

I am pleased to present an update on the progress of West End Road Runners, the volunteer run charitable trust set up to provide running for people in the West End of Glasgow, based at Woodend.

WERR is in very good shape. Now in its ninth year, the club continues to develop its membership and the coaching and running experiences are valued by members, evidenced by numbers of people attending the sessions which take place each week.

We continue to put in place measures to provide opportunities for all runners, whether they are starting out, returning or focused on performance.

One of the most important of these is the recent introduction of *WERR Run Together*, a a new group created within WERR to give social runners who want to do around 5k, a great place to meet.

By introducing Run Together we’ve welcomed back core members, and continued to encourage newer runners to join us.

We’ve also seen extraordinary progress throughout our membership base. Every week we are seeing WERR members achieve their individual goals, whatever they are – ranging from Parkrun PB’s through to Scottish and British national and international honours.

One characteristic of the WERR community is that our members are consistently good at supporting each other. As a management board this is the ethos we are striving for, and it means the world to us, that everyone feels supported by their fellow runners in whatever they are aiming to achieve.

We are also delighted with the kindness shown by club members to support Athletics Trust Scotland over the year, paying it forward to disadvantaged communities, so that they can participate.

Lastly I would like to thank the committee of management at Woodend. Our relationship with Woodend has strengthened over the past year and we very much recognise and welcome the COM’s desire to work with and include us on an ongoing basis.

Graeme Jack

Chair, West End Road Runners