

A quarterly junior update for the Ilkley Harriers Committee:

Membership: 373. In addition twenty-seven 16-17 year olds (not included in total) train/volunteer at junior led sessions.

XC: 54 juniors signed up to the WY league - team results U17 boys - 1st; U15 girls - 3rd; U13 girls - 4th; U13 boys - 3rd; U11 boys - 1st.

A lot more juniors have competed in the PECO league than previous years. Yorkshire Champs - 24 competed; Northern Champs 23 and National 11. Some great individual and team results particularly from the U17's.

Wharfedale Primary School's XC League: Burley & Woodhead took on the organising of the individual event at the Rugby club in January and everything went well but the All Saints event at the beginning of March was cancelled. The series concluded with 75 teams of KS2 children competing in the Nell Bank Relays. The new team have done a great job - special mention to Sally Westlake who took on the organising of the NB relays for the first time. Great to be able to jointly organise with Nell Bank with the centre raising some funds through the sale of hot drinks and cakes (it was a very cold day and it was very welcome).

Ilkley Moor Junior Fell races: Jane McCarthy organised an excellent event in February with 200 juniors competitors.

Sportshall Athletics West Yorkshire Regional Trials: 11 children attended the trials in Halifax and 6 were selected for the regional teams (1 at U11 level and 5 at U13).

FRA Junior Fell Champs: 14 juniors attended the first race of the season last weekend.

Coach Education: 16 Junior leaders attended a First Aid course and 14 then attended a 'Leading Athletics' course at UAK. A second First Aid course for adult coaches/helpers was also organised with 14 attendees. Jane Mumby has signed up for the new Coach award in June and we have a number who are showing an interest in doing their Coaching Assistant award in November.

Junior Presentation Evening: 140 children and their families attended the award ceremony at Clarke Foley. A fun evening

SHA presentation evenings: just over 200 children were presented with sportshall athletics awards last week. We have one more year before we have completely restructured the SHA programme but we now have established the award schemes which give good continuity to the overall programme.

Facilities: still progressing. Hilda can probably update on this.

We have moved our Monday and Thursday sportshall athletics groups over to Ghyll Royd School for the summer term where we at least have a pit. The school is going to mark out a 100m straight for us at the end of April once the ground has dried out.

Next report will be the end of year AGM report
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