

CLUB SECRETARY – 2 candidates in alphabetical order

Ian Ainscough



I joined Chester Triathlon in 2012 and have enjoyed making new friends and participating in lots of different events.

I have previously served on the committee as Club Treasurer and have somehow ended up as the go to man for the pontoon for all our races!

Outside of all things Triathlon I enjoy spending time with friends & family and I am a member of the core team for Chester Parkrun.

Tim Cookson



Most of the time I still feel like a newbie to the club, but I've been slowly but surely becoming increasingly involved and I'm loving it. You'll most likely find me at the Tuesday night run but I do try and get to the Technique swims when I can. I have a young family so training and dad taxi duties always seem to be in conflict.

The club has been the perfect tonic during the past couple of years and I'm happy to do what I can to help carry on the CTC tradition. I'll do my very best at the least.

CLUB CAPTAIN



I first joined the club in 2012 when a friend encouraged me to do Deva Divas as my first triathlon. I loved the whole experience and I've been involved in the club ever since, holding various positions on the committee over the years.

I love training and racing and have completed races across all sorts of distances since joining the club and being inspired by the crazy things members have achieved.

I've met some of my best friends through Chester Tri and I love being part of the club! I'm excited for the next couple of years as we find our feet again after Covid.

VICE CAPTAIN



I'm Charlie Price, I fell into Triathlon in 2013 after deciding to do something for charity and searched online what the hardest thing I could do in a day was... it's a good job Ironman has a big Google add words budget otherwise I'd be a fell runner... anyway, here I am... never one to quit while I'm ahead! Looking forward to working with the exec to keep the club running smoothly

Financial Report- 2020/2021
Hannah Ormerod - Treasurer

The Club Business account looks after all the individual budget centres and runs the day to day club business. Deva Tri accounts and Deva Divas account are managed by Dan and Sally respectively.

The 2021 accounts include all invoices received upto 29th October 2021.

	Club Business	Deva Tri	Deva Divas		Total
Receipts	£ 27,960.15	£ 45,361.53	£ 15,118.02		£ 88,439.70
Expenses	£ 21,340.18	£ 49,436.88	£ 18,768.74		£ 89,545.80
Net Movement	£ 6,619.97	-£ 4,075.35	-£ 3,650.72		-£ 1,106.10
Opening Balances	£ 15,285.67	£ 43,006.07	£ 17,497.46	£ -	£ 75,789.20
Current Balance	£ 21,905.64	£ 38,930.72	£ 13,846.74	£ -	£ 74,683.10

The cash balances for the 3 club accounts are shown above, with the main account showing a 44% increase from last year's closing balance at £21,905.64.

Further details regarding Deva Tri and Deva Divas can be ascertained from Dan and Sally.

Revenue

Revenue generated in the year was limited due to the impact of Covid with the majority coming from memberships at £6,497 which was slightly lower than in 2020 at £6,790.

With the Dee Mile being able to take place again in the summer this generated £10,258.98 of revenue.

Kit generated £1,044.72 compared to £1,487 in 2020.

Outgoings

Swim – a loss of £3,188 was made in the year (£8,211 loss in 2020) on the swim sessions with venue costs continuing to outweigh the revenue that is made. These sessions will continue to be closely monitored to try and keep the loss to a minimum.

Bike and Run – a small profit of £837 and a loss of £928 were made retrospectively on these sections within the year (losses of £466 and £362 in 2020).

Coaches – coaching memberships and a new requirement of coaches to attend safeguarding courses came to £2,525 in the year (£1,352 in 2020).

Sundries – costs for club admin, bank charges, zoom memberships etc were kept to a minimum in the year at £284 (£1,259 in 2020).

Summary

As in 2020, Covid has had an impact on the club with the 5K not taking place again in 2021 and only one Aquathlon race being able to take place.

The consistency in club memberships has definitely helped limit the impact of Covid on the profitability of the club and given the strong closing cash balance I'm recommending that the current membership level of £25 is maintained for another year.

As mentioned above session costs will be closely monitored to ensure all venue and coaching costs are being covered.

RACE REPORTS

DEVA – DAN CRAIGEN

Thanks to everyone who helped with Deva 2021, it was another great success.

Entry Levels

585 people were on the start list this year, 239 in the Middle Distance and 338 in the Olympic, the remainder being relays. This is significantly down on previous races but is due to the uncertainty around the time of the race about COVID and the restrictions caused. We also hosted the National Standard Police Championships this year in which 29 people entered.

Finances

The event had a total Income of just over £59k, with total expenses of just over £51k leaving a profit or around £8k. These expenses also include some costs for the annual events costs eg storage and equipment across all events. We will retain the surplus as a buffer for future years.

2022

The date for 2022 has been set for Sunday 12th June. This was the only date available to us in 2022, unfortunately this coincides with the BTF National Championships event in Leeds. We have not yet heard whether we are a qualification event, but it is extremely unlikely due to the Leeds event being on the same weekend.

Volunteering

2021 was a difficult year for us to obtain the necessary number of volunteers. We had to hire in external marshals for the bike route. Combining the event registration, transition and finish area into Grosvenor Park helped reduce the number of volunteers needed on race day but we were still about 60 people short in order to fully staff the event from volunteers.

We ask that all club members sign up to marshal at the event and if they have any family members that can help we'd appreciate it.

The Deva account will make a donation to cover the subsidy agreed by the Exec for the End of Season / Christmas party.

DEVA DIVAS – SALLY NAPTHEN

Brilliant race despite the COVID restrictions – everyone went above and beyond to get Divas back out there! We still managed to hold three swim training sessions, three cycle route recces and quite a few weeks of Divas Quad kayak training – many thanks to all those people who came along to support Divas for those evenings. Thanks to Chester Canoe Club for allowing us to use their HQ as the swim training hub. Thanks also to Jean, Carol and John Hatton and David Hatton for their kayak coaching!!

Divas really do appreciate all the support and motivation they get from everyone! As do !!!

Divas Finishers: Tri – 215; Quad – 31; AquaBike – 25 Total – 271

The 2022 race will be on 10th July - could peoples please put this in their diaries NOW!!

DEVA AQUATHLON – JACOB WATERHOUSE

Due to the uncertainty around Covid-19 and constantly changing government and council restrictions we were only able to hold one Aquathlon for this year. However, with only a weeks' notice we were still able to get 48 entries for the 2nd of August which was great to see.

This year saw lots of great feedback with competitors and marshals enjoying being back in Chester at the Deva Aquathlon. One of the main points of feedback was that competitors would like more races, with this in mind and the easing of restrictions in terms of Covid-19, we hope to get back to the format of a series of aquathlons (one a month) for next year.

Thanks go to everyone involved in putting on the events from preparation and planning right through to the race itself including Queens Park High School, BTF, Chester West and Cheshire, and most importantly the support of all the club members giving up their free time.

SECTION REPORTS

RUN SECTION REPORT – MIKE WARING AND GEMMA KELLY

The past year has been challenging as we all faced the restrictions of the pandemic. To help people stay motivated and focused, the popular Doorstep 5K run series that we started at the beginning of the pandemic was continued through November. From December to the beginning of May 2021, special editions were held, and upon reaching 39 events we'd had 115 runners complete 1000 runs between them to achieve a collective total distance of 5000km!

The 2020/21 Borders, L&D XC and North West XC Leagues had all been cancelled, but as restrictions began to ease, a unique Cheshire XC Champs was held in April with great success - Our women achieved a superb result becoming the Overall Team Bronze Medallists and Vet Team Bronze Medallists! Our men came a very respectable 5th overall, and their Vet team just missed out of the medals and came 4th. On top of that we also had fantastic individual results with Gold Medallist Rosemary Symms retaining her F65 Cheshire Champ title, and M45 Silver Medallist Simon Oliver.

This summer's Multi-Terrain Series (relaunched with chip timing) saw a very good and consistent turnout, resulting in an exciting last race for our Men's Team who put in their best performance of the series but were nudged from 4th to 5th in the overall standings by just 2 points! An excellent

result (our best in 6 years) that boded well for the upcoming Borders League. Once again, Rosemary Symms and Simon Oliver came away with awards, for 2nd F60 and 3rd M40 overall in the series.

A brilliant race in Delamere Forest saw the successful return of the Borders League for the 2021/22 season, and the first use of a barcode system for recording results, similar to that used in parkrun. Our Men's team came 1st in Division 2 - A fantastic start to the season, hopefully we can keep it up and go for winning the Division 2 Trophy!

The 2021/22 XC season will kick off in November. The North West XC League will have 5 races and the L&D XC races are reduced to two Championship events only.

The club training runs, which like all club sessions, were cancelled for November and then again from January, saw a successful return in April. Tuesday night runs continuing to go out from the preferred Lime Wood Fields and track sessions back at the EPSV. In July, Gemma Kelly and Karl Pearson both completed a course to become qualified UKA LiRF Run Leaders.

As always, thanks must go to all the coaches and volunteers who keep the training sessions going week-in, week-out.

Thank you to everyone who has represented the club at races and team fixtures over the past year.

BIKE SECTION REPORT – JONNY GIRVAN AND JAMES MORGAN

It's been our first full year as bike leads, with COVID-19 restrictions up until April we continued to offer Zwift sessions including Sunday socials and Team racing. As we head back into Winter, it's the team racing that's kicked on with growing interest.

April also marked the start of The Tour of Cheshire West, our monthly Strava segment/stage event. we opened this to non-members and had 200 sign-ups raising £1000 for Bren Bikes and £600 for the club. We had 60 Tri club members signing up and competing monthly through to September. Special thanks to Dave Press, Mike Waring and Dan Craigen for their support with the event.

We've made returns to group riding with Thursday night summer rides and now weekend winter rides. We struggle with navigators for our rides, especially to have multiple groups out each week of different abilities. We're grateful to those that have helped. Numbers joining are also inconsistent, there are times of no sign ups leading to cancelled rides and a recent lovely social ride with 9. We continue to seek more volunteers to navigate and hope that regular opportunities to ride leads to more interest. Thanks to Leigh Jenkins for her support with admin and leading some rides.

A highlight of the year was our club Sportive with nearly 30 riders, mostly in club kit, riding to Shrewsbury and back via a great route.

Going forward, we've been liaising with the kit team on updating some of our cycling kit. We are looking at dates with the velodrome to have a private session. We look to organise a club only Time Trial, marsh tracks experience and mountain biking. We plan to re-run the Tour of Cheshire West for 2022. We continue to offer group riding and Zwift racing. We will consider another club only sportive or look to encourage members to book onto a sportive event.

JUNIOR SECTION REPORT – NANIA MASON

Current membership of Junior Triathlon Club as of 27 October 2021 is 43.

Due to the Covid-19 situation and the subsequent lockdowns we were unable to hold any sessions as we had no facilities available to us. However, as of 11 September 2021 we are up and running again. With almost 2 years having elapsed since our last club session not all the children have returned and consequently our membership has reduced quite considerably.

We have held 2 taster sessions already with a third taking place in early November. Obviously, with the amount of time that has passed a significant number of children on the waiting list have moved on to other activities. This has assisted in reducing the number of children on the waiting list to 55. We have continued to receive requests for children to be placed on the waiting list over Summer.

Our aim is to rebuild the number of participants to previous levels.

We will hopefully run our aquathlon and triathlon events next year but have yet to confirm this with the BTF North West Series organisers.

Sadly, after many years of stalwart service Simon Greenwood decided it was time for him to retire from the Juniors. We shall miss him very much, myself especially. On behalf of all the children, past and present, as well as the coaches, I would like to say a very big "Thank you!" to him. *[Secretary's note – on behalf of the Committee, and as a parent of junior club members, I'd like to add my thanks for all that Simon has done.]*