

# DVO Committee Meeting Minutes

Held on 8th April 2025 at Church in the Peak, Matlock

## Present

Jane Kayley-Burgess (Chairman), John Hurley, Sal Chaffey, Helen Chiswell, Kim Buxton, Sally Calland, Nicola Hart.

## 1. Apologies

Simon Brister, Christine Middleton, John Duckworth

## 2 and 3. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

Minutes approved.

Matters arising: 8. John Duckworth's note on future CDO attached. 9. Dave Nevell is happy to carry on maintaining the spreadsheet / record use of club areas.

## 4. Chairman's report

The Chairman's report is attached to this document.

## 5 and 6. Treasurer's report and DVO budget

The Treasurer's report Q2 is attached together with her updated budget, detailing spend so far against the budget agreed at last meeting; and note on DVO bank account. In line with budget we are spending down towards a lower minimum held in reserve fund (£5000) and current account (£5000). By the end of the FY we are projecting to spend around £5000 more than our income. Discussed that while costs are going up our standard entry fee of £8 for Level C events has stayed the same, leaving little or no headroom.

### **Agreed / actions:**

- (a) Review the position at next meeting with a view to preparing proposal to increase standard entry fees, with budget and evidence, ready for AGM in October.
- (b) Stay with Lloyds Bank.

## 7. Membership

Simon's membership report is attached.

## 8. Club Captain's report

Christine's report is attached

The consultation on CSC was discussed. **Action:** John Hurley to update Christine's initial response.

## 9. Development report

John Duckworth's note on key outputs of our development programme is attached. Noted if we do recruit a new CDO we would need funding from outside the club.

## 10. Fixtures Committee report

Fixtures committee minutes from 1/4/25 meeting attached.

## 11. EMOA Representative's report

John Hurley's report is attached.

## 12. Succession planning and recruitment to key posts

Christine has kindly stepped forward to take over the role of Access Coordinator. Sally Calland volunteered for the role of Club Captain when Christine finishes her term at the AGM. Helen has agreed to stay in post as Treasurer for a further year from October. The Secretary role remains to be filled. Possible future committee members to be asked.

## 13. Shed repairs

Shed repairs completed.

## 14. Any other business

Helen - WSC book? Sal - BOF approach about "Explorer" a DCC initiative.

## 15. Next open meeting

Date to be fixed before summer holidays. Ann-Marie to speak about juniors development and John about Interland.

## 16. Date of next committee meeting

Tuesday 1st July 2025, 6.30pm at Lime Tree.

## Appendices

Chairman's Report

Treasurer's Report, budget update and banking paper

Membership Report

Club Captain's report

Development report

Fixtures Committee minutes

EMOA Representative's Report

## Chairman's report

Two major events have happened since we last met, as well as a lot of other things which are covered in other people's reports.

The first major event was qualifying for the compass sport cup final in a glorious show of Club ability and spirit. We always say to people who think they won't make a difference because they're not top level

orienteers, that you should come and run and possibly push people from other clubs down the rankings. I don't know if anybody's done an analysis on whether that was actually true at Clumber, but what is important is that large numbers of people turning out make it feel much more of a club triumph than just relying on the few people who always turn out. Congratulations to Christine for getting such a good turnout and to John Hurley for a cracking job controlling the event. top runners. Thank you also to everybody who came, with a huge hope that those same people will go up to Redcar in September and run again. We don't make the final every year and we should make the most of the fact that we have qualified.

The second event was the British university championships at the beginning of March. DVO hosted the event for Sheffield University orienteering club, at the request of South Yorkshire Orienteers who have been rather tied up with the JK. Sadly the conditions in the farmer's field we needed to use car parking at the individual championships meant that we couldn't use it but instead used the road. This meant having to limit the number of entries, and the profit that would've gone with it, to just the students. This is regrettable but I feel proud of the club for putting its money where its mouth is and hosting the future runners of our sport. The relays the following day on Carsington pastures was fun and the students all seem to really appreciate the day. The weather was kind to us all weekend and both events passed off without any major incidents. Thank you to all DVO helpers who turned out on the day with no chance of a competitive run.

The final thing I want to just touch on is the agreement we have just had from Hardwick Hall for a navigation festival in July. This will be a true collaboration with Hardwick and our target audience is their visitors. Following on the theme of the DVO CDO to get more people running with maps, this is how we will target the event at Hardwick. The maps will look like orienteering maps but hope to keep the event orienteering jargon free and engage as many members of the public as possible.

Treasurer's report



## **DERWENT VALLEY ORIENTEERS**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT Quarter 2**

This report summarises the Club’s finances for the financial year 2024/25 and provides a detailed analysis of the second quarter.

### Funds Available

At the end of the last financial year, funds in the Club’s Current and Savings Accounts totalled £23,071, with £11,896 in the Current Account and £11,175 in the Savings Account:

Account	Year Start	End November	End February	End May	End August	Change in Quarter
Current	£11,896.24	£8,474.29	£6,253.63			(£2,221)
Savings	£11,174.69	£11,203.49	£11,231.44			£27
Total	£23,070.93	£19,677.78	£17,485.07			(£2,193)
<b>Total change in Year</b>						<b>(£5,586)</b>

At February 28<sup>th</sup> 2025, there has been a net loss of £5,586 across all accounts since the start of the financial year. Part of the reason for the significant decrease in the club funds is that we received the Sport England funding in the last financial year, but this relates to expenses in this financial year. This should now stabilise out as we have consumed almost all of the Sport England funding. However, funds in the current account are significantly lower than in recent years (see spend analysis for the quarter below and the separate report updating on the spend against our annual budget). We should keep an eye on spending as balance levels in the DVO current account are now close to the committee agreed level of £5,000.

Note that, in addition to the above, DVO has a further £150 available via the Registration Team float.

The club also owns SI and computer equipment that is currently valued at £22,401.

### Current account - Quarter 2

The Current Account balance of £6,254 resulted from a net quarterly expenditure of £7,836 against a net income of £5,616.

	Expenses	Receipts
<b>Totals:</b>	(£7,836.44)	£5,615.78
# transactions	37	16
<b>Opening Balance: £ 8,474.29</b>		
Balance within period:	£ (2,220.66)	
<b>Closing Balance:</b>	<b>£ 6,253.63</b>	

## Income versus expenditure

Category	Receipt	Expense	net Income /Expenditure
<b>Coaching / Training</b>		£ (160.00)	£ (160.00)
<b>Equipment</b>	£ 340.00	£ (1,042.25)	£ (702.25)
<b>Events</b>	£2,145.78	£ (1,816.28)	£ 329.50
<b>Mapping</b>		£ (290.00)	£ (290.00)
<b>Meetings</b>		£ (196.30)	£ (196.30)
<b>Misc</b>	£3,059.70	£ (59.52)	£ 3,000.18
<b>Permanent Courses</b>	£ 50.30	£ (30.60)	£ 19.70
<b>Publicity</b>		£ (68.20)	£ (68.20)
<b>Relays / CSC</b>		£ (722.00)	£ (722.00)
<b>Sport England</b>	£ 20.00	£ (3,451.29)	£ (3,431.29)
<b>Totals</b>	£5,615.78	£ (7,836.44)	£ (2,220.66)

**Gross income:** Gross income totaled £5,615.78:

Category	Income	Breakdown
Misc	£3,059.70	£3,000.18 JK 2024 profit share £59.52 EMJOS cake sales (subsequently refunded to EMOA)
Events	£2,145.78	See detail below
Equipment	£340.00	Equipment hire to Explorer Events (2 events)
Permanent courses	£50.30	Income from POC areas
Sport England	£20.00	Refund of a deposit paid for room hire

**Gross expenditure:** Gross expenditure totaled £7,836.44:

Category	Expenditure	Breakdown
Sport England	£3,451.29	£3,202 CDO salary £126.75 MapRun donation £102.54 Map printing £20 Deposit for room hire (refunded)
Events	£1,816.28	See breakdown below
Equipment	£1,042.25	£750 Shed repairs £194.82 Padlocks £23.94 Gripples £63.54 Phone number forwarding £9.95 Postage for SI repairs
Relays / CSC	£722.00	CSC entries
Mapping	£290.00	£90 Derby Urban £200 Birchen
Meetings	£196.30	£48 Committee meeting room hire £148.30 Open meeting food and room hire
Coaching / Training	£160.00	£50 Chris Millard coaching award £10 E-training course E Williams £100 First aid training
Publicity	£68.20	Maprun series flyers

Misc	£59.52	EMJOS cake sales refund
Permanent Courses	£30.60	Map printing for Illam

Payments made in excess of £400 (excluding levies)			
Payment made to	Reason	Amount	Agreed by
Chris Millard	CDO salary Nov	£794.00	Jane
Chris Millard	CDO salary Dec	£794.00	Jane
Chris Millard	CDO salary Jan	£794.00	Jane
Chris Millard	CDO salary Feb	£820.00	Jane
NOC	CSC entries	£722.00	Christine
Lee Hydes	Shed roof repairs	£750.00	Simon

### Events Summary – Overall financial balance (not confined to quarter)

Events with finalised all transactions in the quarter:

Event Type	Event	Entries			Finances				
		Juniors	Seniors	Total	Receipt	No	Expense	No	Balance
Level C	2025-01-01 Derby City Urban	0	0		£1,875.66	4	-£1,259.59	9	£616.07
Level D	2024-12-14 Shipley	14	27	41	£211.89	2	-£65.00	1	£146.89
Level D	2025-02-08 Belper Parks	1	35	36	£183.73	2	-£140.18	2	£43.55
Level D	2025-03-08 Alferton	16	24	40	£137.87	2	-£173.60	3	-£35.73
		31	86	117	£2,409.15		-£1,638.37		£770.78

### Events - Financial breakdown of transactions for events finalised this quarter

#### Derby Urban level C

Income for the event totalled £1,875.66; Expenses for the event totalled £1,259.59

Income	Amount
Fabian entries	£1,729.80
Sum up EOD entry	£95.86
Cash EOD	£50.00

Expense	Amount
Map printing	£268.60
BOF levy	£404.00
EMOA levy	£84.70
Room hire	£70.00
Access fees	£20.00

#### Shipley level D

Income for the event totalled £211.89; Expenses for the event totalled £65.00

Income	Amount
Cash entries	£145.50
Sum up entries	£66.39

Expense	Amount
BOF levy	£65.00

No invoice for map printing costs for Shipley has been received

No invoice for room hire at Shipley has been received

### **Belper Parks level D**

Income for the event totalled £183.73; Expenses for the event totalled £140.18

<b>Income</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Sum up entries	£108.23
Cash entries	£75.50

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Amount</b>
BOF levy	£84.50
Map printing	£55.68

### **Alfreton level D**

Income for the event totalled £137.87; Expenses for the event totalled £173.60

<b>Income</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Cash entries	£70.00
Sum up entries	£67.87

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Amount</b>
BOF levy	£55.65
Map printing	£47.95
Pavillion hire	£70.00

### **In Conclusion**

Within the current quarter, expenses have exceeded income to the tune of £2,193

The Club's finances remain sound with accessible funds of £17,485.07 in the current account and savings account on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Helen Chiswell**  
**Treasurer**  
**March 2024**

Budget update

### **DVO budget for 2024 – 2025: March 2025 update**

This report details the spend so far against the DVO budget agreed at the December 2024 committee meeting.

The committee are asked to review the report and agree spending plans for the rest of the financial year.

## Income vs budget for 2024 – 2025

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual to end</u> <u>Sept 24 -</u> <u>March25</u>	<u>Prorata for</u> <u>whole of 2025</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<b>Income</b>				
Events: net income (income less expenses)	£ 4,000	£ 647	£ 1,108	Only significant event in the financial year has been Derby Urban; Expecting circa £1200 from BUCs but to be split with SHUOC
Equipment hire	£ 1,000	£ 670	£ 1,149	
JK profit share	£ -	£ 3,126	£ 3,126	One off this year
Permanent courses	£ -	£ 49	£ 84	
Related to development activities:				
Orienteering Foundation grant	£ 1,500	£ 1,500	£ 1,500	
Sport England grant	£ 5,050	£ 5,050	£ 5,050	Received in Aug but included here
EMOA grant	£ 500			£500 received in May 2024; Are we expecting this again in 2025?
	<u>£ 7,050</u>	<u>£ 6,550</u>	<u>£ 6,550</u>	
	<u>£ 12,050</u>	<u>£ 11,041</u>	<u>£ 12,016</u>	

- Event income has been lower than expected as there has been only one significant event during the financial year (Derby Urban)
- There has been a one-off income from the JK profit share which has offset the lower than expected event income
- The EMOA CDO grant was received in the last financial year – do we expect to receive this again in this financial year?

## Non-capital expenses vs budget for 2024 – 2025

*Expenses that re-occur every year and are not associated with purchasing equipment*

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual to end</u> <u>Sept 24 -</u> <u>March25</u>	<u>Prorata for</u> <u>whole of 2025</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<b>Expenditure - revenue</b>				
Newstrack	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Permanent Courses	£ 200	£ -	£ -	
Equipment	£ 600	£ 115	£ 197	
Publicity	£ 400	£ 82	£ 140	
Clothing	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Mapping	£ 3,000	£ 1,703	£ 2,920	
Coaching / Training	£ 500	£ 160	£ 274	
Meetings	£ 600	£ 428	£ 734	
Relays / CSC	£ 1,500	£ 722	£ 1,500	Only CSC so far - JK & British relays to go
Misc	£ 1,300	£ 1,172	£ 1,300	Shed rental and BOF affiliation main costs and already paid for this year
Sport England salary & expenses	£ 5,050	£ 3,951	£ 5,050	Plan to spend the full amount
CDO salary & expenses	£ 2,000	£ 1,923	£ 2,000	
	<b>£15,150</b>	<b>£ 10,256</b>	<b>£ 14,116</b>	

- We are pretty much on track to spend as per our agreed budget

## Capital expenditure vs budget – annualised depending on expected frequency of spend

*Expenses related to equipment that do not occur annual but only every few years as it needs replacing / repairing. We need to ensure we “save up” for this expenditure each year within our budgets.*

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual to end</u> <u>Sept 24 -</u> <u>March25</u>	<u>Prorata for</u> <u>whole of 2025</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<b>Expenditure - capital</b>				
Equipment: Download	£ 400	£ -	£ 1,500	Planning to renew download equipment this year
Equipment: SI kit	£ 500	£ 242	£ 414	
Equipment: Other	£ 500	£ 219	£ 375	
Shed maintenance	£ 500	£ 750	£ 750	Shed roof repair
	<b>£ 1,900</b>	<b>£ 1,211</b>	<b>£ 3,039</b>	

- We are in line with budget on spending on SI kit, other kits and shed maintenance
- We have not spent anything on Download equipment – are we planning to renew the download equipment as planned?

## Overall position

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual to end Sept 24 - March25</u>	<u>Prorata for whole of 2025</u>
Total annual expenditure + provision for capital expenditure	£ 17,050	£ 11,467	£ 17,155
Net expenditure	-£ 5,000	-£ 426	-£ 5,139

- In the first 7 months of the financial year, we have spent £426 more than our income
- We are projecting to spend around £5,000 more than our income by the end of the financial year. This is in line with our budget. This assumes that we go ahead with the renewal of the download equipment.

## Banking paper

### DVO bank account

Since March 2025, Lloyds (our current bank provider) have started applying a service charge to our account of £4.50 per month / £50 per year.

The committee are asked to consider whether DVO should move bank provider to another bank offering free banking.

### Existing accounts: Lloyds Bank

Account	Fees	Interest	Usual balance
Community current account	£50 per year	0%	£6,000
Commercial instant access account	Free	1.0% var	£11,000

### Other banking options

Provider	Account	Fees	Interest
Metro Bank (apply in store only)	Community current account	200 free transactions	0%
	Community Instant Access Deposit Account	Free	0.85%
	Community Fixed Term Deposit Account	Free; min £5k	2.25% fixed 1 year
RBS / Natwest (believe you can apply on line)	Community Bank account	Free	0%
	Business Reserve account	Free	1.11% var

### Things to consider

#### Positives!

- We avoid a £50 charge – but this is only 0.5% of our total annual spend!
- We should be able to use the current account switching service to move things across to a new account

#### Negatives!

- It will be quite a bit to manage in switching over
- All signatories on the account will need to supply ID and address information and go through an ID check
- We will need to provide the club documentation such as constitution, recent committee minutes etc
- We would need to change the accounts linked to Fabian4, Stripe, Sum up

## Membership Secretary's report

The membership statistics are currently as follows:

Active members according to listing and checked with BOF website is 147 plus Life members – now 8 (see note below)

Total on club database: 155. The 8 existing Life members are M Buckley, T Berwick, Roz Clayton, Dave Nevell and Roger & Debbie Wilkinson and now Mike and Liz Godfrey

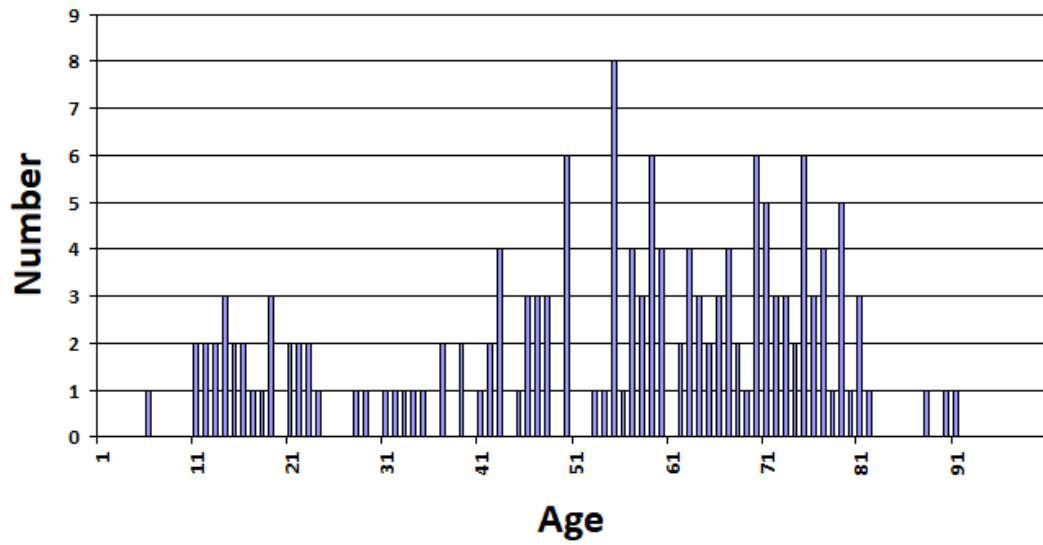
## New members since the last committee meeting

Derwent Valley Orienteers						
Recently Joined New Members						March 2025
Name	Surname	O Class	Date Joined	Date Lapsed	Telephone	e-mail
Daniel	Follon	M 40	28/09/2024			danfollon@gmail.com
Peter	Ricketts	M 65	02/10/2024	28/02/2025	07704185756	peter.ricketts@btinternet.com
Benjamin	Shamrock	M 12	24/03/2025		07751399138	jo.shamrock@gmail.com
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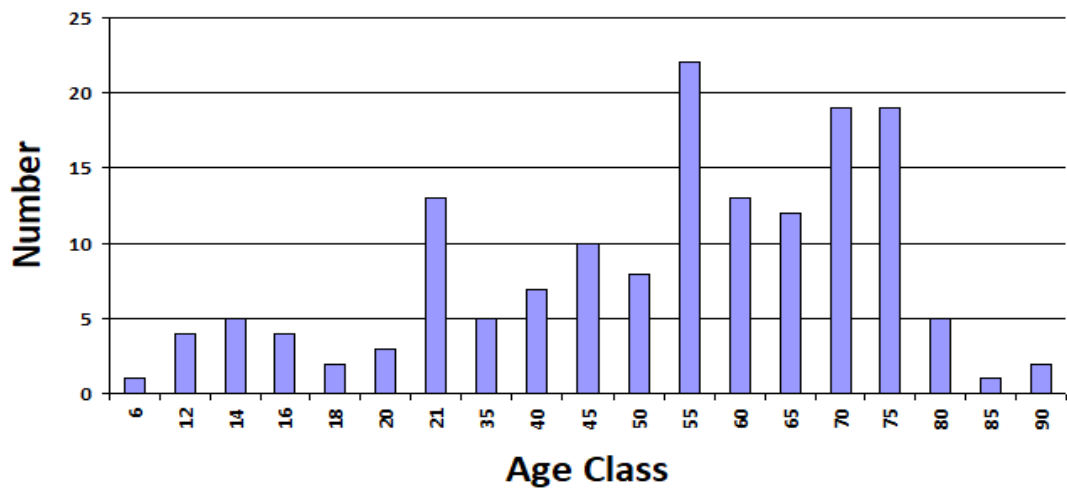
As you can see unfortunately Peter failed to renew this year

## Members ages

## Members' Ages



## Members' Age Classes



## Average age of DVO membership

March 2025

At Date	Members	Average Age
28/03/2024	173	51y 335d
28/03/2025	155	53y 266d

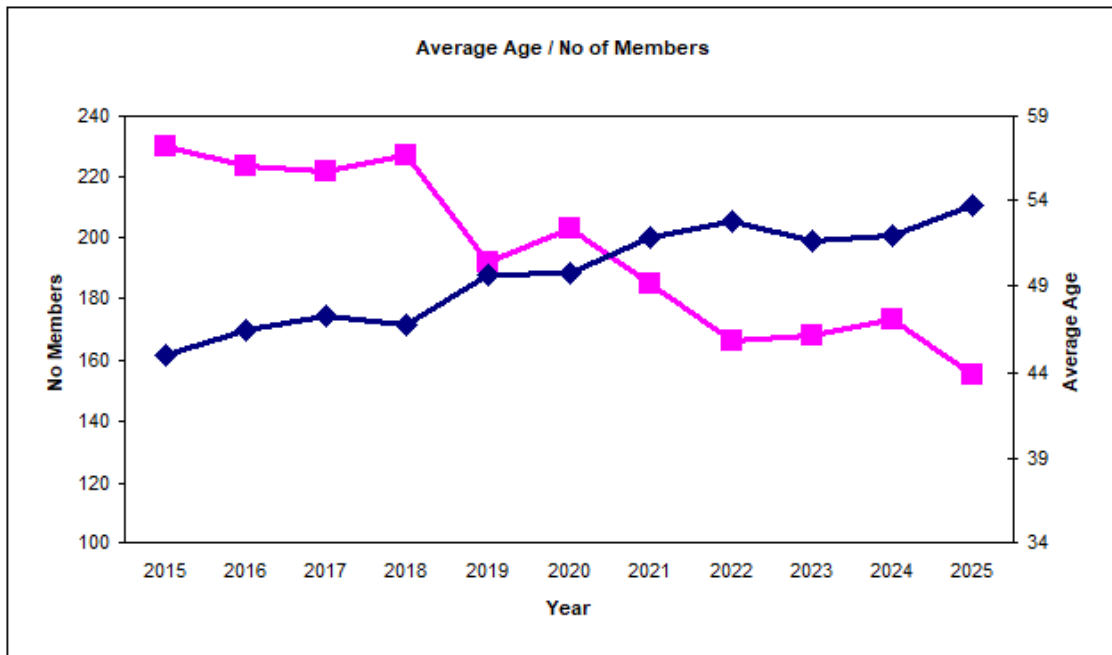
Of course, we have turned the page on a new year and this increases the average age by a year though the average age has gone up by not far short of 2 years since this time last year. Analysing the non-renewals you can see that they include few of the more senior (in age) members.

The 22 not renewing are:-

Surname	Given	YOB	DateJoined
Buxton	Adam	1984	08/01/2024
Buxton	Clifford	2017	18/12/2022
Buxton	Nicola	1986	08/01/2024
Goodhead	Joanna	1998	02/02/2011
Hand	Steve	1961	11/03/2017
Lurati	James	1984	07/11/2022
Lurati	Jo	1983	07/11/2022
Lurati	Madeleine	2014	07/11/2022
Lurati	Noah	2016	07/11/2022
Naish	Kiyoko	1959	04/03/2024
Northcott	Adrian	1963	02/02/2011
Orman	Katie	1981	06/06/2024
Parkin	Sarah	1972	08/05/2014
Parry	Andy	1977	23/03/2016
Philpott	Jane	1962	23/12/2023
Price	Amanda	1963	04/09/2014
Ricketts	Peter	1958	02/10/2024
Shearing	Andrew	1975	29/03/2018
Shearing	Tilly	2007	29/03/2018
Smyth	Andrew	1991	04/03/2024
Terava	Amy	1987	10/02/2018
Terava	Jennamari	1987	10/02/2018

This shows that the average age of non-renewals at 42. They have each had 3 'gentle' reminders about renewals. If the committee felt it worthwhile I could email the above for feedback on reasons for ending membership. I have included the dates that they joined DVO which shows how many are relatively recent members. Please note the records only go back to 2014 so Sarah and Amanda may have been members for longer.

The next chart provides a view of the **membership numbers over 10 years (in pink)** and the **average age in blue**



**Simon Brister 28/03/2025**

## Club Captain's report

### Compass Sport Cup

The qualifying heat for this year's Compass Sport Cup was organised by NOC and held on February 23rd at Clumber Park. We had a good turnout from the club with 65 entries and we had a significantly stronger team of 6. DVO had to beat WAOC in order to qualify for the final but on the day we beat all 4 clubs. The results were as follows :

DVO 2396, WAOC 2389 HOC 2353 OD 2016

The final will be held on Sunday September 14th at South Gare near Redcar. We need to decide if we will fund the whole entry fee. It is approximately 2.5 hours from Matlock, so my expectation is that we will probably get no more than 40 entries. We have looked at the possibility of a coach in the past. However, there is a middle distance urban event on the Saturday and my expectation is that people will want to make a weekend of it.

### Relays

We have 5 relay teams for the JK and I am in the process of collecting entries for the British Championships in May

**Compass Sport Cup** We have been asked to give feedback on the structure of the Compass Sport Cup. I am sorry to miss this discussion . I am attaching the issues raised by the co-ordinator but we can also give feedback on any issue.

### Questions raised by the CSCup Coordinator with my thoughts

Does the overall format of an annual competition with regionally based qualifying heats and a UK final work best (there have been other formats in the past)?

*Yes. Although it is often a very long journey to the final.*

Travel distances often come up as an issue - if it is for you, how could this be tackled?

*Yes, travel is an issue at times. This could only be resolved by changing the structure of the competition*

## Development Officer's report

### Autumn/Winter Mapruns

We've now completed the series of 16 Maprun score events through the Autumn and Winter of 2024/25 that is part of the commitment we made to receive our Sport England grant. We typically had some 30 runners at each event although the number of DVO

members attending has steadily dwindled to a handful. Chris Millard has led the programme supported by several club members planning different events. We have a further two daylight events on 24th and 28th April at Ockbrook and Spondon. We're committed to putting on a further series of 16 events over the Autumn/Winter of 2025/26 which Chris will lead.

### Level D Events

After the postponement of our Whitworth Park Level D event in January due to ice we've held two successful events at Belper Parks in February and Alfreton Park in March. Both events had approximately 50 runs with a mixture of families, people progressing from Maprun, and club members. Both events used kites but with the Maprun App (or pin punches) to record times and minimise organisational effort. We have the next few Level D's scheduled in comprising of Derby Dracula this Saturday, Eyes Meadow Duffield on 17th May, Whitworth Park on August 9th, Allestree on 13th September. These event are supported with funding form the O-Foundation.

### MapActive Courses

Again supported by the O-Foundation, we have a MapActive coaching course planned in through May. This will be led by Chris Millard. We currently have five attendees and ideally would have eight so please promote the course with suitable candidates.

### Hardwick Navigation Festival

We have a date agreed with the National Trust at Hardwick Hall for the Navigational Festival to take place on Saturday 5th July. Judith and Lester Evans have volunteered to take on the organisation of the event. This is an event will run in collaboration with the National Trust aimed more at their members and visitors rather than existing orienteers. We plan to have a simple course around the courtyard in the hall, a white and orange level course, and a score course. As well as mementoes for finishers we'll provide information and links for them to come to further events. In the Autumn we'll relaunch a new Permanent Orienteering Course at Hardwick and plan to provide some training to National Trust stewards to promote the course. This event is being funded by the Orienteering Foundation and we plan for entries to be free.

### Club Development Officer

As I mentioned at the last meeting, Chris has resumed his career in biochemistry so cannot commit as much time to the CDO role as in previous years. As a club, we need to make a decision on whether to recruit a new CDO.

The CDO role has been subsidised by the Orienteering Foundation, and more recently Sport England. As a Club we have benefited significantly from having someone who had the time and space to establish our development programme, and without it I doubt we would have the Maprun series or Mapactive courses. That said, we're not planning to launch any further new initiatives but rather plan to embed our existing programmes going forwards and

making sure they join together into a coherent plan. We probably have the skill to do this from within the existing membership.

Speaking to Chris, he states that a significant amount of his time has been spent on marketing using both email and social media. This is an area where we don't really have the skills within the club but could really benefit from someone selling orienteering and our events. Therefore, I propose that we do look to recruit a CDO, but with an emphasis on marketing the club's activities rather than organising and planning events. This would mean looking for someone from a different group (e.g. a student at Derby Uni doing a course or Post-Grad in marketing). If the Committee approve the principle, I'll progress a more detailed proposal for you to review.

### Grants

As mentioned above, we have funding from both Sport England and the O-Foundation in return for committing to deliver certain development objectives. The Sport England funding has been fully received for a two year programme of Mapruns and we are on track to deliver the programme in full.

The O-Foundation grant was in two parts as they weren't convinced we could deliver the full programme on Level Ds, MapActive and Navigation Festival. I wrote to them last week setting out the progress we had made and the plan going forwards to demonstrate we would deliver all our objectives and I'm awaiting a response as to whether they'll release the remaining funding.

Happy to take any questions apologies again for my non-attendance.

## DVO Fixtures Committee Meeting Minutes

Held on Tuesday 1st April 2025 at the Buxtons'

### Present

Kim Buxton (Chair), Christine Middleton, Jane Kayley-Burgess, John Cooke, Richard Parkin, Nicola Hart.

1. Apologies Sal Chaffey.

2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

Minutes of the last meeting agreed. Kim responded to Ant Squire about the VHI 2028 as discussed, but so far we haven't had a response from Ant. Christine has kindly offered to take over the role of access coordinator and was welcomed to the fixtures committee.

3. Recent events

Derby Urban. Graham and Val gave feedback, (a) risk assessment and safety decisions on the day (weather/floods) - all worked well, and (b) lack of clarity over permissions for use of the area, often no permission is needed apart from specific locations, eg parks.

BUCS events. There were 190 competitors at Birchen Edge, a good number. We await payment. At Carsington Pastures, helpers "broke in" to CP and parked next to a wind turbine. Jane has apologised to the farmer concerned.

#### 4. Club development events

Alvaston maprun - an incident where a female competitor was cornered by a man in a dark alley - no physical harm but alarm caused; suggested risk assessment of the areas to take account of dark alleys and info / note to competitors accordingly. At another maprun a competitor set off without a map or a phone and became lost; reminder to competitors to carry a phone.

The proposed Hardwick navigation festival is to go ahead on 5th July, with assembly and registration within the walls. Partnership with Hardwick and with NOC.

#### 5. Event scheduling

Wirksworth Urban, 29th June, proposed evening event. Jane has spoken to Ursula about EMUL status for an evening event and she was enthusiastic. Agreed to go ahead.

Cromford Moor. Jane thinks we will get permission. Consider alternative if necessary at next meeting.

Replacement for cancelled Birchen Edge EML - Kedleston on 2nd November 2025. Knock-on changes to 2026 schedule: Allestree Park scheduled for 21/6/26 and Linacre for 22/11/26.

Discussed questions raised with Kim by Ursula about possible future events for DVO to host:

Are we able to host CSC heat 28th Feb 2027?

Yes - possibly Stanton Moor

Could we stage a junior comp 2026/2027?

If no other clubs step forward we could do BSSC Oct 2026

Any interest in 2029 British Sprint or Sprint Relay Champs?

No - we don't have a suitable area for sprints.

Do we wish to offer East Mids Champs at Longshaw 2026 as a UKOL event?

Yes

If NOC offer to stage the 2027 Midlands Champs, could we offer a supporting event on the Saturday?

It may be possible for us to stage a night event on the Saturday, perhaps at Allestree (13/2/27, one week ahead of the UK night champs, nb 2 weeks ahead of the CSC heat which we are agreeing to host - above).

## 6. Access issues and new areas

Nothing to report.

## 8. Mapping

4 new urban areas in the pipeline from Richard: Dronfield (East); SE Chesterfield, Birdholme (RP has mapped to 1:4000, sprint standard, could be good for a double-sprint event):

S.Derbyshire, Swadlincote and Burton, RP recommended Swadlincote particularly.

Carsington, newly mapped for BUCS relay.

Wirksworth, reworked now with 2.5m contours and extended up Bole Hill.

Cromford Moor updated.

Matlock to be done.

Longshaw, RP working on it, there will be a new improved and extended map for the EMids Champs.

Bow and Lea Woods - in the schedule for spring 2026.

Longstone Moor, scheduled for autumn 2026, need to start looking at permissions - still with Paul Goodhead.

Kedleston will need work for November 2025.

## 9. Permanent courses

Judith Evans has kindly offered to take over responsibility for POCs and is starting off by doing a paper audit.

## 10. Any other business

Jane drew attention to a flier with "lightning advice," useful for event organisers.

## 13. Date of next meeting

24/6/25, 5pm at the Buxtons'

## EMOA representative's report

### **REPORT FROM EMOA COMMITTEE MEETING 27/1/2025**

1 JK Profit Sharing. A sum of £7,120 has been paid to EMOA in respect of the region's share of the JK2024 profits. It was agreed that this would be split between the clubs as follows : DVO £3,000, LEI £3,000, NOC £600, LOG £520. Andy Nicholls (EMOA Treasurer) has contacted Helen to confirm bank account details for the payment.

2 Coaching. LEI and LOG reported that they were providing coaching as part of their weekday club evenings and did not intend to stage Saturday coaching sessions as well, although some of their members would be interested in the Lake District coaching weekends. Ann-Marie noted that a number of the new participants coming into the sport via Maprun events had an expectation that coaching would be provided, by the clubs, and asked clubs to be proactive in arranging coaching for these newer participants.

3 Ann-Marie reminded us that EMJOS are now actively taking juniors in the region who are at Orange level, in an attempt to coach them and give them practice sessions for the skills needed for the harder courses when they move up age classes

4 The EMOA League 2024 prizegiving will take place at Lincoln South Common event at 10:00am on 9<sup>th</sup> February. As usual class winners will receive small trophies, and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places will receive certificates. I will advise the DVO prize winners of these arrangements. However I plan to travel to this event by train so won't be there for 1000, so I'd like a volunteer to collect any unclaimed DVO prizes for me.

5 I've also been asked to make sure that DVO holders of EMOA Championships trophies are planning to return them on or before this year's event on 16<sup>th</sup> February. Does anyone have an e-mail or other contact details for Marcus Scotney, who won M50 last year ?

6 2027 Fixtures. We are pencilled in for the EM Cup Heat on the allocated February date. If we wish to hold any other level B events in 2027, please advise Ursula before her Event Scheduling Group meeting in March.

7 The next EMOA Committee meeting has been arranged for April 28<sup>th</sup> by Zoom.

John Hurley 28/1/2025

