

THE STRAGGLERS RC

Annual General Meeting

17 July 2025

Proposal to increase Membership Subscriptions by £1

Background

Last year the AGM agreed that club membership subscriptions should rise by £2 to £25. This was implemented in April 2025.

Proposal

It is now proposed that the subscription should rise by £1 to £26 from April 2026. An increase of £1 represents a 4% rise – slightly higher than the current rate of inflation.

While the club's financial forecasts for the coming year are based on a planned drawdown from reserves, they indicate that, without the increase, there would be a sizeable deficit and a need to cut back on some of the activities the club now delivers. The trustees and management committee are actively developing other income sources, in order to keep subscriptions at an affordable price.

Comparative information from other clubs indicates that, at £26, the Stragglers' annual subscription would still represent good value for money for the range of activities provided:

2025-26 Membership Subs

26.2	£15 (£77 extra for changing, showering & bar facilities)
Chessington Unity	£5
Ranelagh Harriers	£75 (£20 under 30)
Elmbridge Road Runners	£40
Shaef Shifters	£10
Epsom & Ewell Harriers	£37
Tadworth AC	£25
Thames Hare & Hounds	£25
Wimbledon Windmilers	£37
West4 Harriers	£35
Clapham Chasers	£25

Discounted Subscriptions

At last year's AGM there was a request to the management committee to explore whether it would be possible to offer a discounted subscription rate for members who did not make extensive use of the club's facilities or activities. The trustees and management committee have considered this option and, while there may be merit in considering it in the future, a standard subscription rate for all members is the preferred approach for now. A discounted structure is

felt to be difficult to administer and, at £26, the standard subscription is felt to offer good value for money.

Recommendation

The AGM is asked to agree to an increase in the annual membership subscription by £1 to £26, with effect from April 1st 2026.