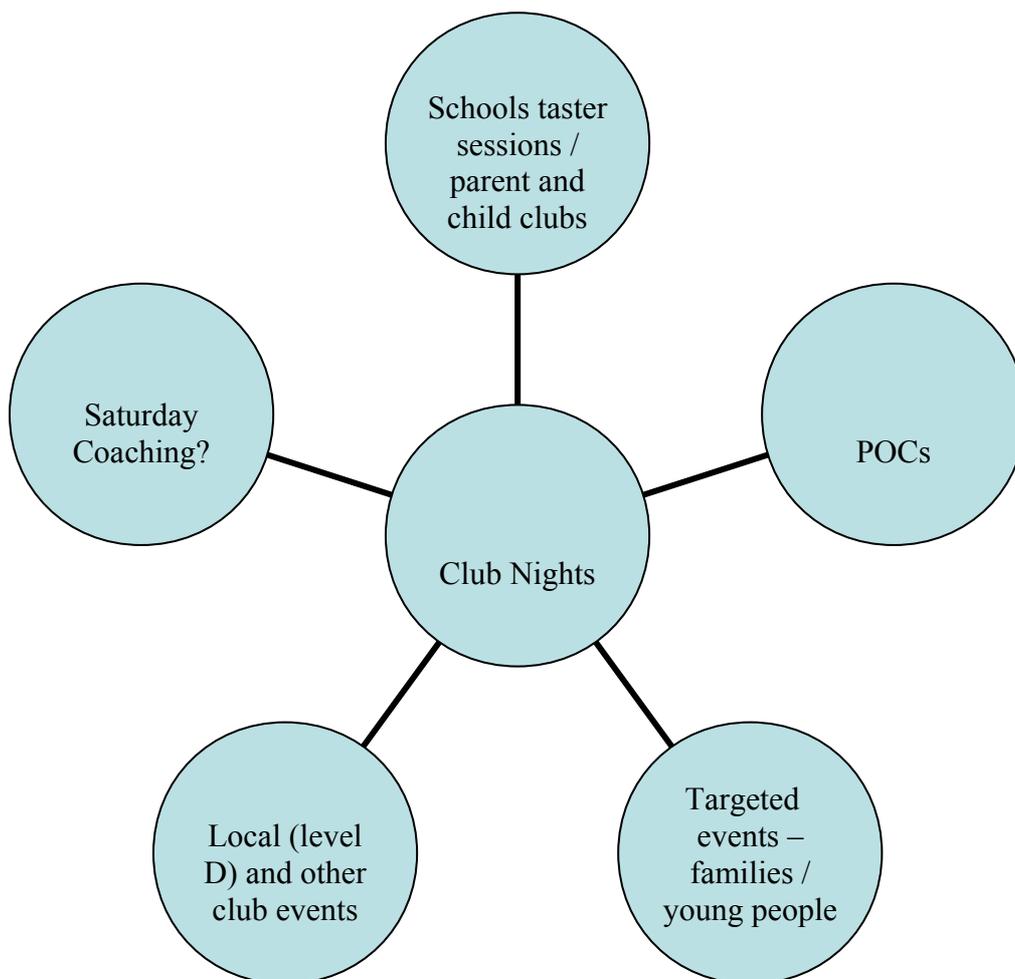


Matlock Community O Club - Report for DVO December 2012 Committee Meeting

Since our last report (June 2012) the club has continued to attract between xx and xx people each week. This includes between 4 and 7 coaches / helpers on any one evening. Our highlight was being joint winners of the Derbyshire dales District council Community Sports Club of the Year award – no money just the publicity.

The group of participants attending in autumn 2012 has changed with some families with older children no longer coming to club nights although they have been to local events while new families with younger children are attending regularly. The current participants want a club that involves outdoor activity throughout the year and are willing to brave the cold and/or wet accepting that there will be weeks when we have to cancel at short notice.

We recognise that there will always be people ‘moving through’ the club and have therefore maintained our efforts to provide taster sessions to recruit new Club Night participants some of whom will go on to become DVO members. The Club Night is the connecting hub for a number of local activities which together serve to maintain the profile of orienteering.



The programme of Schools Taster sessions last year brought a few participants to the club. This year Becky is taking over the coordination and running of these and will be encouraging schools to organise teams for the Derbyshire Schools Championships and the British Schools Championships.

The installation of the Permanent Orienteering Courses was held up by a problem in getting the plaques put up. Derbyshire Dales have now resolved this and the courses should be complete in the near future.

We have put in a bid for Sportivate funding to enable us to provide an activity (short score course) targeted at 16 – 25 year olds in the Helicopter Park below Hurst farm estate. Derbyshire Dales have been very supportive of this. It is likely that we will be in a position to run some Xplorer events targeted at families with young children when these become available after April 1st next year.

Most local events have some Club night participants attending and the family who were invited to the club champs were very appreciative of the opportunity. We hope to get some club night participants helping at local events in the future but that seems to take time.

While experienced orienteers are often surprised at the level of technical training that can be achieved on very simple areas there is no doubt that people who come to the club with the main aim of learning orienteering skills grow out of the club after two or three terms. In the early part of next year when the nights are still dark we would like to organise some Saturday day time training on more technical areas. We would open this up to DVO members as well as club night participants who want to develop more technical skills.

By continuously looking for opportunities to recruit new people and by adapting to what those who come want we are able to maintain the club night at the moment. The feed-through to the club is limited at the moment but we consider it is still worthwhile.