

At this year's AGM on 17 July, our first since becoming a charity, we announced the outcome of the club's first elected Trustees. We have six Trustees, who are listed below, and who are responsible for the well-being of the club ensuring it is well-run, financially sound, and achieving its charitable purposes. However, the day-to-day operations of our club will continue to be fulfilled by the Committee, which we will now call a Management Committee. This will be a larger group than before, recognising the many roles and jobs performed by many members for our club, whether that be in race management or organisation, team management, communications, membership administration, kit management, leading training or run sessions, social planning, coach and run leader or faster athlete coordination. The whole ethos of our club, and of amateur running, is volunteering and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who volunteers, in whatever role, for our club.

The core members of the Management Committee are listed underneath and the full list of club roles will be published shortly.

As for our current committee business, other than looking after the usual business of preparing for the next cross-country season and our major races (The River Relay on 31 August and Cabbage Patch 10 on 19 October) we are turning our attention to some new projects. These include the preparation of upgrading our club database (Clubbuzz is now 10-years old), developing the website further, expanding our social media reach and building closer links with our charity partners. We also plan to continue encouraging more members to train to be run leaders and perhaps some of those, to go further and train as coaches. We would also like to find a charity project we can work on with Bushy Park Sports Club, which is also a charity.

I enjoyed following the UK Athletics Championships from Alexander Stadium this weekend. It was exciting to see the athletes compete in their club vests with many familiar kit colours on show. This was a chance to see how the hierarchy of amateur athletics work in the UK. Watching athletes who we compete with: Jack Kavanagh from Holland Sports AC who competed in and won three of last season's division two Surrey League XC races, Jennifer Nesbit from Pontypridd Rodents who ran in leg twenty (against Ian Robertson) of this year's Welsh Castle Relays, Lucy Jones of Herne Hill Harriers who ran in all and won three of last season's division two Surrey League XC races and many others you would recognise. The very best runners who compete in the races we participate in get the chance to compete in the UK Championships with the potential to run on the world stage.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer, and now's the time to start preparing for the cross-country season, which kicks off with our own club XC race on 28 September, and the Surrey League on 11 October.

Kevin Price
Chair of The Stragglers RC
August 2025

The Stragglers RC Core Management Committee from July 2025	
Trustees	
Chair	Kevin Price
Secretary	Anne Woods
Treasurer	Phil Hall
Club Captain	Phil Davies
General Trustee	Izabel Grindal
General Trustee	Lucy Chambers
Committee members	
	Simon Brazil
	Helene Hill
	Andy Howarth
	Peter Wedderburn
	Nicky Hornzee
	Julie Holmes
	Sue Howarth