

Annual General Meeting

Held on Friday 17 April 2026 at 7 pm

Horsham Cricket Club

The meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.		
1	<p>Introduction and address from the Chairman</p> <p>Ian Dickinson (ID) welcomed everyone to the 2026 AGM.</p> <p>The housekeeping points noted were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the room is hired exclusively for HJ for the whole evening.• when leaving the premises, in view of residents in the area, please keep noise to a minimum.• There were no planned fire drills, so evacuation via the indicated fire doors would be required if the fire alarm were to go off• There was a notepad for attendees to record their names for the minutes <p>It is worth reminding every member, at least once a year, the ethos and principal of the club, which had remained unchanged over the 40 years:</p> <p>An inclusive club to provide affordable membership that gives access to running activities and challenges at a wide range of ability levels in a friendly, safe and supportive environment.</p> <p>The club's Tuesday night runs and the Run Leaders, demonstrate this statement in action. The run leaders present were asked to stand, and thanked and applauded for supporting and providing the back bone to the club's Tuesday night runs over the last year.</p> <p>Despite some difficult times over the last twelve months for many of our members, it was acknowledged that the club's friendship and positivity have been a great support to everyone. ID thanked the members for building that network.</p> <p>Many have started off as runners but come together as friends in this inclusive space.</p>	Actions
2	<p>Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM</p> <p>The minutes of the last AGM held on 11 April 2025 were posted after the last meeting and available on HJ website under Club Documents/AGM details.</p> <p>Those who were at that AGM, were invited to raise their hands to confirm their acceptance of the minutes as a true record. There was a show of hands from most of the members.</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>There were no matters arising from the last AGM held in April 2025.</p>	

4	<p>Chairman's Report on 2025</p> <p>A sample of our members' post run comments and Strava titles would make a good report on 2025; too hot, too cold, too muddy, too many hills, too wet, nNot enough cake, followed by, "which group are you running with on Tuesday?"</p> <p>Different members of the Committee will be reporting on their own sections, so the Chairman's report focused on the club's governance under England Athletics, the governing body for running clubs.</p> <p>Horsham Joggers is affiliated with EA, which gives guidance, training, insurance for club activities. If the committee have a question, someone at England Athletics will know the answer.</p> <p>As reported at last year's AGM, EA recommended seven different standards, and from April 2025, one of these became mandatory. The requirement to have a Safeguarding policy and procedure to ensure all members, coaches and volunteers are supported, was the first to be mandatory.</p> <p>From April 2026, all 7 of the recommended standards are required to be in place:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Constitution 2. Committee 3. Grievance and Disciplinary Policy 4. General Data Protection Regulation 5. Inclusion and Diversity 6. Safeguarding Code of Conduct 7. Health and Safety <p>ID was pleased to report that these standards are in place and have been in place for some time, thanks to Sok Wah Lee (SWL) and other members of the committee who have worked on building the clubs structures.</p> <p>ID urged members to look at these club standards which are all documented on our website.</p> <p>With regards to the matter of Safeguarding, ID thanked the Welfare Officer, Julie Gallagher (JG), who is standing down from the role and from the committee.</p> <p>JG was presented with some flowers and a gift voucher for her services to the club.</p> <p>ID also thanked Julie Jochimsen (JJ) who had volunteered to take on the role of the club's primary Welfare Officer, alongside Simon Holmes.</p> <p>ID reminded members of the Benefits Page on the club's website. The page lists businesses who offer a range of discounted services, for our members. ID advised that it is worth checking this section if looking for some equipment, or injury prevention, or treatment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up and Running • Runners Need 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sportshoes dot com • Hands On Sports Therapy • Horsham Sports Injury Clinic • Elevate Reformer Pilates • DUAL strength + Fitness • Coaching with Lawrence Roy • Movement Mechanics • Mycomputerworks & Macrehab • Proviz Sports 	
5	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>A soft copy of the 2025 Accounts is available on the HJ website. Helena Jordan (HJJ) gave an overview of the financial report for the year ending 31 December 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The balance sheet showed accumulated funds at the end of the year of £18,339.93 compared with £20,997.91 the previous year. • The total income for 2025 was £29,370.82 • The total expenditure for 2025 was £32,028.80 • Deficit for the year was £2,657.98 compared to a deficit of £311.86 last year. • Other points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made a profit from both the Horsham 10k and Gunpowder Trot that enabled HJ to donate £3,000 (£1,500 each) to The Olive Tree and St Catherine's. • Although the income from the track fees exceed the cost of hire, the track fees will remain at £2 in view of the anticipated increase in hire costs • The one-off rebranding cost to the club of £1,760 was the main reason for the loss in the year of £2,658 <p>Oliver Cannon suggested that the track fees can go up but JF advised it depends on how many nights the flood lights need to be on as it is payable in addition.</p> <p>The loss in 2025 is not expected to recur as the cause were largely due to a one-off rebranding and loss in some social events. However, there is a need to build some scope for contingencies.</p> <p>John Docherty asked if it was possible for the annual membership payment to be made by direct debit. CW agreed to investigate this and the possibility to making the current payment process more effective.</p> <p>It was noted that £14k in the community had been kept intact and not eroded over the years. CW advised that it was originally intended for a club house, but that reason is no longer applicable. The committee had intended for it to be used for investment back in the club such as payment for the training of coaches.</p>	CW

6	<p>For Voting</p> <p>Members were asked to vote on the proposal to increase the membership fee by £2 for both individual membership and family membership with effect from 1 January 2027 for new members and those renewing from 1 April 2027.</p> <p>Most of the attendees raised their hand in support of the proposal. The motion for an increased annual subscription fee of £12 for individuals and £22 for family membership will take effect from 1 January 2027 for new members and those renewing from 1 April 2027.</p> <p>Members were asked to vote on the election of Officers and Committee Members. Except for Julie Gallagher, the current incumbents have agreed to continue to serve in their current capacities. In addition, it was proposed that Ben Lee Hill will join the committee.</p> <p>Thus, for the forthcoming year, the committee will be formed of the same team, without JG and with the addition of Ben Hill.</p> <p>The attendees were asked vote for the proposed team of committee members to be elected en-masse. Most of the attendees raised their hand in support of the proposal. This motion was carried unanimously.</p>	
7	<p>Events and social update</p> <p><u>Report from Florian Yeates (FY) – Social and running events</u></p> <p>FY thanked everyone who has attended a social event in 2025. He gave a summary of the events that had taken place and those that were coming up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lower-than-expected attendance at the HJ Quiz was the primary cause for the social events contributing to a loss to HJ’s accounts for 2025. • Thus, FY will be looking at fewer large events and booking smaller venues for the future. • The Club has had an average year from a social viewpoint, with lots of highlights such as the Parkrun away-days, trips to Knepp, the disco and plenty of other social events. FY hoped everyone enjoyed them. • This year the next upcoming event is the Big HJ Quiz, to be held on 15th May. • The HJ Talk series continues, with the next talk by Bente Smith, a qualified Dietician, on 3rd June on “Fuelling for runners”. • Following this, although details/exact dates are to be confirmed, is a proposed trip to Brolly Brewing on 18th June. • The 'Big HJ Relay is on 9th July. The plan is to have one big pot luck for everyone to put their estimated Parkrun/ 5k Time down and for the Teams to be sorted out so that the teams are all roughly of equal ability. • Further socials in the summer are yet to be planned; FY asked and welcomed suggestions. <p>FY thanked everyone for all the support and hope all will enjoy the social events coming up this year</p>	

Report from Clive Walker (CW) – Sussex Grand Prix and HJ Challenge

CW explained that the Sussex Grand Prix is made up of 13 races of various lengths each year, such as Hastings Half, etc including the Horsham 10k. CW encouraged members to participate in these events.

CW explained that the races for the HJ Challenge Trophy – were chosen by the committee. For 2026, the HJ Challenge Trophy races, including a new shorter distance of 5k, are:

- Haywards Heath 10 mile to be held on 3rd May 2026
- WSFRL – Trundle View to be held on 27th May
- Wisborough Green 5k to be held on 7th June
- Henfield Half Marathon to be held on 16th August
- Alf Shrubbs 10k to be held on 13th September

Report from ID – Horsham 10k

ID gave a summary of the 10k event that took place in 2025 which raised a profit in excess of £3k after netting off expenses and taking into account the sponsorship from Brock Taylor. The bulk of the money raised were donated to the same 2 charities, Olive Tree and St Catherine's Hospice.

The Dinosaur Dash will be repeated in 2026.

Although there were more sponsors in 2025, when compared to the previous year, the level of sponsorship through the dinosaurs did not raise as much money as had been anticipated, partly due to the increase in supplier costs. The future cost of entry for the race may need to be reviewed.

Entrants were limited to 500 but not all entrants turned up for the race and potentially more tickets could be sold on the day.

In 2025, the two charities who were due to receive the money raised participated in the Dino Dash, to help to promote the event and their respective charities.

The profit from the Gunpowder Trot were also added to the bucket dedicated for the two charities.

The amount donated was £1,500, slightly lower than the £1,900 donated to each of the charities in the previous year.

The number of tickets sold at the same point last year was 240 compared to 209 this year. The lower sales this year may be due to the Gatwick Half being held on the same day. 12 junior tickets have been sold, same as last year.

ID thanked Mark Alger for updating the flyer. Flyers were available for members to pick up for distribution at parkruns.

	<p>The 2026 medals will have an orange ribbon, the second in the series of the seven rainbow colours. These medals can be collected either by running the race or by volunteering to help with the organisation.</p> <p>It was noted that about 10 or so more volunteers are needed to make the 10k a success for 2026.</p> <p><u>Report from ID – Gunpowder Trot and Horsham Round</u></p> <p>ID commented that the Gunpowder Trot was a good event despite the ambulance being stuck in mud at the top of Denne Hill before the start.</p> <p>Horsham Round was also a good event and will be repeated in August.</p> <p>ID thanked Roger Johnson for organising the two events.</p>	
8	<p>Kit update and report</p> <p>Jane Footer reported that the rebranding in 2025 had been the key event. The club had sold about 100 of the rebranded race kit.</p> <p>In practice, the club tries to minimise the stock held.</p> <p>JF displayed a couple of club branded products available on the members zone on the website.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Car window stickers which are non-adhesive and cost 70 p each 2. Sewn on circular badges that cost £1.70 each. <p>JF reported that very lightweight see-through race vests are being designed. They can be ordered online in due course. They are very expensive and there will not be any stocks held of these vests.</p>	
9	<p>Honorary members</p> <p>Diane Berry (DB) explained that honorary membership was achieved by reaching a minimum age of 65 and at least ten years of continuous club membership.</p> <p>DB announced the names of the 15 honorary members. They were</p> <p>David Evans Peter Helliwell Roy Huisman Dave Dawson Clive Walker Susan Wilcox Caroline McGrath Julie Gallagher Pete O'Connell Val Purnell Alan Petite Wendy Mason</p>	

	<p>Mike Saunders Peter Tyrrell Sue Newman</p> <p>Apart from David Evans, Wendy Mason, Peter Helliwell, Val Purnell, and Sue Newman who were unable to attend, their certificates of honorary membership were presented by DB.</p>					
10	<p>Safeguarding and Welfare</p> <p>JG had been a member of Horsham Joggers since the mid-1980s and for a good number of years, it was a very important part of her life, particularly while her children were growing up. While remaining a member of the club, she moved on to do triathlons and spent less time with HJ until the covid pandemic, when running in small groups was permissible.</p> <p>JG was keen to give something back to the club and volunteered to take on the role of Covid officer. Afterwards, she accepted the invitation to join the committee as a Welfare Officer.</p> <p>JG had found the role of Welfare Officer interesting as she attended committee meetings and gained an insight into the amount of work that the committee members put into the running of this club. The club has had only a few welfare issues, and most of them have been incidents where there was no intention to do harm to anyone. Hopefully, any issues raised with the club have been resolved to the satisfaction of all involved.</p> <p>Having retired, JG could run in the daytime and no longer ran with the club on a Tuesday evening. JG felt that the Welfare Officer for the club needs to be around and mixing with the membership, and that she had become too distant due to having less time to engage with club activities.</p> <p>JG decided to stand down but a very suitable replacement, JJ will take on the role. JG wished JJ well in this role. JG reminded everyone that the welfare officers are here to help if there are issues.</p> <p>JG thanked the club for the flowers and the gift.</p>					
11	<p>Awards</p> <p><u>West Sussex Fun Run League</u></p> <p>Including Gunpowder Trot, there are 17 races altogether in the WSFRL. Julie Jochimsen (JJ) presented the club awards members for completing 10 or more races. In 2025, 12 members achieved this. In addition, there were 11 who completed 9 races plus help or run at the Gunpowder Trot. Thus, there were a total of 23 awardees. The awardees were</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="264 1944 778 2027"> <tr> <td>Paul</td> <td>Barnes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Caroline</td> <td>Bransden</td> </tr> </table>	Paul	Barnes	Caroline	Bransden	
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Stephanie	Charman
Dave	Dawson
Geoff	Fisher
Malcolm	Footer
Christina	Harrison
Sue	Hensman
Julie	Jochimsen
Louise	Johnson
Roger	Johnson
Carl	Laver
Gill	Lunn
Alan	Pettitt
Owen	Pigott
Laura	Stephenson
Brian	Stone
Jo	Stone
Viv	Underhill
Dawn	Whamond
Stephen	Wilson
Florian	Yeates
Sandrine	Yeates

A number of the awardees were unable to attend.

The third Eileen Quinton award was presented by Ian Dickinson, last year's winner to Laura Stephenson.

Horsham Jogger of the Year

ID announced the nominees and the reasons they were nominated. The nominees were all invited to attend the AGM and they were:

Shaun Black
Malcolm Footer
Dave Dawson
Simon Markham
Andrew Clark
Dawn Whamond
Kath Barnes
Kelly Docherty
Frankie Cooper

The winner was Dave Dawson. ID presented the award to him.

Volunteer of the Year

ID announced the nominees and the reasons they were nominated.

	<p>The nominees were all invited to attend the AGM and they were</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="264 244 572 483"> <tr><td>Kath Barnes</td></tr> <tr><td>Shaun Black</td></tr> <tr><td>Kath & Neil Barnes</td></tr> <tr><td>Luke Minogue</td></tr> <tr><td>Oliver Cannon</td></tr> <tr><td>Liz Giannopoulos</td></tr> </table> <p>The winner was the duo of Kath and Neil Barnes, and ID presented the award to them.</p> <p>Luke Minogue was awarded the committee’s award in special recognition of his contribution to track training. Luke could not attend and the award will be presented to him separately.</p> <p><u>Awards for coaches</u></p> <p>The awards for Oliver Cannon, Karen England and Claire Butler as coaches in 2025 were presented by ID.</p> <p>Kristian Bowbrick, Lawrence Roy and Gary Tomlinson were unable to attend. Their awards will be presented to them separately.</p> <p>It was noted that Jane Footer has declined her award to which the club is grateful.</p>	Kath Barnes	Shaun Black	Kath & Neil Barnes	Luke Minogue	Oliver Cannon	Liz Giannopoulos	
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13	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Paul Aylett (PA) thanked the committee for the work that they do to serve the club.</p> <p>PA expressed concern that the “HJ Devil” symbol appears to be slowly being faded out from the club kit and that it would be a shame to lose it completely. JF advised that the “HJ Devil” is on all the flags and on the maroon tops available for sale to club members.</p> <p>PA would like to raise the profile of the South Downs Way relay. For many, it is the best day’s running, starting from 3 am. The next event is on Saturday, 6th June. The HJ team will consist of 6 runners plus a driver (PA himself) and navigator.</p> <p>The club expressed thanks to Mark Alger for all the work on rebranding, a difficult task to modernise while keeping the history. Mark explained the subtlety of the presence of the devil in the design of the font which reflects the devil’s horns.</p> <p>Rob Jochimsen (RJ) asked if the Horsham Round could be held on a Sunday which was when it held when it was the club’s 40th anniversary. Liz Giannopoulos suggested a disco afterwards.</p> <p>Susan Horne expressed thank you to Simon Holmes for the club’s newsletter.</p> <p>RJ expressed thanks to Horsham Joggers from the Alf Shrubbs committee for their support in providing volunteers, as well as other support. A total of £8k was raised and donated to local charities in 2025.</p>							

14	Close of meeting	
	The meeting was declared closed at 8:22 pm.	

Attendees:

Ian Dickinson	Jane Footer	Clive Walker	Julie Jochimsen
Julie Gallagher	Diane Berry	Florian Yeates	Sok Wah Lee
Helena Jordan	Michael Saunders	Oliver Cannon	Sandrine Yeates
Rob Jochimsen	Alan Pettitt	Caroline Bransden	Liz Giannopoulos
Mark Alger	Mike Bransden	Simon Holmes	Andreas Giannopoulos
Fiona Lear	Laura Stephenson	Paul Gallagher	David Dawson
Kath Barnes	Neil Barnes	Alison Dawson	Kelly Docherty
John Docherty	Warren Marks	Helen Taylor	Matthew Horne
Susan Horne	Lily Horne	Paul Aylett	Christina Harrison
Owen Pigott	Peter Tyrell	Andrew Clark	Viv Underhill
Susan Wilcox	Ian Wilcox	Gill Lunn	Graham Lunn
Oliver Wilson	Karen England	Caroline McGrath	Pete O'Connell
John Berry	Malcolm Footer	Shaun Black	Holly Black
Clare Butler	Jo Stone	Brian Stone	Ryan Grimble
Kerry Short	Trevor Scott	Angela Scott	

Apologies:

Roger Johnson	Mick Duplock	Jenny Boyd
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