The Wilmslow Half Marathon – Trustees Annual Report

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30 June 2026

The trustees present their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2026 and confirm they comply with the Charities Act 1993 and subsequent amendments of that Act.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name	Wilmslow Half Marathon
Charity Reg. no.	1158220
Principal address	Wilmslow Half Marathon, 9 Green Villa Park, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 6EJ

Board of Trustees

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Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Wilmslow Half Marathon is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and was registered with the Charity Commission on 12 August 2014, charity number 1158220. It is governed by a constitution dated 8 August 2014.

Organisational structure

The charity is governed by between 5 and 7 trustees, currently there are 5 trustees. All trustees provide their services on a voluntary basis and receive no remuneration.

The management and organisation of the charity's main event of the year, the Wilmslow Half Marathon, is carried out by a Committee of 10 people. All committee members provide their services on a voluntary basis and receive no remuneration.

Objectives

The following objects of the Wilmslow Half Marathon CIO are for the public benefit:-

1) The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Wilmslow by the provision of funds and facilities for running/athletics and playing rugby, hockey, lacrosse and cricket and such other sports as the trustees may in their absolute discretion deem appropriate; and

2) To support such general charitable purposes as the trustees in their absolute discretion may determine.

Activities

The Wilmslow Half Marathon raises funds by organising an annual half marathon race in the roads around Wilmslow and Mobberley. The event is held at the end of March or beginning of April and has been held since 1984. Usually between 3000 and 5000 competitors enter the event. Any surplus generated by the event is distributed to sports clubs and other organisations in the area. In 2019 the committee rebranded the event as the Wilmslow Running Festival and incorporated a 10Km race and a children's fun run.

Entry numbers for the 2026 year's races were 4959 spread across the 3 races with over 3700 entering the Half Marathon, almost 1000 entering the 10K and the rest entering the Fun Run. The charity made donations of £49,646 during the year and had a surplus of £26,502 during the year which will be carried forward and available for donations in 2026-27. A list of donations is shown on P6 of this report.

Financial policies

Reserves

The Wilmslow Half marathon maintains a reserve account of £50,000. The trustees believe this is sufficient to cover costs incurred if the event has to be cancelled or postponed at short notice.

Funding

The charity's income comes from two sources:

- Entry fees paid by competitors, entry fees received for the 2026 race were £152,483.
- Sponsorship by local organisations, provided £16,000 income.

Statement of Trustees responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that accurately disclose the financial position of the charity. The accounting records are maintained by the Treasurer who is a member of the organising committee. The trustees are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by

John Irwin (Treasurer)



5 November 2026

WILMSLOW RUNNING FESTIVAL 2025/2026

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	12 MONTHS 30-Jun 2026	12 MONTHS 30-Jun 2025	12 MONTHS 30-Jun 2024	12 MONTHS 30-Jun 2023
INCOME				
Race Entries	152,483	134,652	127,092	101,665
Sponsorship	16,000	15,000	15,000	13,000
Bank Interest	857	1,100	968	294
Gift Aid	0	0	0	0
	169,340	150,752	143,061	114,959
EXPENDITURE				
Refunds	0	0	0	0
T Shirts	20,775	16,883	15,988	16,203
Toilets	4,446	4,098	3,684	2,316
Equipment	6,094	3,867	5,147	3,567
Prizes	4,747	6,142	4,733	4,730
UK Athletics	50	50	257	30
Miscellaneous	1,336	2,003	1,560	1,108
Catering	1,793	2,184	1,966	2,022
Stamps	0	0	0	0
Printing	1,127	887	961	100
Drinks	3,200	2,254	2,400	2,423
Donations	49,646	56,813	46,000	34,150
Mementos	6,950	8,238	7,654	8,936
Vehicle Hire	230	453	154	339
Marketing	10,183	8,502	10,020	6,993
First Aid Cover	12,000	11,000	9,900	9,542
Signage	1,782	1,860	2,814	3,833
Traffic Mgt	5,163	4,850	4,269	2,234
Chocolate Bars	1,604	1,885	2,785	3,116
Chip Timing	11,670	13,941	13,176	9,855
Bank charges	41	39	36	0
	142,838	**145,948**	**133,504**	**111,496**
Surplus/shortfall	**26,502**	**4,804**	**9,557**	**3,463**

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BALANCE SHEET

	As at 30-Jun 2026	As at 30-Jun 2025	As at 30-Jun 2024	As at 30-Jun 2023
Assets				
Deposit a/c	53058	52201	51101	50132
Current a/c	53079	28173	24177	14781
Card account	882	142	435	1243
	107,018	80,516	75,712	66,156
Reserves				
Opening	80,516	75,712	66,156	62,693
Surplus/shortfall	26,502	4,804	9,557	3,463
	107,018	80,516	75,712	66,156

Notes to accounts:-
The deposit account contains a sum held in reserve to cover contingencies in case of last minute race cancellation.

Scrutineer's report:- I report on the accounts of the Wilmslow Half Marathon for the 12 months ended 30 June 2026 as set out here.

Responsibilities of the Wilmslow Half Marathon committee and the scrutineer

The committee of the Wilmslow Half Marathon are responsible for preparation of the accounts. It is my responsibility to scrutinize the accounts without carrying out a formal audit or independent examination and report to the Half Marathon committee.

Basis of the Scrutineer's report.

In accordance with the directions given by Wilmslow Half Marathon committee, I have scrutinized the records and accounts.

Scrutineer's statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced and comply with accounting practice.

Signed

Signed

Julie Lucas 3/10/26

Wilmslow Running Festival Donations 2025-26

	2026	2025	2024	2023
Wilmslow Rugby Club	13423	7500	13600	4000
Wilmslow Hockey Club	7000	7000	3200	3500
Wilmslow Running Club	6000	6000	10000	6000
Mobberley St Wilfrid's Church	750	750	500	500
Mobberley/Wilm/AE Scouts/Guides	2100	3350	3700	3650
Wilmslow Lacrosse	2500	3000	3200	3500
Wilmslow Phoenix	0	16000	2850	2250
Mobberley Rose Queen	500	500	500	500
Transforming Lives	5000	5000	5000	7000
Running Clubs	3750	3000	2200	
Others	1500	1350	1250	3250
Skoot Eco	1540	1233		
BN Toiletry Bank		2130		
Dr Kershaw's Hospice	510			
David Lewis Centre	5073			
TOTAL	**49646**	**56813**	**46000**	**34150**