

Dear Club Member

We are taking this unusual step in writing to all of our members to address one of the key issues affecting our club. We have a clearer expectation to pass on to all of our members.

You will be aware that our club organises 6 competitive races across the calendar year that are invariably oversubscribed. Despite being a large club with over 250 members, we have over the past couple of years, struggled with getting adequate numbers of people to volunteer to marshal.

Ensuring we have sufficient marshals for our races is clearly important.

Marshals are required to safeguard runners and spectators in order that the UK Athletics race licence conditions are met, which in turn provides insurance cover for the event. Without this licence we would not be allowed to run our races.

Some Questions that have been asked during the debate....

### ***Why do we need to put races on?***

- Clubs put on races to support runners. Without local clubs putting on races at reasonable prices for runners we would rely on a few major races put on by companies for profit. Apart from the greater costs associated these races we would all struggle to secure entry to oversubscribed races.
- All our races are well regarded in the running community and have been a part of the NSRRA and Cheshire Championships for a significant number of years. The 20 miler is a 'one of a kind' and people come from across the country to race it. Losing one of these races would be a great loss to the running community.

### ***What's in it for me?***

- They provide a valuable source of income to support the club and members each year.
  - The Race income significantly supports all of our membership fees.
  - Of our £22 (early bird discount) annual membership,
    - £15 goes directly to UK Athletics for individual membership,
    - £5 to the Vagrants as our club base,
  - The remaining £2 is not enough to cover all the following costs:
    - Club affiliation.
    - Awards night.
    - Social events.
    - Club evenings that raise charity money.
    - Cross Country affiliation.
    - Run leader courses.
- South Cheshire Harriers is a non-profit organisation, whilst we maintain a working balance in the club's bank account and any excess is given annually to the club's chosen charity – for most years the club and members were able to contribute us local charities. Giving your time to support a club vely supporting a local charity.