



# **Huntingdonshire Athletics Club**

## **Information Pack**

## INTRODUCTION

### About the Club

An athletics club was started in 1961 at St. Peter's School, Huntingdon, under the name Huntingdon & District Amateur Athletic Club. Eighteen people attended the inaugural meeting. Alas, the club didn't survive beyond 1962. A second attempt to revive the club in the mid-60's also ended in failure. On October 19<sup>th</sup> 1967, the remnants of those who had previously attempted to institute a club in Huntingdon gathered for an Annual General Meeting at St. Peter's School. In the minutes of that meeting, the following statement appears: "it was proposed by Mr. W.G. Stringer, seconded by Mr. W. Oldhall and resolved: That an Athletics Club be formed." However, things didn't go smoothly at the start. In 1968, Club Chairman Mr T. P. Clancy wrote in a letter to Terry Cole, who was applying for membership and later to become a leading light in the club, "It looks as if the attempt, the third, to get the club on a sound footing is a miserable failure. There appears to be a complete lack of interest in athletics in Huntingdon." By June, Terry was producing a club newsletter and in it exhorting members to put in some serious hard training rather than playing about at it. In the same newsletter, it was reported that the committee had approved a suggested design for the club badge incorporating the seal of the town of Huntingdon and with the motto "He conquers who endures", the same badge which we have today. In 1969, permission was sought from the Council of the Borough of Huntingdon and Godmanchester to use this seal, which was granted. The club rules were amended in 1970 and the name of the club was changed to Huntingdon Athletics Club. When the running track was built (cinder in the early days) at the St. Ives Outdoor Sports Complex, California Road, St. Ives, members began to train on this new track while at the same time keeping the original club name. A new set of club rules was adopted in 1987 and in them the club name was amended to Huntingdonshire Athletics Club, which is the official name of the club today.

## **CLUB MANAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION**

### **Club Management**

The management of the Club is administered by a committee which is elected at the Annual General Meeting held every November. The committee consists of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and up to 11 general members and is responsible for the operation of the Club, providing oversight in the following areas: track and field, road and cross country, youth development, child protection, coaching (to include coaches' development), officials, maintaining Club facilities, maintaining accurate financial records, an awards program, maintaining accurate membership records in accordance with UK Athletics stipulations and the Privacy Act, marketing of the Club, a social programme, and a media programme to include press releases, a Club website, a Facebook page and a Club newsletter. The committee's actions are guided by the Club Constitution and the Code of Conduct both of which are posted on the club website.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **Club Officers**

Chair: Ty Farrer (tyfarrer@yahoo.co.uk)

Vice Chair: Derek Darnell (coachdezza@gmail.com)

## **COMPETITIONS**

### **Club Track & Field Championships**

Running, jumping, throwing events for all ages. Several Sundays over the summer.

Gold, silver and bronze medals awarded at October presentation evening.

Annual plaque/trophy awarded to highest-scoring athlete in each age group.

Free entry.

### **East Anglian League**

Four Sundays during the summer track & field season.

### **Southern Athletics League**

Combined men's and women's track & field team. Ages U17s+.

### **England Athletics Competitions**

Cambridgeshire County AA (U13+)

Eastern Counties (U13+)

South of England (U15+)

England/AAA (U15+)

Enter individually.

### **Cambridgeshire AA County Development meetings**

Three meetings held on Wednesday evenings in the summer (May, June and July) at our track.

### **Frostbite Friendly League**

Six races on Sundays between October and March at venues in Cambridgeshire.

Junior races (1.5 miles) are open to all ages 9–15 years.

Senior races (5 miles) are open to members aged 16+ years.

Races are off-road/road/mixed road.

Show up on the day and register with the Hunts AC official with the clipboard.

### **Club Cross Country Championships (Golden 10 Trophy)**

During the winter (October to March), there are a number of opportunities to compete in cross country competitions (County, Southern (SEAA), Nationals).

Points awarded from performances in the Frostbite League races as well as in the cross-country championships noted above are combined and the Club athlete with the highest score (Junior and Senior) is awarded the Golden 10 trophy. Medals for placings are also awarded.

### **5-Mile Handicap Races**

Held on the first Tuesday of each month (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in January), from the Outdoor Centre car park.

### **Club Road Running Championships (men and women)**

- SW (20-34)
- SM (20-39)
- VM (40+)
- VW (35+)
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes in all four categories

Most improved in each of the four categories determined by number of personal bests (must have previously recorded a personal best over the same distance)

Eligible for the club's London Marathon place

Contribute to County RR Team Championships (men and women)

Participate in County RR Individual Championship (men and women)

### **Parkruns**

5k run held on Saturdays starting at 9 am. All welcome.

Local parkruns – Huntingdon (at Hinchingsbrooke Park) and Ferry Meadows (at Peterborough).

Register here:

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>

### **Junior Parkruns**

2k run held on Sundays starting at 9 am. Ages 4 – 14 welcome.

Local parkrun – Jubilee (at Huntingdon).

Register here: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Like many sports clubs, we're run entirely by volunteers. The more volunteers we have, the better the club is run and the less the workload for those involved. Whether you're a new member or a parent/partner/spouse of a new member, we need you to get involved. Take a little time to get to know the Club and what it represents and then step forward, raise your hand, and make a difference.