

Chairman's Speech 2026 – Multi Sports Club AGM

Good evening everyone,

It's a pleasure to welcome you all to this year's AGM for Multi Sports Club. I just want to begin by thanking our incredible volunteers who help support our sessions and allow our members to fully enjoy and participate in everything we offer. So thank you to Mitchell, Debbie, Kate, Leah, Felicity, Alicia, Danny, William and Mollie — we cannot thank you enough for the support you provide.

I'd also like to thank our dedicated committee members: Sarah-Jane, Susan, Issy, Mitchell, Mollie and Irene. We very much appreciate all the work that goes in to coordinate and arrange all the activities and sessions.

I would also like to thank all our brilliant coaches; Mike for Multi Sports and Friday Football, Liam for Dodgeball at Multi Sports, Sylvain for Basketball at Multi Sports, Daisy for Monday Dance, Chloe for Zoom Dance, Jen for Crafternoons and Trudy for Aquafit.

Club Highlights

Speaking of performances and events, we've had a fantastic run this year. We performed at *Move Momentum*, at Winchester University in June. Although we did not win anything this year we enjoyed participating in the Gateway games. With the next Gateway coming up on, let's bring the energy and aim to win!

We continue to maintain our online presence posting regularly and hopefully spreading awareness about the club. Thank you Mollie who has been able to take photos and create posts whilst Mitchell has been away at university.

Further on from spreading awareness, myself, Sarah-Jane and Luke went on Radio Solent to talk about how the club got started and what we provide for the members which was a great opportunity to speak about the club and get the name out some more.

This year we had some fundraising, Mollie made some amazing Gonks and managed to raise £37 for the club, thank you Mollie! Me and Issy ran a 10k to fundraise for the club, managing to raise £940 - not including gift aid for the club! Thank you everyone who donated, it helps the club so much and lets us keep providing such great sessions and activities for our members.

Trips & Socials

We enjoyed boat trips with the Solent Dolphin — thank you to them for providing such a memorable experience — a chance to relax, connect, and enjoy the water together.

We've enjoyed some wonderful outings to the theatre, including *Peter Pan*, *Steps Musical* and *Mary Poppins*. We have more lined up having booked Robin Hood and Cats!

Sessions & Growth

Our Monday Dance last year saw some big changes finding a new teacher and starting in a new location. This year has been steady and shows those changes were for the best.

Multi-Sports has been packed with variety: cricket, dodgeball and basketball. Recently whilst Wildern has been closed over summer, we went bowling, which as usual was a hit with everyone - thank you Susan for arranging!

Friday Football carries on offering a great outlet for energy, teamwork, and skill-building.

Crafternoon continues to be our club's creative outlet, Thanks to Jen from QE2 for all the planning and prep she does for the sessions. Unfortunately we have decided to put it on pause for a while due to low numbers and difficulties finding dates that work for everyone.

Saturday Zoom remains our most flexible session as it is able to be done at home. Which continues to be run by Chloe, our previous Dance teacher.

Sunday Morning Basketball is another steady and well-loved session whilst run by Mencap and Eastleigh Borough, it is open to our members and those that go enjoy it.

Sunday Aquafit continues to be a staple of our weekly programme.

Thank you to Irene for arranging and keeping the booking running smoothly.

A special thank you to Susan for all the many things she has done for the club on top and beyond her role as treasurer.

Looking Ahead

As we go forward for another year, our goal is still to increase the number of volunteers and hopefully the number of members.

I want to also mention that Phil is raising money for the club by running the Great South Run on Sunday the 18th October 2026, donations are open so anyone who wants to donate, we can share the link. Thank you to Phil for taking this on for us and good luck!



Also our dance group is performing at the Eastleigh Community Showcase at the Point on the 20th September, I cannot wait to see footage of our dancers!

I hope we can continue to grow and try new activities. If anyone has any ideas for new activities they think would be good please let any of us on the committee know and we can look into it.

Finally, thank you again to everyone — volunteers, committee members, participants, families — for your continued support, enthusiasm, and spirit. Multi Sports Club is more than just activities; it's a community, and I'm proud to be part of it.

Here's to another fantastic year ahead.

Thank you.