

Harriers keep on track with funding

HALIFAX Harriers are on the last lap to raise £100,000 for Calderdale's new athletics track.

It was set the challenge by the local authority and has now raised more than £92,000 and wants to reach the finishing line by June.

That is when the running track at Spring Hall, Halifax, will become available for use.

Fund-raiser and former president Phil Hellowell said the £1 million project had been a tough task and all the money had to be raised from within Calderdale.

The cost to the local

authority was around £700,000 and there had been a £200,000 development grant from builders on the former Royal Halifax Infirmary site. HBOS had kick-started the Harriers' task with a £50,000 donation, and the latest gift of £1,000 was welcomed from Stainland Lions Road Runners, said Mr Hellowell: "Without HBOS it would be virtually impossible."

For the final push a 10k cross-country run from Ogden Water was planned for March 11 and the Harriers said they would welcome other fund-rais-

ing events and donations.

The track and stadium will belong to Calderdale Council and the Harriers will be the main user although it will be available for other clubs and community uses..

Many Calderdale schools are expected to use the track and players with Halifax Town and Halifax RLFC are also likely to benefit from the facilities.

Field sports in the middle of the track will be catered for, but other sport provision and a changing pavilion will be developed later when funds are available.