

Chairman's Report 2024

Welcome to all.

Thank you all for coming.

We've had a busy year with the club, with a huge learning curve for the committee members, new and old.

We had very popular sessions at the new venue of Breconbeds, which we are continuing to run in 2025.

We ran a successful juniors training day with Chris Ainscough at Robgill, which was subsidised by the club and helped by a training grant from British Carriage driving.

Our first outdoor event last year at another new venue of Fearon Place, Ennerdale, courtesy of Graham and Sarah Sharpe, sponsored by Robert Scott, was well attended, the weather was kind and were booked back in for August.

Unfortunately, Flowdens event hosted by Barbara and Bob Patterson suffered cancellation due to a storm the day before causing the ground to become water logged. It is hoped that the weather in June will be kinder this year!

Our last outdoor of the year was at Millrigg, courtesy of Charlie and Christine Anderson and their family. Rain made conditions tough and a tractor was required for moving wagons off the field. We're pleased to be able to have the venue again in July.

I'd like to thank everyone who has made it possible to run these events.

Landowners

Sponsors

Course designers

Course builders / dismantlers

Trainers

Stewards

Judges

Scorers

Score collectors

Time keepers

First aiders

Our bakers and sandwich makers

And of course, our competitors, back-steppers and their crew.

We're looking forward to the 2025 season, the club is standing in a good place financially and has a great supportive committee.

We are very grateful for the long tenure that Barbara has put in on the committee as she stands down from the committee this time. Thank you for everything you've done for the club Barbara, and for continuing to support the club by hosting the equipment trailer and we look forward to seeing you at the Flowdens Event and hopefully out competing too!

I'd like to take the chance to congratulate the competitors who are progressing within the club, be it from beginners to novice, or novice to open.

They are

Beginners to novice

Katie Lowthian

Kate Meeke

Vicky Barnhill

Lee Valentine

Novice to Open

Terry Brogdon

Congratulations to all

Now over to our treasurer Philip for his update.