



Social Committee

Quakers Running Club has an elected social committee whose role is to organise and run a number of events each year for club members, and to also raise money for charity.

The purpose of the social committee is to promote an inclusive and friendly community culture outside of the running environment, by actively engaging with its members to ensure the club is seen as welcoming and friendly to members and non-members.

Events organised by the social committee include the annual club presentation night and Christmas party, plus a range of other events which vary year-to-year, such as: a day trip, quiz night, summer picnic, bowling night. Some events are purely social, however most have a fundraising element to them, to allow the club the opportunity to give back to the local charitable community.

As agreed at the AGM, each financial year the club selects a local charity to support for the forthcoming year. To determine the chosen charity, all members are given the opportunity (via email and social media channels) to nominate a charity to support. A shortlist is then compiled, and all members are invited to cast a vote via member profile section of website. The charity receiving the most votes is the one the club will adopt to support. In the event of a tie, the management committee will make the final decision.

The charities we have supported

Financial year	2016/17 Great North Air Ambulance
	2017/18 British Heart Foundation
	2018/19 St Teresa's
	2019/20 Darlington Mind
	2020/21 Mowden free meals for elderly, CCDT at Darlington Memorial, Robbie's wheelchair appeal
	2021/22 MND, Ukraine appeal
	2022/2023 St Teresa's Hospice

In some circumstances, additional activities held on an arranged fundraising night may be undertaken so as to raise money for topical causes e.g. Children in Need.

The social committee also co-ordinate events for club members to engage with and participate in the wider community culture in Darlington. Examples of this include co-ordinating the course volunteers for the Cancer Research UK Race for Life and organising a litter pick in conjunction with Darlington Cares.

Any club member may put their name forward at the AGM to be elected on to the social committee. The social committee operates best with a maximum of 5 people.

Key job requirements: attend social committee meetings (bi-annual); discuss and help organise fundraising ideas; liaise with other club officers as appropriate to ensure payment mechanisms and communications are in place to promote social events.