

THE STRAGGLERS RC

The club constitution states those apply to be a trustee must be nominated. Please find below the personal statement for the individual who have been nominated for the following roles:

1. Chairperson
2. Treasurer
3. Club Captain
4. Secretary
5. General Trustee x 1
6. General Trustee x 1

Chairperson

Candidate One: Kevin Price – Candidate Statement June 2025

I am now in my eighth year as Chair of The Stragglers and before that was the club's Treasurer for four years. As Chair, I have overseen the move from the Hawker Centre to Bushy Park Sports Club as our club base and more recently, along with Phil Hall, the club's transition to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. As Chair, I have sought to promote the core values and goals of the club as now set out in the Stragglers' Vision Statement by working with and supporting our hard-working committee, and the many other volunteers who help keep the cogs of our club turning.

If re-elected Chair, my focus would be on preserving the core goals of the club of promoting participation, enjoyment, and excellence in running through high-quality training, social events, and well-organised races. I would also help complete the transition to CIO status by leading the new board of Trustees and supporting the club's expanded Management Committee and continue to develop closer ties with our local charity partners and club supporters.

I value the role amateur running clubs play in today's society, not only providing healthy athletic competition to its members but also physical and mental health benefits to runners of all abilities, social camaraderie and access to local community engagement. I have recently been elected to the London Regional Council of England Athletics as a representative and advocate for running clubs but which also gives greater prominence to the Stragglers RC in the national running community.

Treasurer

Candidate One: Phil Hall – Candidate Statement June 2025

I was first elected as Club Treasurer way back in 2017. Since then, I have had responsibility for preparing budgets, making sure all expenditure is properly authorised, nudging members (hopefully gently...) for payment of their subscriptions, producing the annual accounts and presenting these to the AGM. Over the past year I have also led the process for the club to become a charitable incorporated organisation.

I believe this is a great club and I enjoy being able to use my skills and experience as an accountant to help it to prosper. Working with other trustees and the management committee, we have been able to provide a wide range of activities for member's while keeping the annual subscription fee at a fairly modest level.

I'm standing for election to the treasurer trustee position because I want to complete the transition to charitable status and help the club to achieve even more for its members.

Club Captain

Candidate One: Phil Davies – Candidate Statement June 2025

I joined The Stragglers RC in July 1986 and continue to attend most Thursday evening sessions at Bushy Park Sports Club. Over my almost 40 years membership, I have and continue to participate, organise or volunteer in many of the club relays, races and handicaps.

In my role as Club Captain, I believe in that I have helped to make the club inclusive and friendly, formed of members who enjoy their social running but also seek to perform to their fullest ability, when representing the club. During my years on the Committee, I also covered the role of Treasurer. The future of the club, in its new charitable form, will bring new challenges which require Trustees who a diligent, cognisant with its workings and willing to dedicate themselves to its long-term future.

Secretary

Candidate One: Anne Woods – Candidate Statement June 2025

I joined Stragglers in 2007 and quickly realised that I had found a very special place, a great running club and great friendship. Since then, I have been a regular at the main club night, Little Feet and occasionally at Thames Ditton. For over 10 years I have co-ordinated Little Feet, a thriving and inclusive group.

I am committed to running with the club and supporting Stragglers events. I regularly volunteer at our key fixtures, Wedding Day, Cabbage Patch 10 and 4 and co-ordinate teams and run in the River Relay. Competitively I have participated in the Summer Grand Prix events over a number of years, twice winning the hero award for the most events completed.

I have been a member of the Committee for around 10 years, representing Little Feet and more recently co-ordinating the development of our safeguarding and health and safety policies and acting as one of the club's welfare officers. As a committee member I have supported the work to move to a CIO.

Professionally I have a history of 32 years working in the NHS in clinical and leadership roles, and 25 years (overlapping) working on a UNICEF UK programme supporting services that provide care for mothers and babies in the UK. This has included relevant activities such as communications with stakeholders, organising and chairing meetings, and minute taking. I currently hold the secretarial role for a small international network working on similar programmes, the network recently incorporated as a CIO type organisation in Canada. I have previously also held the secretarial role for the resident's association at my flats.

I would be pleased to accept the role of secretary, and therefore a Trustee on the Stragglers Board.

General Trustee x 2 roles

Candidate One: Izabel Grindal – Candidate Statement June 2025

I joined Stragglers in 2012 and became a committee member last year. What attracted to me to Stragglers – apart from some great running routes – was the fact the club embraces all levels of ability and all ages. It makes for a friendly and super supportive club and I am proud to say some of my best friends are Stragglers.

I'd like to be a Trustee to help the club make more of our opportunities, from growing the membership, replicating our success in women's running with our men and building a firm footing for all our relationships with local organisations including schools, colleges and local charities. We work hard in the committee to manage the day to day running of the club, but the trustees will have the time and space to take a longer term, strategic view.

I bring experience of other committee roles at previous rowing and swimming clubs, as well as having been a trustee of a pension scheme. In my professional life I have worked in journalism, data and programme management, and most recently in change and governance, as well as been self-employed. Finally, I'd also bring my energy and unflagging enthusiasm to the role.

If you have any questions for me just look me up. I'm that pesky person who interrupts your warm-ups at every race with my favourite phrase – Stragglers team photo!

Candidate Two – Lucy Chambers Candidate Statement

I'm delighted to be back running after a long break due to injury (nothing cool and running-related!) Having completed C25K on my own at the beginning of the year, joining The Stragglers have been a great source of energy and connection for me and I have felt truly inspired by the running escapades and achievements of fellow members across all ages and abilities. What excites me most about being involved in the club is the blend of physical activity, personal challenge, and community spirit.

I'm keen to contribute to the running club not just as a participant, but as someone who can help it grow and thrive behind the scenes. Outside of running, I'm a marketing professional specialising in live events. I am sure that my experience in project management, event execution and comms would be valuable in supporting future club initiatives. I would love to play a meaningful part in the next chapter of this club's story.

Candidate Three – Roy Reeder Candidate Statement

I'm writing to express my interest in the position of Trustee. I joined The Stragglers in 1998, I still remember my first run at Little Feet in Bushy Park. Since then, I've represented the club in numerous races and relays.

In 2002, as a Chartered Accountant, I was approached by the then Treasurer, Andrew Lane, to take over the role of Treasurer so he could become Chair. I held this position for five years. I then had six successful years as men's captain (as the position was called then). I also held the position of Stragmail editor and Social Secretary, before not seeking re-election at the 2018 AGM.

During my 16 years on the committee, I organised several Surrey League cross country races for the club, organised the club's monthly handicap and have been lead bike for the Cabbage Patch 10 several times as well as some years being a marshal. From 2014 to 2019, I organised my own half

marathon race, attracting over 1000 entrants each time. I rejoined the committee in 2024 and am a current member.

Now retired, I retain my passion for running and regularly attend the morning runs from the Pheasantry.

I believe that I can use my experience of working in numerous roles for The Stragglers over the last 20+ years to fulfil the newly created role of Trustee and assist in the development of the club in its new incarnation as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation."