M75 Gold by default.
Although Hardley did not have a ladies team our two ladies, Alice Rudd and Jane Hodge, both won medals over an 8.9km course. Alice was first W35 and Jane Hodge was 2nd W65.
National Cross Country Championships
This was held in County Durham and Mick Anglim was the only Hardley finisher as son Brendan ran for his local Club."

14. Solent Half

Tamsin had provided a report on the forthcoming event:
She stressed that it was happening really soon. Everything is under control with all paperwork etc and she requested that we all 'like' the Solent half page on Facebook to get algorithm going. And she asked for volunteers on the day.
Parking arrangements are still outstanding. There was some discussion about the state of the course given the wet weather, but given the course is already certified so cannot now be changed. But Tamsin is going to warn off in pre-race info because it's so wet, unusually so for this time of year

15. Publicity Report

Lucy was not present. She is soon to go travelling at which point the Committee will advertise for a new Publicity Secretary.

16. Charity Report

Sarah provided a report:

This year the Committee voted Oakhaven Hospice and the Huntingdon's Disease Association (HDA) as the charities for 2026.

<u>Jane Hodge provided a report about HAD:</u>
One of Hardley Runners' chosen charities for this year is Huntingdon's Disease Association. Some of the proceeds from the Solent Half will go to the Association and Kate Garner, who received the Club's London Marathon place, is raising funds for the Association.
Why this charity?
One of our members, Sarah Wilkinson/Hood (and her mother, aunt and grandmother before her) has Huntingdon's Disease (HD). Sarah and her husband Junior, receive support from the Association. Her brother, Ian Wilkinson, now works with the Association and he has provided me with the facts I am using today. I think it is a worthwhile charity and deserving of our support.
What is Huntingon's?
Huntington's disease:
- is a rare neurological disorder that affects the central nervous system and is caused by a faulty gene passed down through families.
- causes changes in the brain affecting movement, feelings, thinking, eating and speech.
- affects around 8000 people in the UK with Huntington's (1 in 10,000 people) and around 32,000 are at risk of developing it.

• is terminal and there is currently no cure. Medical professionals can only treat the symptoms.

What does the Huntington's Disease Association do?

The Association provides essential services to people who are affected by Huntington's disease across England and Wales. These services include:

• local branches and support groups
• events and activities for families and people affected by the disease
• a specialist advisory service
• online support via social channels and website
• funding of selected research studies and projects
• training/events for professionals.

The Association relies almost entirely on voluntary donations which enables it to provide advice, care and support to people, such as Sarah and her family, across the whole of England and Wales"

Sarah Fitton and Andy Simpson read a report about Oakhaven:

"Oakhaven Hospice provides specialist palliative and end of life care and support to patients with medical referral who live in the New Forest, Totton and the Waterside communities both in the hospice which is located in Lymington, and in their homes. The teams of nurses, doctors, counsellors and therapists ease physical symptoms and offer psychological, spiritual and social support to suit the needs of each individua, and offer support for patients and their families when they need it the most- free of charge. Just 11% of the running costs are covered by the NHS, and the rest relies on fundraising. £8 million is what is required every year. Hardley Runners have had a long standing association with Oakhaven and have donated to them annually.

In the 10 years I have been a member I know of at least 3 Hardley runners and their families who have been supported by them."

Sarah continued her Charities report and said that monies will go to both of these charities from profits of the Solent Half Marathon.

Additional fundraising this year will be:

- Exbury 10k on 28th June, where we volunteer and get a donation from the organiser (in 2025 we received £550)
- A spring bingo evening
- A summer Sunday social run followed by a breakfast
- An autumn charity quiz night

Kate Garner has chosen HDA as her fundraising charity for her London marathon place and has received over £1000 already and she has a Just Giving page if you would like to donate.

We are also hoping to do a social run to the Waterside foodbank in the summer.

17. Social Report

The Social Committee had made their apologies. In their absence, the following report was read out:

"2025 Review & Planned Events for 2026

Review of 2025

The Social Committee is pleased to report that 2025 was another successful and enjoyable year for club social events. A varied programme of runs and activities was delivered, and we are delighted that the majority of events were well attended and enthusiastically supported by members.

Highlights from the year included:

- A memorable 14-mile trail run around Winchester, taking in some beautiful countryside routes, followed (as tradition dictates!) by well-earned coffee and cake.
- A 9-mile run around Hamble, which included a ride on the iconic pink ferry followed by drinks at the Jolly Sailor
- A social paddle on the Beaulieu River, held on a rather breezy day, which added a little extra adventure to an already scenic outing.
- The annual Hardley Awards picnic, once again held at Lepe, providing a wonderful opportunity to gather as a club, celebrate the wide range of achievements for club members, and enjoy plenty of conversation and camaraderie.

We were also pleased to organise several special celebratory runs for milestone birthdays:

- A 13-mile run in Portland to celebrate Mark's birthday.
- A 7-mile coastal run around Studland to celebrate Steve's birthday.

The year concluded with a fantastic turnout of approximately 27 members for our Christmas social run, followed by a delicious and thoroughly deserved brunch. It was a fitting way to round off a busy and successful social calendar.

Overall, 2025 demonstrated once again the strength of our club community, with members coming together not just to run, but to socialise, celebrate and support one another.

Plans for 2026

We are excited to share our planned programme of events for the coming year. As always, these will be run at a steady, social pace to ensure inclusivity, allowing everyone to enjoy the scenery and each other's company.

Planned events thus far include:

- Sunday 19th April – 13-mile run along the Itchen Navigation Trail from Alresford to Winchester, followed by lunch in Winchester.
- Saturday 4th July – 13-mile run on the Isle of Wight, with lunch before returning by ferry.
- Sunday 12th July (provisional) – Hardley Awards picnic at Lepe.
- Saturday 5th September – Our annual visit to Studland for a scenic 7-mile coastal run.
- Sunday 29th November – Christmas social run followed by brunch.

Further details will be shared closer to each event, and we hope many of you will be able to join us. We warmly encourage all members to come along and join in, whether you're a regular at our social events or trying one for the first time.

The Social Committee looks forward to another year of enjoyable and well-supported events in 2026. We hope to see many of you there.

Submitted on behalf of the Social Committee,
Marnie, Julie and Louisa”

18. Webmaster (inc. Diary) Report

Simon Ibbotson continues to keep the website updated with the latest results, news and information. Please let me know if you notice any issues or missing information on the website.

Web hosting and domain registration
Hosting and domain are with ECO Web hosting.

Developing our new website
We have been looking at refreshing our website with a new version for some time now. Unfortunately the web developer we had instructed to begin work on the new website towards the end of 2025 was not, in the end, able to commit enough time to the project and so had to pull out.
I have instead been working on the new website build myself and it is progressing well. Once I have a working test site, I will ask the Committee to assess it for any changes before continuing with the roll out.
The new website will be on the ‘Wordpress’ platform, which provides and easy to use interface and addition of new features via modules.
All current website content will be included on the new website

Race Diary Compliers Report
Please let me know if you see that an event is missing from the Diary Calendar.

https://www.hardleyrunners.co.uk/RaceDiary.html

All current league events have been added to the diary.

19. AOB

1. Tamsin Roberts – Mile of Miles provisional date 1 July at Southampton running track.

2. Mick Anglim – in respect of the ‘special’ Sunday Social runs:
   “It’s great that Hardley encompasses a wide range of running interests but we should try to avoid a conflict between League races and 'special' Sunday Social runs.
   One of the Club's largest expenditures is affiliation fees to the local race League.
   Recently there was a 'breakfast' run which could have detracted from attendance at a CC6 race. I would have been happy to join that Social run had it not coincided with a League race.

There was some discussion. The consensus was that the range of club events serves different audiences and this is to be celebrated. Going forward we will attempt to deconflict Social Committee events with league events where possible. But it was noted the long planning times necessary.

3. Claire Aplin – asked if Simon was doing website voluntarily, because given there was a budget set aside, he should be reimbursed for his time.

Proposed: Claire Aplin
Seconded: Chris Harris

Vote – unanimous **Action**: committee to decide how much and when

4. Tamsin Roberts – The club race event kit is ageing and heavy. Tamsin wants to make some purchases:

- High viz need replacing
- Pop up signs – we currently have a start and finish sign which are big and cumbersome. Pop-up signs would be lighter and easier to manoeuvre.

She proposes the purchase of pop up signs would be an investment as well as a photo opportunity.

Some discussion followed. Some felt popup signs are too small. Some felt the cost was too much. Dan Chown said that the Club was in a very good financial position and we give so much to charity, we should also consider investing in ourselves.

It was proposed that funds be made available to purchase new Club race event equipment:
Proposed: Tamsin
Seconded: Jane

Vote – unanimously voted in favour of the purchase of new Club race event equipment.

5. Andy Simpson wanted to thank Sarah for her hard work as Chair. And also thanked everyone for their attendance at the AGM.

DONM – AGM Sunday 27 February 2027 AGM 10am at Vibrant Brewery

The meeting closed at 11:55am

Imogen Hart