

# HAMBLETON ATHLETICS & RUNNING CLUB

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR AGM

MARCH 2026

### OVERVIEW

#### 1. Update since last AGM

Over the last year the club has continued to develop, and membership numbers reflect this. We currently have 137 members, up by 18 members from the previous year. The 2025/26 year will end on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

As we enter the new 2026/27 year, we continue to be affiliated with England Athletics (EA). You will find your EA membership number in your club profile on the HARC website. The membership provides individuals with a range of benefits and supports EA to invest in Sports across the country.

Please take a moment to log into your England Athletics portal and consider the Code of Conduct relevant to your role. This is a requirement of our continued affiliation, and a reminder will be sent in the WhatsApp groups at the start of the new club year. At the time of writing we had 12 members who have not accepted the code of conduct.

You can find out more about the EA benefits here:

<https://www.englandathletics.org/athletics-and-running/athlete-registration/benefits-of-registration/>

#### 2. Membership Overview

**i** We have more members than ever before and a real mix of running and athletics members with our Junior section continuing to grow year on year.

Did you know, the average age of our members is 42 years old, our youngest athlete is just 6 years old and 58% of our members are female.

We have some members already signed up for the forthcoming 2026/27 period. I expect this to grow significantly as we come to the end of the current membership period. The membership prices this year have risen by £5 for all adult membership types and this is in line with increasing England Athletics costs. We believe we still offer fantastic value for money and would hope you

agree and will continue to support our wonderful club in the coming year. Memberships for Juniors remain the same cost.

Current memberships will end on 31/03/2026 and you can now re-register for the coming year here: <https://harc.uk/membership/> and your membership will be valid until the end of March 2027.

### 3. Membership Drive

**i** In the next 12 months our publicity team will continue to promote the club wherever possible. As always, if you are aware of any opportunities where HARC would fit in, please speak to any member of the committee. Our ethos makes us stand out in the local community and we have so much to offer to existing and new members.

We continue to develop the athletics side of the club with a focus on growing our Junior membership section, please consider a trial session, speak to Chris Lees for more information.

New members can join at any point during the year, we can cater for all abilities and levels of fitness - the next Couch to 5K program is imminent. If you're unsure about re-joining for the coming year or have friends / family who would like more information please chat with any of the coaches who will be happy to help!