



FRIENDS OF SEDGEFIELD HARRIERS

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Newsletter

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Welcome to the March 2014 issue of the “*Friends of Sedgefield Harriers*” e-Newsletter.

In addition to this monthly newsletter, we also have a **website** where you can find out all you need to know about the “*Back the Track*” campaign and our progress towards building an athletics track and field facility for the communities in and around Sedgefield.

The address of the Friends of Sedgefield Harriers website is

www.fosh-charity.webs.com

Why not have a look by clicking on the link above. There is also a link from the Sedgefield Harriers website (which has a link to a Gallery of hundreds of photos of Harriers events)

We also have a dedicated video channel on YouTube where all the latest videos related to Sedgefield Harriers and “FoSH” are to be found.

[Friends of Sedgefield Harriers YouTube Video Channel](#)



(An internet connection is needed to follow the above links)

News items

New Trustees

The Friends of Sedgefield Harriers are pleased to announce that two additional Trustees have “joined the team”.

Clair Budd and **Stephen Foreman** (both members of Sedgefield Harriers) have volunteered to act as Trustees. Together with our Chair, Clive Crosby and Trustees Alan and Suzanne Tait (and secretary Anne Gladwin), we now currently have five Trustees for our charity which gives us a greater depth of experience and fresh ideas to help us to achieve the “object” of the charity - “promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities for athletics”

Progress update

Although the Friends of Sedgefield Harriers constitution was confirmed in October 2013, work began on the charity before then and we have had many fundraising activities and reached several milestones since that date.

- Constitution formally drawn up
- Initial Trustees appointed
- Public meeting with council members where Chris Lines put forward our case for share of money from Sainsbury store developers - successfully awarded £40,000
- Charitable status granted by Charities Commission and Registered Charity number given (1154064)
- Athletics Track planning application made and consultation process began (ended August 2013)
- Provisional planning application granted (6th September 2013)
- Bank account for “FoSH” created with Barclays
- Website for “FoSH” created www.fosh-charity.webs.com
- Newsletters produced and sent to all Harriers and parents of minis and juniors by e-mail
- Dedicated YouTube channel for “Fosh” videos created
- Vodaphone JustTextGiving account created (Text the message FOSH13£1 to the number 70070 to donate £1)
- Membership forms and Gift Aid declaration forms sent out to everyone on Newsletter e-mailing list
- Application to HMRC to qualify to claim Gift Aid made and accepted by HMRC
- Applications to Barclays for Matched funding for several fundraising events involving Barclays employees successfully made and granted raising approximately £4000
- Consultation with Sedgefield Community College (where the athletics track will be sited) regarding details of track facilities has taken place
- Meetings have now taken place with a track designer to discuss design options for an athletics track - a designer has now been appointed (Paul Hawkins Development) and formal PLANS for the new athletics track are in the process of being drawn. Once these are complete the drawings will be submitted to UK ATHLETICS for approval. The next step will be to produce a COST ESTIMATE for the works. (These steps are in progress at this time)

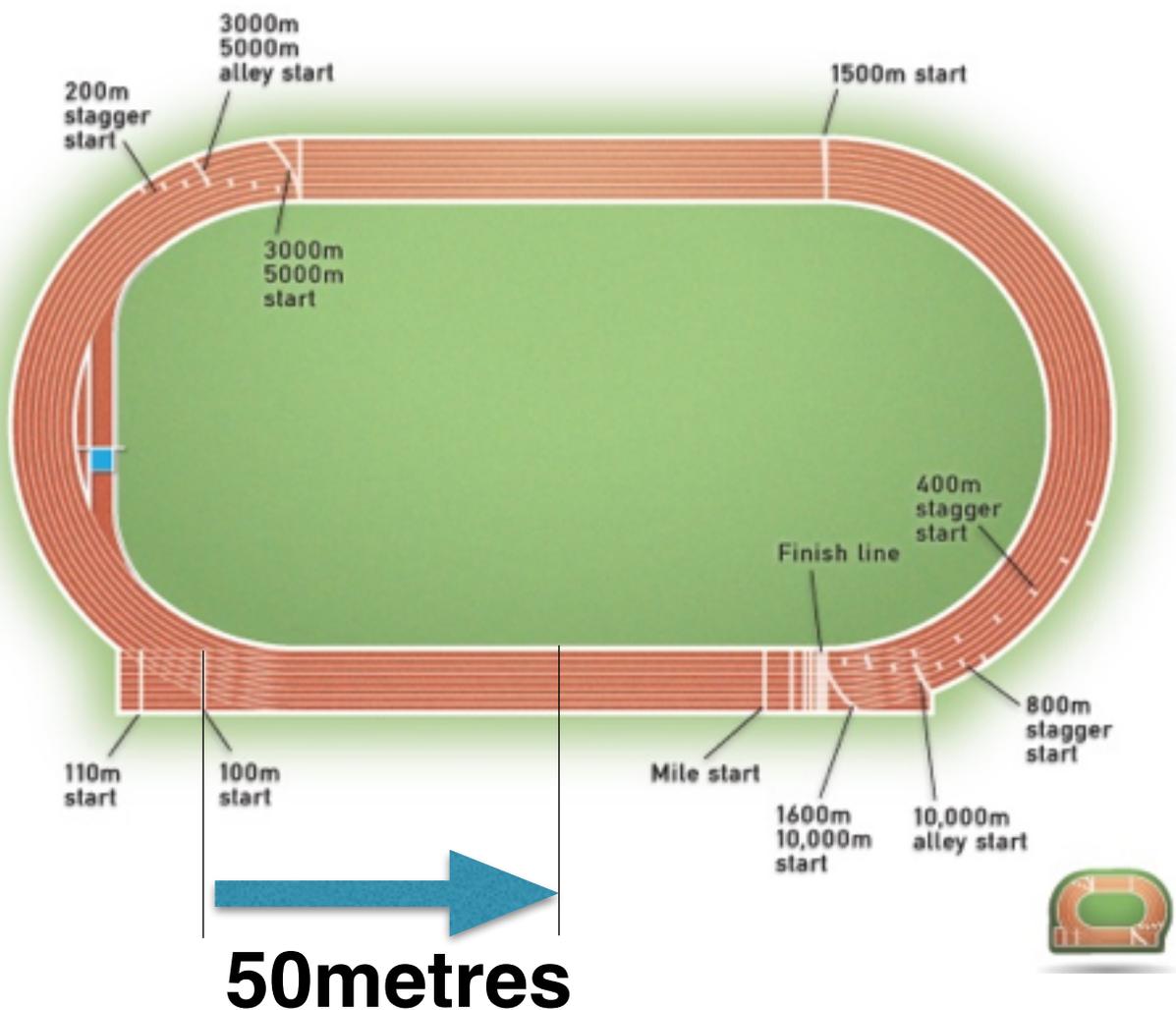
Fundraising update

First, a huge thank you to everyone who has been involved in any way regarding fundraising - whether this was organising events, taking part or donating money and time. (More details of individual fundraising success can be found on our website www.fosh-charity.webs.com)

At the time of writing this Newsletter, **we have now raised approximately £20,000**. This includes money from Matched Funding from **Barclays Bank** (additional claims still being processed). This total does not include money which will come from HMRC from Gift Aid. It does not include any money which has been raised recently but has not yet been banked. With the addition of the £40,000 which will come from the developers of the Sainsburys food store, this gives us a **current total of at least £60,000**.

The estimated cost of the 400m six lane "Mondo" surface athletics track and associated athletics facilities is £500,000 (formal costing dependent on final agreed plans).

In the last 6 months of fundraising we therefore have raised enough funds for approximately 50m of our 400m track!



Letter from Ean Parsons (Chair of Sedgefield Harriers)

“In January I met with David Davies, Head of Sedgefield Community College to discuss the track and the issues surrounding the project from the College’s point of view. The College needs to ensure that the provision of football facilities is met and of course the College is developing and changing all of the time and the track project needs to dovetail with this. Following that meeting it was evident we needed to progress to the detailed facility design stage and therefore the track project team have engaged track design consultant Paul Hawkins of PHDev Ltd. who has many years’ experience of installing athletics tracks and facilities. Paul Hawkins has been engaged for four stages of work including consultation with the club and college regarding the design, submitting the design to UK Athletics to ensure design compliance and producing a detailed cost schedule. The good news is that this work is well underway and we already have a draft design. This work should be completed by the end of April at which point we will hold an open event to exhibit the design and receive feedback.

Following the completion of the design and costing project there are still some substantial obstacles to overcome. We need to ensure that all parties with an interest in the community college are signed up to our track project. This is not as simple as it may appear as the lease for the college for the next 20+ years is with Amber Infrastructure and managed by Carillion before ultimately ownership reverts to Durham County Council. All of these parties have to be content with our plans before they can agree to the track. A lot of work has already been done to keep all parties informed but discussions still need to take place to ensure we have their agreement. This can only happen once the design work has been completed. The second major obstacle is of course raising the funds we need. The good thing is that armed with a design, detailed costing’s and the consent of all parties we are in a very strong position to apply for serious grant funding.

When it comes to raising the funds for the track we need to ask ourselves ‘if we were a potential funder would we give this project cash?’. The answer will only be yes if the project has raised some cash itself first. Therefore it is very important that we do all we can to put funds in the bank to give FoSH every opportunity of success when they approach potential funders. All of the small amounts we raise from all of the initiatives of Clive and his team are critical.

The recent progress towards a detailed design and costs has moved the track project further forward to becoming a reality and along with the appointment of respected club members Clair Budd and Stephen Foreman as trustees of FoSH has given everyone involved a lot of encouragement to keep up the effort towards achieving our own track in Sedgefield”.

[Ean Parsons](#)

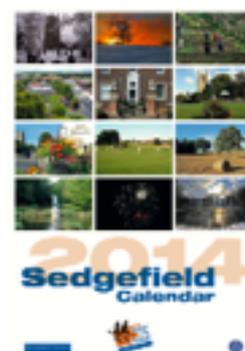
Donating by Standing Order

In the last Newsletter, supporters of our aim to build an athletics track for the community, were asked to consider making a monthly donation to the “Track fund” by arranging a Standing Order from their bank account. We have three such standing orders now - so thank you to the people concerned. If you would like to contribute in this way please contact our treasurer Suzanne (donations@fosh-charity.co.uk) These donations will qualify for Gift Aid and so the charity “receives more than you give”. (Providing you meet the HMRC criteria.)

Ean Parsons is going to write to all Sedgefield Harriers with more information about the respective advantages of making monthly donations to “FoSH” via a standing order or alternatively making monthly donations via payroll deduction (G.A.Y.E).

Letter from Jonathan Wallace

On behalf of the Friends of Sedgefield Harriers (FOSH) can I say a big thank you to everyone who helped support the Sedgefield Calendar 2014. In total, with the help of match funding from the Sedgefield branch of Barclays Bank we raised well over £2,000. We are particularly grateful to Ken Saiger, Geoff Hill (Senior) and Chris Lines for helping with the photography, to Sedgefield Bakery, Sedgefield Post Office and Tickety Boo for selling the calendars - and to all those who purchased them. A great effort all round. Back the Track!



Jonathan Wallace

Message from Clive Crosby

Sedgefield Farmers' Market

Maureen and I will have a stall at the Sedgefield Farmers' Market on Sunday 6th April. All profits from the items we sell will go to the “track fund”. We hope to be selling Sedgefield Harriers running clothing and other equipment. If you are around Sedgefield on Sunday, please see what we have to offer and bring some money!

Clive Crosby

Junior Trustee / representative

The aim of “FoSH” is to provide the funds needed to build an athletics track for the community in and around Sedgefield. Once it is built it is hoped that existing and future athletes will make full use of the facility to “promote healthy recreation” (The stated “OBJECT” of the Charity’s constitution).

The Trustees believe that it will be a great benefit to young aspiring athletes. The track with its top quality “Mondo” surface will be the only one of this type in the area.

The decisions on the final design of the track and the way it will be used have not been decided.

If you are a young athlete and have some ideas AND would like some input into these decisions, we would really like to hear from you. It is important that the views of the next generation of athletes in and around Sedgefield are represented.

In addition, the Trustees would like to appoint a “Junior Trustee” to help give us advice on the development of the track from the younger persons viewpoint. You will however, need to be at least 16 years old to act formally as a Trustee.

As well as finding the role of Junior Trustee interesting, you may find that it is a useful role to include on a C.V. that you will need for college applications / future employment.

Please remember that if you are younger than 16 but still have ideas about the track we still value your opinions, so please get in touch with the editor by following the link below.

Editor

You can follow “FoSH” and give us your opinions about the track on Twitter (@FoSH_Charity)

You can follow FoSH on our website (www.fosh-charity.webs.com)

(If you are under 16 please check its OK with your parents/guardians before getting in touch)

Contact details

If you wish to make any comments re this Newsletter; if you have any suggestions for items for the next Newsletter and / or the [Friends of Sedgefield Harriers website](#)

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If you wish to arrange a donation to the charity / set up a standing order

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