

Middleton Harriers Committee Meeting Minutes, 11th November 2025

Crowshaw Drive

Present: Jen Laptew, Mandy Cregg, Steve Bassam, Ge Kirk, Craig Sutherland, Louise Butterworth, Peter Gilligan, Debbie Sheen, John Hall, Cathie Murphy.

Apologies: Janine Jordan.

Minutes: Agreed.

Matters Arising: None

Correspondence: None

Chairman's Report: Peter thanked everyone and reported that since the the last meeting there had been a lot of activity within the club, with road races, and action on the fells. The cross country season had also provided races for members and he believed that the club was in strong position for prizes in both leagues. He thanked Craig for his hard work for the club. He then moved onto matters covered in the Agenda.

Finance: Steve Bassam reported that the finances were healthy, there was money to come out but the finances were healthy with the club approximately £2000 up on the same time last year. Steve pointed out that £1000 of this income was in the form of grant from Project Fair Play Sudu. So far this year the club had expended £8542.91 and had a cash balance of £7,855.70 and had a cash surplus on the year to 11/11/25 of £1,948.26

Welfare: Craig reported that there had been no incidents for the club to report.

Membership: Ge reported We had new members – Brian Davies, Sophie Beaumont. Membership now stood at 124 with 22 Social and Life Members. There were some members from the C25K group to be added – Mandy to supply details.

Social Media: Jen reported that the Club's social presence was high, with lots of visibility on the Website, Facebook and WhatsApp. There were a number of upcoming events which will be promoted including the Xmas Do, Subs renewal and the Award evening and the 45th Anniversary in June.

Race Selection Committee 2026: Cathie to organise for the 29th November. Brun Valley was suggested as a possible race. There was a discussion on Replacing the Trophies – agreed that the same trophy as run the Moors Age Cats to be used.

Cross country – Agreed to purchase signage and Walkie-talkies as outlined by Craig. These can be used in all club events (possible grant money?)

Roll of Honour: John gave a report on progress and that there were discrepancies between the paper records and the engraved Trophies. There was a discussion what format the database should have.

Craig to put Club Handicap results up for previous years where available.

Jen to review ideas.

Xmas Social: Debbie reported that she had received 40 definite bookings and that the £150 deposit would be recovered if re-booked through a Member of the Golf Club which she was arranging with

Fiona. The DJ would cost £ £250 and the buffet £12 per head. Jen to publicise on Whatsapp and Facebook.

Training: John expressed concern that there were too many runners for the minute on/off session on M/Cr Old Rd – there had been 25 at a recent session. Other venues were suggested eg Warwick Mill. To be investigated.

Friday & Wednesdays - going well 20+ on Wednesdays and 10-15 Fridays.

Thursday Fell- quite quiet at the moment but John Cox's orienteering sessions on a weekend are attracting good numbers.

1st Aid Courses: John gave a report on the courses available and an indication of the costs. The two day course which gives the certification level required by the Council would need an element of outdoor training, which he will investigate. The costs will be £120 + VAT for an individual (2 day) or £600 + VAT for up to 12. 1x day course will be £60 + VAT.

Navigation Day: John to investigate venues.

Club 50 Draw: Oct – Mick Buck, Nov – Julie Jones.

London Marathon Draw: The draw took place 1st out was Emma Thetford (winner), Kim Connor (1st Reserve), Dawn Anderson (2nd reserve.)

AOB: 2026 Membership fees – Club fees £24, England Athletics (tbc).

Party for 45th Club anniversary: 18th September – St Herberts Live Band price TBC

Club Presentation evening 24th Jan DJ M/Cr golf Club.

Next Meeting: 13th Jan 19:30 Crowcroft Drive.