

Tadcaster Harriers - Nominated Charity of the Year Selection Policy

Tadcaster Harriers will support one charity each year starting at the AGM in October. The charity will be sponsored by a club member who will be responsible for championing the charity throughout the twelve-month term. It will be expressed as the year following that October.

Two months prior to the AGM the Committee will issue a request to club members for Sponsors to come forward and make nominations for Charity of the Year. The Sponsor will nominate their chosen charity and present their case to the Committee at least one month before the AGM (via email to the club Chair). This will allow sufficient time for the Committee to consider the proposals and either announce their decision at the AGM or make provision for a vote to be made at the AGM.

If a vote at the AGM is deemed necessary by the Committee, each Sponsor will be required to make a short presentation pertaining to their chosen charity. Representatives from the charities will not attend the AGM (unless they are club members), it will be the duty of the Sponsor to put the charity's case forward. If a vote is not required, the Sponsor will still be required to make a presentation to the members at the AGM.

Charities must meet the following criteria to be considered for selection.

- Local charity (recognised National charities may be considered but preferably need local link and who retain financial control at a local level or a personal connection)
- Must be registered with The Charity Commission
- Their aims and ethos must not be in conflict with those of the Club
- Ideally have a London Marathon place available

Key duties of the charity Sponsor

- Put forward charity nomination to the club Committee one month prior to AGM
- Present the objectives of the charity to the AGM
- Be available to Tadcaster Harriers members to answer questions relating to the charity
- Liaise directly with the charity to facilitate the fundraising process e.g, provision of collection tins etc.
- Promote the charity within the club throughout the year
- Provide documentation for uploading to the Tadcaster Harriers website to publicise the charity and clubs involvement.
- Be available for publicity events supported by the club.
- In collaboration with club Chair, present the cheque of funds raised to the charity.

Note that the sponsor will be allocated the nominated charity's London Marathon place unless they obtain a place in the general ballot, good for age selection or do not want the place. If they do not want or need the charity place, a club member will be selected by ballot (note that the club's policy for London Marathon places apply and the runner selected will be required to take an active role in any fundraising).

Club members are still welcome to advertise / promote their own charity fundraising on the Harriers Social Media pages.

This policy does not affect the annual Bramham Park Cancer Research fun runs where the club is committed to providing the necessary manpower

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