

Chairman's Report

Review of 2025

I would like to begin by extending my sincere thanks to all members of the Executive Committee for their hard work and commitment throughout the year in organising our events. Their time, energy, and dedication are fundamental to the continued success of the club.

'Special Ks' go to Mr. Devereau, who successfully navigated his first event, which also happened to be the biggest on the IOMVAC calendar — the Isle of Man Marathon and Half Marathon — with expert guidance from our club secretary.

I would also like to offer a special thank you to our club members, volunteers, sponsors, and everyone else who supports our events. Your enthusiasm and support are what make each event a success and help maintain the strong community spirit that defines our club.

'Special Ks', also, to our very own Graham (Clive) for becoming a qualified timekeeper, and to Mo for organising free St John Ambulance sessions for our members — brilliant efforts that make a real difference!

Overall, 2025 has been a very successful year, with well-run and well-attended events across the calendar. Our Christmas social event, the Booze Run, was particularly well received and provided a fitting and enjoyable way to close the year.

It has also been encouraging to see the continued strength of the committee, with seven new members joining during the year. This healthy level of engagement bodes well for the future of the club. Our online presence has continued to grow, with Facebook membership increasing from 835 to 915, reflecting ongoing interest and participation in our activities.

I am pleased to report that the club's accounts remain healthy, placing us in a strong financial position moving forward.

Looking Ahead to 2026

The year ahead promises to be an exciting one, with 2026 marking the 50th anniversary of the Syd Quirk Race, a significant milestone for the club. Plans are underway to ensure this event is celebrated appropriately.

We will also be making some adjustments to handicaps to bring finish times closer together, allowing participants to come together at the end of events for food and presentations, enhancing the social aspect of our races.

In addition, we are introducing music at most events, helping to further improve the atmosphere for both runners and supporters.

I look forward to another successful year and thank everyone once again for their continued support.

Lee Johnson