

1. Matlock O Club Night

Matlock O club has had a successful year, with an average of 12 - 15 people attending our weekly sessions during 2013. As well as using the Dimple area behind The Arc Leisure Centre, we have also run sessions at Farley Moor, 40 acre site, Hall Leys Park and Whitworth Park. These sessions are particularly well attended, including members from DVO.

For 2014 we had taken the decision not to meet on Wednesday evenings until after the February half term. This was to avoid the period likely to have the worst weather. We held two Saturday afternoon event with the aim of keeping people engaged and that appeared to achieve the aim. It also allowed a family who were interested but not available on Wednesday evenings to come along. They have subsequently joined DVO and attended a Sunday event.

Starting back after half term we have the same group of participants. Our aim is to start recruiting for new members once we have light evening.

2. Generating and updating publicity

We have an article in the next Focus magazine based on the Tansley School team at the British Schools Orienteering Championships.

We would like to run a publicity drive in March/April, so that we can take on new recruits. The cost of 500 A6 postcards, through the BO print portal, printed in colour on both sides would be £78. We would distribute these to local schools, leisure centres, youth organisations, shops and through our partnership with Derbyshire Dales District Council. We have agreed with DDDC that we would attend the sessions they are running on Xplorer throughout the spring, summer and autumn and put on Naughty Numbers. The postcards would be handed out at these events - the advantages of doing this, is that DDDC will organise the events and do the publicity for the days and it would provide a pathway between Xplorer and club nights. The aim is to attract families.

The club has a small amount of money (currently £70) from fees, which it uses to cover expenses eg printing maps, compasses, hi-vis jackets but financing the postcards would use all our resources. We would be grateful if DVO would consider funding the publicity for the community O club.

We have met with Derbyshire Dales District Council and have been offered a spot at a number of their events. We would be able to offer an SI cones activity as a taster, hand out leaflets, display information about club events and offer a voucher for a free club night session.

3. Equipment

Derek has provided the replacement SI boxes the committee agreed to fund. The Mini SI kit continues to get good use between Matlock O Club, String Courses at events, EMJS, taster sessions run by coaches in schools, youth groups, scouts etc.

4. Building Permanent O Courses in Local Parks

The POCs are now available. DDDC have the maps on their website and have already had interest in them. They are launching the POCs formerly with events during the year, where we will be present with Naughty Numbers

5. Developing O activities inclusive of people with disabilities

Nothing further on this.

6. Developing School / O Club Partnerships

Without Becky we can't offer taster sessions to the Primary Schools this year but Richard may be able to do a week of coaching in secondary schools paid for by Derbyshire Dale.

7. Getting Young Leaders involved in O activities

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We would like to advertise the O club as an opportunity for young people to get their volunteering hours done, just needs time to draft role description and support arrangements and to contact appropriate organisations.

8. Supporting the development of other volunteers

The Lead Coach is also mentoring a DVO member who is planning a level D event for the club and is working with one of the volunteers for the club to gain the UKCC level 2 coaching qualification.

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10. Supporting progression to DVO Club Events

A small number of club night members are trying out DVO events. Other activities (often football) and weather appear to be the main deterrents. We intend to have a scheme where people get three free club nights when they join DVO/British Orienteering.

11. More technical Coaching

We intend that our 'trips out' during the summer programme to use other areas and offer different challenges will provide more technical coaching. Richard Parkin is keen to provide this. At the moment he is completing his level to coaching award tasks though running club night sessions.

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