



Cambridge and Coleridge Athletic Club Reports 2021

Keith Clarke, 23rd November 2021



Chair's report

KEITH CLARKE, CHAIR

2021 Summary

- ▶ Covid
 - ▶ In the financial year to March 2021 we were shut for 7 months and suspended membership for that time ... but still kept paying our EA affiliation fees to enable competitions
 - ▶ We were able to get back on track at the of March but had a shortened T&F season and the Kevin Henry was virtual.
- ▶ Membership
 - ▶ Our membership sank below 600 for the first time in many years but is back around 700 already – thank you everyone for sticking with the club
- ▶ Club Plan published
 - ▶ After a year's hiatus, we published the club plan for the next few years in July.
 - ▶ The overall themes are:
 - ▶ To improve the sustainability of the club's organisation and operations
 - ▶ To enhance the positive impact of club membership
 - ▶ To extend the impact of the club out into the community
 - ▶ Immediate actions:
 - ▶ Creation of a Track and Field working group led by the portfolio holder
 - ▶ Creation of a Junior Academy working group led by the Young Athletes portfolio holder

2021 Performances

- ▶ A small selection of highlights (with apologies for the many missed):
 - ▶ In March, Holly Archer won a Silver medal in the 1500m at the European indoor championships
 - ▶ Thomas Keen made his debut Diamond League race in May and later ran the club's first ever sub-4 minute mile
 - ▶ Ellie Loosley won the South of England U17 3000m title in June
 - ▶ Samuel Clarke won the U23 English National title for 400m Hurdles
 - ▶ 14 club members were selected for English Schools in July
 - ▶ Alex Malloy was selected to run the 3000m for GB at the European U20 championships in Tallinn and got a bronze medal
 - ▶ Stef Godfrey won the W55 British Masters Half Marathon Championships, also in July
 - ▶ Jonathan Escalante-Phillips selected to represent England at the Inter area relays in August
 - ▶ Michael Hausler finished top of the rankings for M60 Shot

Monday evening Junior Academy

- ▶ We are now recruiting someone to lead the Junior Academy on Monday nights – taking over leadership from Ric Park who wishes to focus on coaching
 - ▶ Ric is staying in post during the transition
- ▶ Role entails:
 - ▶ Liaise with the coaches to ensure young athletes get the best athletic development and manage coach availability
 - ▶ Manage the monday@cambridgeandcoleridge.org.uk e-mail
 - ▶ Liaise with Chair to run inductions to manage the waiting list
 - ▶ Be present most Monday evenings at the start
- ▶ How to get involved
 - ▶ Contact Ric on Monday@cambridgeandcoleridge.org.uk

Para Athletics



- ▶ The club agreed to fund an additional track session on Wednesdays in 2019 to encourage para athletes
 - ▶ The dedicated slot is vital to enable these athletes to train safely
- ▶ Now have about ten regular attendees, including wheelchair athletes, frame runners, a visually impaired athlete and an ambulant athlete
- ▶ The club equipment bought with grants is being used regularly
- ▶ Coaches and helpers are the current constraint on numbers. More would be very appreciated:
 - ▶ Email Neil Costello on: disability@cambridgeandcoleridge.org.uk



Web content Manager required

- ▶ New website now 2 ½ years old
 - ▶ Allows us to add a lot of news content easily
 - ▶ Automatically creates monthly newsletter from content
- ▶ We are now recruiting someone to manage the site content
 - ▶ ensure news is posted throughout the year
 - ▶ Ensure the monthly newsletters are informative and engaging
 - ▶ Pass good news stories to local newspapers when appropriate too.
- ▶ We thank Wendy Fox for doing this for the last two years
- ▶ Email the chair on chair@cambridgeandcoleridge.org.uk if you can do this role

Welfare and Safeguarding

- ▶ Gill Bridger, our Welfare Officer, would like to create a Welfare team
 - ▶ To provide cover for each other when unavailable
 - ▶ To broaden the awareness of the different areas of the club's activities
 - ▶ To act as a team when dealing with incidents.
- ▶ Could suit a parent of an athlete at the club or an adult athlete
- ▶ And/or has experience with welfare and safeguarding
- ▶ Please email welfare@cambridgeandcoleridge.org.uk if you could be part of the team



Treasurer's report

ED HALL, TREASURER

Treasurer's report



- ▶ As expected the Club's results for the year ended 31 March 2021 have been adversely impacted by the Covid lock downs
 - ▶ Subscription income £19,768 (FY20 £43,832)
 - ▶ Reduced income from induction fees and clothing sales
- ▶ The club therefore focussed on controlling discretionary expenditure
 - ▶ Deferred the payment of England Athletic affiliation fee
 - ▶ Reduced track and match costs
- ▶ Overall deficit for the year was £7,591
- ▶ The Club has recognised, as a restricted fund, the historic surplus of the Cambourne 10K as the Club runs the event.
- ▶ Subscriptions, clothing sales and induction fees have returned to pre pandemic levels since 1 April.
- ▶ Unrestricted cash balances £58.611

2022 subscriptions



- ▶ Proposal to equalised subscriptions at £75 per year for all with elimination of waged and unwaged member categories
 - ▶ No increase for the endurance runners that make up half the club
- ▶ The increase is to ensure the continued financial stability of the club in response to increased costs:
 - ▶ £1 increase in England Athletics affiliation fee
 - ▶ 5% increase in track costs for each the last two years and another 8% forecast
 - ▶ An additional track session on a Wednesday
 - ▶ Expected increases in other costs (e.g. Insurance)
- ▶ Subscriptions for waged and unwaged members have been aligned to reflect the use of the club's facilities and the person actually paying the subscriptions.
 - ▶ £75pa is extremely low cost for a track and field club – no track fees
- ▶ Members requiring financial hardship support can apply via membership@ for assistance



Election of Officers and Committee 2022



With enormous thanks to...

- ▶ Wendy Fox – Website content since the new site was launched
- ▶ Ric Park – Monday night Junior Academy coordinator (focussing on coaching)
- ▶ Richard Lyle for assisting the chair at a time of enormous pressure at the end of lockdown

- ▶ Special mention to:
- ▶ Bryn Percival – Leaving the area having been lead Sprints coach for 10+ years after joining as an talented athlete at 11 years old

Officer Committee Nominations



- ▶ President Neil Costello
- ▶ Chair Keith Clarke
- ▶ Treasurer Edward Hall
- ▶ Membership Secretary - Marie Whittle
- ▶ Portfolios:
 - ▶ Track & Field – Steve Green
 - ▶ Endurance – Chris Hurcomb
 - ▶ Coaching – Stu Dunlop
 - ▶ Young Athletes – Ric Park (transitional)
 - ▶ Welfare Officer – Gill Bridger
- ▶ Member without Portfolio – Mo Park
- ▶ Co-opted members
 - ▶ Carol Wright (Officials' representative)
 - ▶ Esther Leighton (Disability rep.)
 - ▶ Jenny Leggate (Young athletes' rep.)
 - ▶ Vashti MacDonald-Clink (Charity operations)
 - ▶ Abby Anghileri (Committee Secretary)