

CLUB	Orkney Athletic Club
Key Area	Club Development
Key Details	<p>To be able to access funding streams, in 2009 Orkney AC began working toward the Club accreditation as set by scottishathletics. This involved creating a Club Development plan to organise and develop the structure of OAC. We achieved Club Mark status in January 2010 and were presented with the award by Frank Dick in August 2010. In turn, by reorganising and creating correct club and committee structure, enrolment, club sponsor attraction, coach development and athlete participation and furthermore athlete development snowballed from this moment on.</p> <p>club membership has increased from 30 to 130 active members From 3 coaches to 12 coaches From no trained field and track officials to 10 qualified track and field officials From no local competitions to 2 local HIPPO competitions and one OAC Championship competition held yearly</p> <p>Following much fundraising and sponsorship agreements, athletes and coaches travelled over 2000 miles to attend competitions on the Scottish mainland to further athlete development in national competition. Networking with local schools, Active Schools, other mainland club coaches and attending IFAC and Highland and Island coaching conferences has given the club a raised profile. We have also managed to attract visiting lead national coaches to Orkney to aid coach and athlete development.</p> <p>Our club Development Plan is an active document which we address throughout the year constantly striving to improve OAC. This year we have targeted coach development as it was pivotal to progressing the club further, to minimise waiting lists and to continue to open up OAC for anyone wishing to participate in athletics from all over the Orkney Islands. Our success was recognised by scottishathletics in 2010 when we received Club of the Year Award at the annual Scottish Athletics Awards. Orkney Athletic Club is a work in progress but you only have to check out the Power of 10 to see how many OAC athlete Contacts are in the top 10 in many age groups and many athletic disciplines.</p>
Further info	http://orkneyathleticclub.co.uk/