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Here is the annual report for Excelsior Athletic Development Club ([Services – Excelsior](#))

Entering our 11<sup>th</sup> year of our club being based in Willand, we streamlined our services to allow us to concentrate on helping local children and adults who wanted to be part of our club.

Thanks to funding opportunities from Devon County Council, and Community Grants, we offered new weightlifting sessions for women looking to improve their fitness and learn a new skill. This meant we had girls aged 12 join, and three women over 40!

The funding meant we were able to train two of our long-standing members as weightlifting coaches' Daisy (aged 18) and Zara (43). We have also trained a new welfare officer and have several of our members undergoing training courses on Safeguarding and welfare, plus two completing their technical officials training. We are upskilling the local population and encouraging the to put back into the community.

We had three of our lifters qualify for the England Championships, and Head Coach James Marshall, finished 4<sup>th</sup> at the European Masters tournament in Albania.

We had a busy summer competing in athletics: touring around Devon. Jack Marshall came third in the county schools championship at long jump, and came 4<sup>th</sup> at the South West Championships in Triple Jump.

We are looking forward to an even more fun 2026. Beginners are always welcome at our club."

Thanks

James Marshall

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