

## Holme Pierrepont Running Club AGM- Chair's Report 2024-25

2024-25 has been a successful year at HPRC. Our members have had the opportunities to run in a wide variety of events, we have had some fun social events and our finances are in a good state. Happy days!

After 3 years as Chair, this will be my final report for the AGM so I make no apologies for this report being full of gratitude.

We have had an extensive programme of running events this year (which **Matt Grainge** will write about in his report) but I want to take this opportunity to thank Matt for all his efforts in organising our teams this year. He has been well supported by our Captains, **Janet Atkinson** and **Marc Faulder**, who we are all indebted to for their efforts for the club. Both Janet and Marc are standing down from their duties this year so thank you to them for everything they have done for the club. It is much appreciated. We are very lucky at HPRC to have such a wide range of events to participate in. In addition to the road running and cross-country that Matt and the Captains tend to co-ordinate, we have the chance to run in fell races (thanks to **Colin Brearley**) and in track events (thanks to **James Kirkwood**). Thank you to Colin and James for working hard for us to provide these opportunities.

HPRC is totally run by volunteers and as ever, there are too many people to thank individually for all their efforts in ensuring that the club operates efficiently but thank you to everyone who contributes. In terms of our event hosting, I particularly want to give a mention to **Bryn Stone** who always takes full responsibility for our start and finish areas and it's great as a Race Director to have the comfort of knowing those sections are covered.

All Committee members stand down at the end of the year so that any member can apply for any position on the Committee. In addition to myself, 2 of the current Committee have indicated that they will not be seeking re-election this year. **Jo Chalmers** has fulfilled the crucial role of Membership Secretary for 3 years for the Club and **Gary Cragg** worked on the Committee for 6 years, firstly as our Grand Prix Race Director and then as a General Member. They have both done an excellent job for the club for which we are all very grateful.

**Sue Whitehead** organised a brilliant Grand Prix for us in 2024, making a healthy profit which benefited our chosen charity, CRY, and the Club. Sue provided a great event for the Nottinghamshire running community and

established a really good organisational structure to enable future Grand Prix events to be arranged. Sue has chosen to step away from organising the Grand Prix this year so **Glyn Sawford** has been persuaded back to the Grand Prix Director role for 1 year only! **Remi Gauvain** has agreed to fulfil this role in 2026. Thank you, Glyn and Remi!

We have responded to membership feedback by introducing a new ultra light race vest to our kit options. Thank you to our kit co-ordinator **Mark Bidmead** for making the arrangements for the new vest and also for doing a generally excellent job with our kit.

This winter we have run a successful trial of using the Gamston Lock Pub as our base on a Thursday evening for club runs. This has meant that we avoid running on dark roads from NWSC and gives the option of a drink after the run. This has proved popular with more members running on a Thursday.

This has been my third and final year as Chair of the Club and it has been an honour and a privilege to hold the position. I would like to thank everyone who has worked with me over the last 3 years on the Committee. Those members are **Christine Heaton, Matt Grainge, Hannah Matharu, Emma Cupitt, Ann Gould, Mark Rose, Keith Jamieson, Matt Wynn, Jo Chalmers, Gary Cragg, Janet Atkinson, Will Meredith, Marc Faulder, Lauren Johnson, Sue Whitehead, Ann Moorhouse, Chris Jekiel, Andy Soley, Tara Ricketts, Kristian Roebuck**. Thank you to you all. I especially want to give a mention to Hannah and Ann Moorhouse who worked with me as my Secretaries. I couldn't have asked for 2 more committed and conscientious people to support me and I know how lucky I was.

As I step away, my one big ask of the membership would be to please support the new Committee and the events that the club offers. They will be trying to provide you with opportunities to enjoy running with friends on a club night, to participate in events and to enjoy social activities. Please take part if you can or consider volunteering to keep the HPRC traditions going.

Thank you for supporting the Club this year and I hope you enjoy your membership in 2025-26.

Happy running this year!

Steve Tupholme (Chair)

