



Orkney Athletic and Running Club

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EXCITING NEWS!

Orkney Athletic Club and Orkney Running Club have merged. Members who attended both clubs' AGMs voted unanimously for the organisations to join forces. Scottish Athletics and Club Development Scotland are helping to formalise the union. It's a really positive and exciting move forward for everyone. We will have a large membership and a wider pool of volunteers for Club activities. We are in the process of applying to become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), which will bring many benefits with it. We now have a Board of Charity Trustees, who were elected at the AGM, and we are establishing sub-groups to help run the Club. The groups will deal with Coaching, Events/Competitions, Governance and Fundraising. If you feel that you can offer some help to any of these groups, please get in touch.

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Coaching Team

We are absolutely delighted with the response we had to our call for more volunteers. We have welcomed an enthusiastic band of assistant coaches into our track and field team. Their coaching journey is well underway, thanks to our existing coaches and Aly MacPhail. They have been working with our coaches and athletes, taking part in coaching workshops and now they are completing the Scottish Athletics (SA) online training. They will then take part in a practical training day with SA later this month, with our other coaches getting a training day as well. Alongside our experienced coaches, these new volunteers are helping to take our Club from strength to strength and we are so pleased to have them all on board. With our newly bolstered team, our hope is to restart training for our youngest athletes in August.



Carolynn



Ian



John



Kevin



Mags



Nigel



Conrad



Craig



Craig



Graham



Lyle



Mark



Richard



Tegan

Our first competition of the season was a huge success! Thanks go to everyone who made it happen – the athletes, coaches, organisers,

officials and our sponsors The Pickaquoy Centre. You can see the results and report on the website. Our next event, sponsored by Low's Orkney, takes place on the 25th and 30th

of May and the results will count towards this year's North District Championships. We hope for another great competition. We have our fingers crossed that senior athletes (18+) will be allowed to compete in the longer track events as well this time, and that we will be able to get the 10km series underway very soon the Scottish Government announcement on the 17th of May will hopefully confirm this. Lots to look forward to at OARC! 🏅🏅🏅

COMPETITIONS