

# DVO Committee Meeting Minutes

Held on 9th December 2025 at Church in the Peak, Matlock

## Present

Jane Kayley-Burgess (Chairman), David Vincent, Helen Chiswell, John Duckworth, John Hurley, Nicola Hart.

## 1. Apologies and welcome

Jane welcomed David to the DVO committee as our new Membership Secretary.

Apologies from Kim Buxton, Sally Calland, Sal Chaffey.

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

Minutes approved.

Matters arising:

- Follow up with Derby University discussed. JD and JH noted BOF now has a university liaison officer (the same person as the environmental officer) - suggested to contact her.
- Bow Woods and Lea Woods now to be a normal EML event.
- Double sprint format proposed by Fixtures Committee for Birdholme (urban) in 2027 - possible EM sprint champs? Fixtures committee to consider (**Action**).

## 4. Chairman's report

The Chairman's report is attached.

## 5. Treasurer's report

Helen's report is attached. Expenditure exceeded income by £2k in Q1. She commented it's more meaningful to look at each event and compare against budget. Chinley Churn generated a £2k surplus which keeps us in line with our overall budget for events. We want to generate discussion in the membership about how to spend down £2k per year for the benefit of the club. Agreed to be included in the February Open Meeting (**Action**). Question whether our SI kit needs replacing as we are spending more on repairs. **Action:** Helen to speak to Dave Chaffey and Jane to LEI (who've recently replaced their SI kit).

## 6. Membership secretary's report

David's report is attached. We've had no new members since July. The reduction of 14 members since the same time last year is concerning. **Action:** David to review leavers and joiners and see if there is an underlying trend or if it is to do with the BOF renewals period. David needs MS Access licence to manipulate the database - cost of £100 approved.

## 7. Club Captain's report

Sally Calland's report is attached.

## 8. Development report

John Duckworth reported on recent meetings of the Development group where they have been looking ahead:

- plan to continue MapRun series for 2026-27, a 16 race series in 4 blocks; considering Chesterfield as location for one block; will apply for SE funding; challenge to find someone to take the lead for the series. MapRun initiative considered a success although difficult to convert people to O and it's become a club within a club.
- Level D's, funded by OF, completed 7 (8 were proposed). Not really fulfilled aim to use as a stepping stone from MapRun - a different audience of families, kids, DVO members. Next

year plan to programme Level D's in a series of 4 in six weeks, as a league, with prizes, headbands, incentives - to be fun and memorable, compare Quid Games and BOF initiatives.

- MapActive - held one course this year (Chris M ran it). We could do an abridged version, packaged before a level D series of 4 events in Spring, if it works repeat in Autumn. Again we need someone to take the lead.

- General issue with Development - we lack leaders on the ground willing to take forward ideas. A group of people needed.

- Hardwick Fest - same again in 2026, 11th July.

- Still looking for a marketing / publicity person but on a limited contract basis for promoting these packages.

## 9. Fixtures Committee report

In Kim's absence, see minutes of Fixtures Committee attached.

## 10. EMOA Representative's report

- Karen Bedwell has agreed to be EMOA Welfare Officer.

- EMUL prizegiving at Matlock on NYD.

- EML prizegiving, Cademan, 11th Jan.

- EM Champs, Longshaw, courses same as last year, plus proposal for a junior novice course with a prize.

- EM AGM's suggested to be held by Zoom in future. No objections.

- 2026 EM officials training / update discussed.

## 11. Chinley Churn review

**Action:** NH to draw up comments to be agreed by DVO committee for feedback to BOF Major Events for review, and circulated to EM clubs for information.

## 12. Teams review

JKB and NH have carried out a light touch review of the teams and made some adjustments to boost up teams that are short of volunteers. We propose to add an additional team "Subs Bench" of people who are willing to help depending on where needed. **Action:** NH to send revised list to David for updating.

## 13. Date of next committee meeting

17th March 2026, 6.30pm at Lime Tree.

## Appendices

Chairman's Report + Report from last meeting

Treasurer's Report

Membership Report

Captain's Report

Fixtures Committee Minutes

EMOA Representative's Report

## Chairman's Reports from this meeting and 9th September meeting

It hasn't been long since the AGM so you will be pleased to say I haven't a lot to say. We have put on a lot fun events; the MapRuns continue to be successful, the level Ds have attracted different people and our level Cs at Shipley Park and Cromford Moor have been well supported. We have put prices up and price our events based on expected costs rather than charging the same because it's a level C.

Nonetheless, as Helen's report will show, because landowner costs have risen so sharply, we are not hitting the target we need to break even in the year. Nicky and I have reviewed the teams again following requests for new members. In general, with the single exception of the Finish team (of two) the teams have good numbers of willing helpers. Nicky and I separated out those we thought we regular and reliable contributors and those who, even if they came to an event, were unlikely to offer to help. We also went through the list of people who aren't in a team. It's a huge list but the truth is we have a lot of members who are too young, too old, neither too young or too old but just the wrong age, too remote or just don't orienteer any more. Almost every person who counts in the BOF rankings (published in CompassSport this month) is in a team. We have topped up a few teams and, for regular events where we don't need two starts or have 70 plus controls, we do alright. We have a few newer members still to allocate and Lester has suggested we pull them in through the welcome team. This has merits which we can discuss later. This leads us on to something we will talk about later when we get to Chinley Churn. How do we do more with less (or rather fewer but it doesn't sound so catchy). We had 50 volunteers at Chinley, plus the three major officials and goodness only knows how many volunteer hours were used putting on the event. We put on great events. Keith Willdig said, after the Cromford Moor event 'yesterday clearly demonstrated why outsiders see DVO as a great club. Great event. Enjoy it and keep going'. That's lovely but we are still running events as if we have 100 more willing members who are 20 years younger. How can we, in the words of management consultants everywhere, work smarter, not harder, and keep the quality. Our next open meeting will be dedicated to this.

A slight diversion on the CompassSport rankings, because I think this is worth sharing. The top 120 runners are ranked and all clubs. They are not the BOF rankings but Nick has (his words) 'standardised them to the level of a 27 year old man' so it's not all about the youngsters and allows Roger Maher of Southdowns Orienteers to be top of the list at in M85. Of a list of 4272 competitors, our own John Duckworth is in 49<sup>th</sup> place and Richard Parkin in 91<sup>st</sup>. DVO has gone up three places in the rankings to 48/84 and we are the highest ranked EM club. We have a 42% female membership which compares very favourably with other clubs. In HOC for example, only 18% of active members are women. Only six clubs inc FVO, SYO, SLOW and a few others have more active members. We have 93. Our average age is pretty standard, unless you look at the university teams. If anyone wants to have a look at the tables, I have the magazine with me but I'm sure you all read it anyway.

## **DVO Committee Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Chair's Report**

Firstly huge congratulations to Nicky and Richard for a first-class event on Chinley Churn. Richard's courses were thoughtfully planned, avoiding the steep ascents and descents for older competitors, and were very well received. Chinley is a tough area to plan to suit everyone and Richard had to balance distance, climb and the requirement for 19 courses with age, ability, appetite and risk and I think he did an excellent job. Nicky aimed for, and achieved, a balance between professionalism and a relaxed atmosphere. To say she worked tirelessly is not strictly true because she was pretty much exhausted, but she did leave no stone unturned, no volunteer

vacancy unfilled, no potentially useful piece of equipment left in the shed and the result was a great event for everyone.

Both officials were happy to work with Mark Chapman of SYO whose feedback both to me and on the results page was very positive. Over 50 people from the club helped out and special mention must go to Ann-Marie, who was deputy organiser and a great calming influence on everyone, Malcolm Spencer who just did whatever was asked of him in his fabulous laconic and laid-back fashion, and Mike Gardner for rescuing the results through hard manual labour. Finally, Andrew Ridgway, the NOC member behind Startkite. We started with Startkite earlier this year when we reviewed the entry and download hardware and software. We agreed to trial it with a level C, an urban and, when these were successful, and Andrew extremely responsive and helpful, a national event. We still need a formal review of the system performance against requirements but that can wait until Mike has recovered from his ordeal. It seems fit for purpose and having the developer on the doorstep is extremely useful. He even printed start lists for us at the very last minute to ensure everyone was on the list and delivered them to me at the Hamilton event the day before.

The Chinley event came at what felt to me to be a very positive time for the club. At least once every couple of weeks people are saying 'I've got an idea'. These have included a club night revival, new areas, revival of old areas and different formats for events. Not only do people have suggestions but they say 'and I'll do that' or 'I will look at some more detail'. This is really good and what Nicky and I have been striving for; a club run by its members for its members, an open club where people can feel they can make suggestions to make the club more vibrant, inviting and fun, more accessible and more sustainable. We will go on to talk about the AGM but we want to encourage people to come to it with ideas. Now we are spending the club's money and need to find out how the membership would like it spent.

Last week, at the British Sprint Champs I met Rob Woods, the new BOF chair. What a nice approachable man. Not only did he listen, he remembered what we had discussed and I received a very positive email from him on my return. I think we can already see from Peter's emails that they will make a very strong team, listen to people, take their ideas on board and hopefully help to create a governing body that people are happy to engage with, which has not always been the case.

Finally a 'Doug update'. His simple cataract operation took an hour and a half. He needed stitches and was in a lot of pain. I spoke to him this morning and he hopes to be at Retford in two weeks time. I've sent his flowers from all of us.

## Treasurer's report



## DERWENT VALLEY ORIENTEERS

### TREASURER'S REPORT Quarter 1

This report summarises the Club's finances for the financial year 2025/26 and provides a detailed analysis of the first quarter.

## Funds Available

At the end of the last financial year, funds in the Club's Current and Savings Accounts totalled £22,526, with £11,239 in the Current Account and £11,287 in the Savings Account.

At November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, there has been a net loss of £2,072 across all accounts since the start of the financial year.

Account	Year Start	End November	End February	End May	End August	Change in Quarter
Current	£11,239	£9,158				(£2,081)
Savings	£11,287	£11,296				£9
Total	£22,526	£20,454				(£2,072)
Total change in Year						(£2,072)

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 1

The Current Account balance of £9,158 resulted from a net quarterly expenditure of £10,122 against a net income of £8,041.

	Expenses	Receipts
<b>Totals:</b>	(£10,121.96)	£8,040.59
# transactions	41	21

<b>Opening Balance:</b>	£	11,239.64
Balance within period:	£	(2,081.37)
<b>Closing Balance:</b>	£	9,158.27

## Income versus expenditure

Category	Receipt	Expense	net Income /Expenditure
Events	£ 7,087.04	£ (5,441.39)	£ 1,645.65
Equipment	£ 895.00	£ (2,492.25)	£ (1,597.25)
Misc	£ 7.95	£ (952.08)	£ (944.13)
Relays / CSC	£ 33.00	£ (666.00)	£ (633.00)
Meetings		£ (198.00)	£ (198.00)
Sport England		£ (158.85)	£ (158.85)
Clothing		£ (151.00)	£ (151.00)
CDO		£ (53.40)	£ (53.40)
Mapping		£ (8.99)	£ (8.99)
Permanent Courses	£ 17.60		£ 17.60
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£ 8,040.59</b>	<b>£ (10,121.96)</b>	<b>£ (2,081.37)</b>

**Gross income:** Gross income totaled £8,040.59:

Category	Income	Breakdown
Events	£7,087.04	See below for events concluded in this quarter
Equipment	£895.00	£505.00 JK £340.00 Peak Raid £50.00 British Army
Relays / CSC	£33.00	Member contributions to relay runs
Permanent courses	£17.60	POC income via BOF
Misc	£7.95	£6.20 EMJOS cakes via DVO sum up (just a pass through) £1.75 Club Captains account balance on closure

**Gross expenditure:** Gross expenditure totalled £10,121.96:

Category	Expenditure	Breakdown
Events	£(5,441.39)	See below for events concluded in this quarter
Equipment	£(2,492.25)	£787.20 SI license (5 years) £736.39 Download equipment £474.90 Insurance £216.77 SI repairs £161.00 Enquiries flag £69.99 Sumup machine
Misc	£(952.08)	£882.13 Shed hire £51.00 EMJOS donation (sum up cake error) £12.75 Bank service charge £6.20 EMJOS cakes via DVO sum up (just a pass through)
Relays / CSC	£(666.00)	Compass sport cup entries
Meetings	£(198.00)	£123.00 Room hire

		£75.00 Food for AGM
Sport England	£(158.85)	£106.80 Flyer printing £52.05 Map printing
Clothing	£(151.00)	Club kit subsidy
CDO	£(53.40)	Map printing
Mapping	£(8.99)	USB drive for mapping

Payments made in excess of £400 (excluding levies)			
Payment made to	Reason	Amount	Agreed by
M Weston	Insurance	(£474.90)	HC
C Middleton	CSC entries	(£666.00)	J K-B
Alvaston printers	Map printing	(£492.01)	J K-B
Handy Loos	Toilet hire	(£708.00)	NH
ESG Medical	Medical hire	(£963.00)	NH
N Hart	Access fee (via N Hart)	(£500.00)	NH
Helen Chiswell	Road closure fee (via HC to Sheffield council)	(£882.13)	SS
Network Rail	Shed hire	(£787.20)	HC
D Gale	SI results license (5 years)	(£736.39)	J K-B
D Gale	Download equipment	(£882.13)	J K-B

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

Events with finalised transactions in the quarter:

Event Type	Event	Entries			Finances		
		Juniors	Seniors	Total	Receipt	Expense	Balance
Level D	2025-08-27 Rosliston	12	20	32	£95.69	-£87.69	£8.00
Level B	2025-09-07 Chinley	98	342	440	£5,862.00	-£3,796.71	£2,065.29
Level D	2025-10-11 Whitworth	21	28	49		-£126.49	-£126.49
Level C	2025-11-02 Shipley	19	146	165	£1,505.34	-£812.29	£693.05
		150	536	686	£7,463.03	-£4,823.18	£2,639.85

Events - Financial breakdown of transactions for events finalised this quarter

### Rosliston Level D

Income for the event totalled £95.69 and expenses for the event totalled £87.69, giving a surplus of £8.00 from the event. This is in line with our budget for Level D events.

<b>Income</b>	<b>Amount</b>
EOD Sum up	£48.19
EOD cash	£47.50

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Amount</b>
BOF levy	£45.10
Map printing	£42.59

### Chinley Level B

Income for the event totalled £5,862.00 and expenses for the event totalled £3,796.71, giving a surplus of £2,062.29 from the event. This is aligned the surplus we planned to make from Level B events in our budget – planned to contribute £1,100 per Level C plus something towards our annual exceptional income of £2,000 (which comes from a mix of Level B, JK, BUCs etc).

Income	Amount
Startkite income	£5,791.00
EOD Cash	£60.00
EOD Sumup	£11.00

Expense	Amount
Medical hire	£963.00
Toilet hire	£708.00
BOF levy	£680.10
Access fee	£500.00
Map printing	£492.01
Official's expenses	£297.80
EMOA levy	£155.80

### Whitworth Level D

Income for the event was zero (due to issues with the Sumup machine) and expenses for the event totalled £126.49, giving a loss of £126.49 from the event. This is a loss greater than we have budgeted for at Level D events (due to the lack of income).

Income	Amount

Expense	Amount
BOF levy	£71.55
Map printing	£54.94

### Shingley Level C

Income for the event totalled £1,505.34 and expenses for the event totalled £812.29, giving a surplus of £693.05 from the event. This is in below the £1,100 we planned to make from Level C events in our budget.

Income	Amount
Startkite income	£1,289.15
EOD Cash	£69.00
EOD Sumup	£47.19

Expense	Amount
Room & access fee	£290.50
BOF levy	£274.80
Map printing	£147.89
Official's expenses	£52.80
EMOA levy	£46.30

## Budget update: Quarter 1

### Income vs budget for 2025-2026

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual to end Q1</u>	<u>Prorata for whole of year</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<b>Income</b>				
Events: net income (income less expenses)	£ 6,900	£ 1,921	£ 8,521	1 Level C and 1 Level B so far (average surplus £960 per event - below £1,100 target) 5 Level C and 1 Level B to go this year
Exceptional income (excess from Level B, JK, BUCs etc)	£ 2,000	£ 962	£ 962	Chinley Level B income was above the £1,100 base for a Level C & so contributed towards our exceptional income for the year Due to high costs, not expecting Longshaw Level B to be above £1,100 surplus
Equipment hire	£ 1,000	£ 895	£ 2,065	
Permanent courses	£ 100	£ 18	£ 70	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£ 10,000</b>	<b>£ 3,796</b>	<b>£ 11,618</b>	

- Note: Event net income here has been adjusted to include the Chinley entries that were received prior to the start of the financial year, and remove the income related to Cromford. Hence the number here is different to that in the Treasurer's Q1 report above. This is to ensure that we are comparing like for like when thinking about spending versus our budget.
- Event income has been mixed. Shipley Level C returned a surplus of £812 which is below our budgeted £1,100 for a Level C event. Chinley Level B returned a surplus of £2,062, which met the £1,200 budgeted and also contributed £962 towards our "exceptional income" for the year.
- Income from Equipment hire has been more than expected due to income related to hire to JK 2024. Without this income was approximately aligned with the budget
- There are 5 Level C and 1 Level B events to go in this financial year. Assuming a surplus of £1,100 for each of these (and with no additional surplus from the Longshaw Level B expected due to very high costs), we would expect to end the year roughly £500 above our budgeted surplus from events. This is mainly due to running more Level B and C events than budgeted (6 in budget vs 8 planned)
- However, as the year progresses, we will need to keep a close eye on the event surpluses to ensure that they are close to our budget of £1,100

## Non-capital expenses vs budget for 2025 – 2026

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

<b>Expenditure - revenue</b>				
Newstrack	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Permanent Courses	£ 200	£ -	£ 200	
Equipment	£ 600	£ 476	£ 500	Insurance
Publicity	£ 400	£ -	£ 200	Some publicity in CDO / SportEngland expenses below
Clothing	£ -	£ 151	£ 151	No further clothing subsidies expected
Mapping	£ 3,000	£ 9	£ 3,000	No mapping costs to end Nov but spend already started in Dec
Coaching / Training	£ 500	£ -	£ 500	
Meetings	£ 600	£ 198	£ 792	
Relays / CSC	£ 1,500	£ 633	£ 2,233	CSC final entries complete: JK & BOC relays and CSC qualifiers to go this year
Misc	£ 1,300	£ 943	£ 1,243	Shed rental already paid. Only significant others to come are BO affiliation and web hosting charges
Sport England salary & expenses	£ -	£ 159	£ 159	No further expenditure expected
CDO salary & expenses	£ -	£ 53	£ 353	Some further maprun printing expected next year & map run donation
	<b>£ 8,100</b>	<b>£ 2,622</b>	<b>£ 9,331</b>	

- We expect to spend around £1,200 more than planned across the year
- This is mainly due to higher than expected spending on:
  - CSC and relay entries - £700 more than planned
  - Meetings - £200 more than planned
  - Club development expenses (CDO & SE) - £500 more than planned (grants have now been used up but we have some ongoing costs associated with MapRun)

## 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.*

					2024-25 spend	Annual avg spend	
Equipment: Download (£2,000 every 5 years)	£ 400	£ 1,524	£ 1,524	Download laptops; SI timing license	£ 657	£ 1,090	Overspending, but not expecting to buy more equipment in coming years to will average out
Equipment: SI kit (£500 per year)	£ 500	£ 262	£ 1,047	SI repairs	£ 482	£ 765	Likely overspending - more repairs than previous years
Equipment: Other (£1,000 every 2 years)	£ 500	£ 232	£ 500	Enquiries flag; Sumup machine	£ 247	£ 374	Underspending
Shed maintenance (£2,000 every 4 years)	£ 500	£ -	£ -	Not planning any shed repairs this year	£ 750	£ 375	Underspending
	<b>£ 1,900</b>	<b>£ 2,017</b>	<b>£ 3,071</b>				

- This year we have invested in download equipment (£1,500). This is expected to last 5 years so the spend will average out close to our expected annual budget of £400 over time
- We are overspending on SI equipment (mainly repairs) compared to our budget
- Other equipment spend and shed maintenance costs are expected to be below budget

## Overall position

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual to end</u> <u>Q1</u>	<u>Prorata for</u> <u>whole of year</u>
Total income	£ 10,000	£ 3,796	£ 11,618
Total annual expenditure	£ 10,000	£ 4,640	£ 12,402
Net expenditure	£ -	-£ 844	-£ 784

- Based on the events held in the first 3 months of the financial year and our expenditure, we have had expenses of £844 more than our income
- We are projecting to spend around £784 more than our income by the end of the financial year. This is in line with our budget, as we have made a once-in-five-years investment in download equipment.

## In Conclusion

Within the current quarter, expenses have exceeded income to the tune of £2,072 (including savings account income).

We are projecting to end the financial year with expenses exceeding income by around £784. This is mainly driven by the renewal of equipment, which is not an annual activity. This does rely on us achieving the budgeted income from the events remaining in this year's calendar.

The Club's finances remain sound with accessible funds of £20,545 in the current account and savings account on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

**Helen Chiswell**  
**Treasurer**  
**December 2025**

## Membership Secretary's report

DVO Secretary's Report for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Current membership statistics:

Members as of December 7<sup>th</sup> 2025: 163 (including the 8 life members)

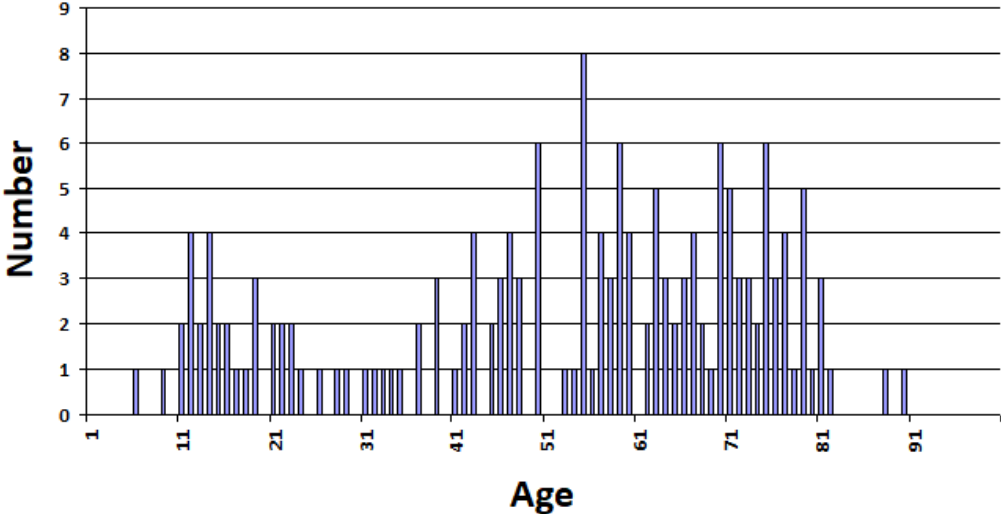
This is down 14 from the same time last year of 177.

### New Members

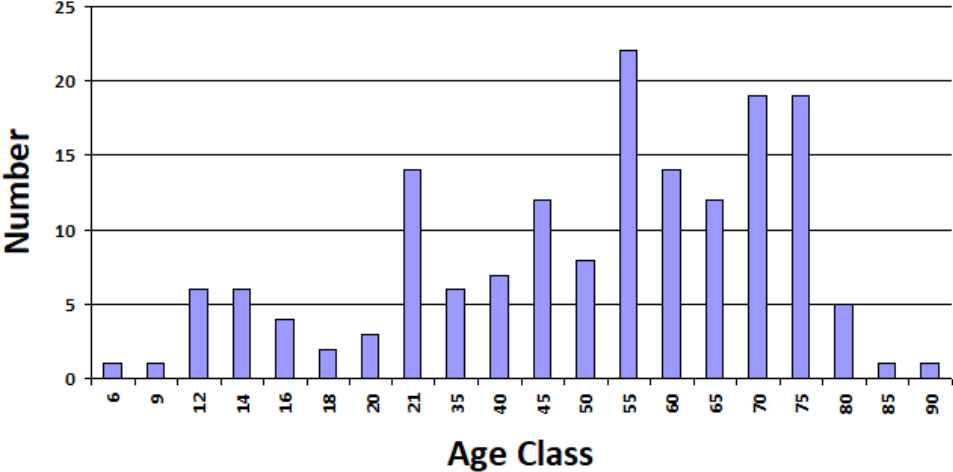
No new members since the last committee meeting.

### Members' Ages

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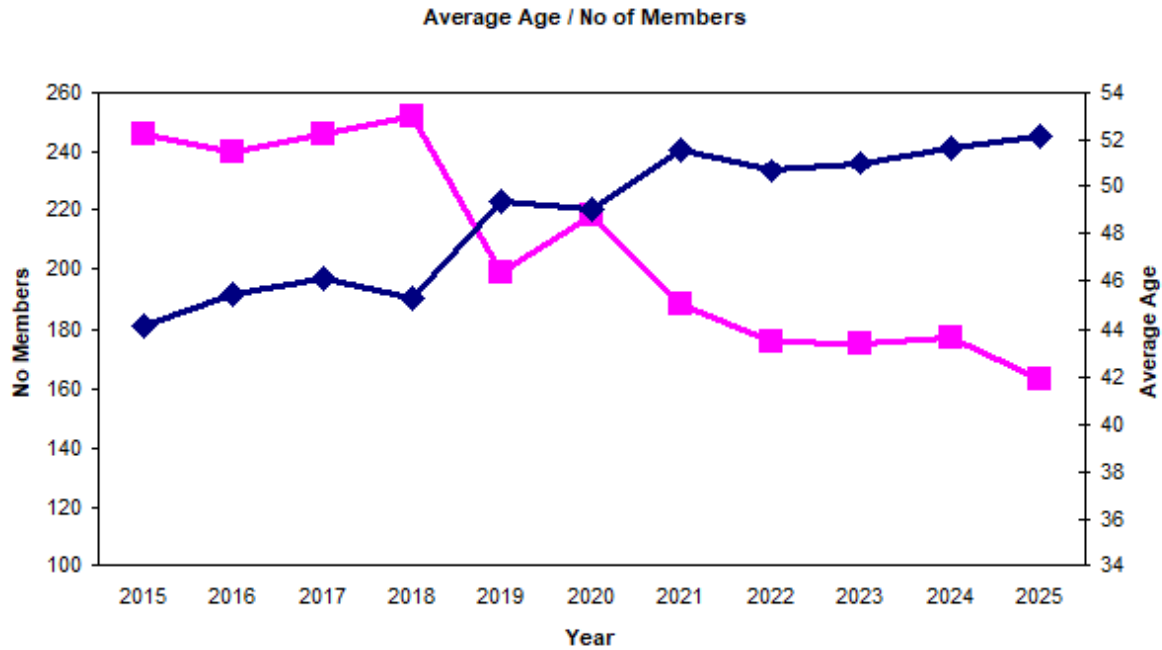
# Members' Age Classes



Average Age

Average age of DVO membership December 2025

At Date	Members	Average Age
07/12/2024	177	51y 243d
07/12/2025	163	52y 62d



**Blue:** average age

**Pink:** numbers of members

David Vincent, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## Captain's report

No big news to report.

We are currently the 10th club in the UKOL rankings - amazing!

The next big events that I hope to see as many DVOers as possible are:

The British Night Champs near Beaconsfield, Bucks on 7 Feb 26.

The 2026 Compass Sport Cup. The qualification rounds are on Sun 22 Feb 26 at Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield. Please let me know if you would like to get involved.

The British Long Champs will take place on Carreg Goch on 28 Feb 26, followed by the British Relay Champs the next day on 1 March at Margam CP, Port Talbot. We already have 11 Club members signed up, let's get some more!

Fixtures committee minutes of 25th November meeting

## DVO Fixtures Committee Meeting Minutes

Held on Tuesday 25th November 2025 at the Buxtons'

Present

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

## 1. Apologies

None

## 2. Minutes of meeting of 2nd September 2025 and matters arising

Minutes agreed. Matters arising dealt with below.

## 3. Feedback / review of recent events

Chinley Churn, Midlands Champs: net surplus £2165 v budget £3949; total 460 entries v 542 budget resulted in £1700 less surplus than budget. 111 juniors / students v 55 budget; 307 seniors (non-helpers) v 400 budget. Helpers, on budget. More than 50 people helped on the day, from DVO and other clubs. We would have expected the drop in surplus to be less than £1700 but we spent more on first aid and officials' expenses than budget. Professional first aid and 4x4 vehicle provided by ESG Medical, £963; they were called out onto the hill to an injured competitor and treated another injury back in the arena. Noted by Nicky that the immense amount of work in planning and organisation was felt to be not really justified by the small field. The extra appendix of rules for Area Champs (as opposed to Regional Champs, straightforward level B) impose extra-large number of courses plus requirements for timed starts, seeding and drinks station, all designed for an event of 1000 competitors. There is no discretion in the rules on these requirements. For future consideration.

Whitworth: 48 competitors inc 12 non-members. Good fun local event.

Shipley Park: 164 competitors. Very well-organised by Val and excellent courses by David Vincent, felt different from previous events there. Noted for future, Shipley Park not really a Level C area but it was good to have it as back up for an area that wasn't available.

Cromford Moor: 240 competitors. Again very well-organised and a great set-up using the barn and facilities at the caravan park, excellent for the winter weather. £300 to the caravan park for access plus 20% of entry fees to Forestry England.

## 4. Briefing on development events

MapRuns: another 16 events in 4 week blocks planned for 2026 - 27, including a block of four in Chesterfield. Not funded at the moment, but could ask Sport England. We need volunteer(s) to run them.

Level D's: 4 events over 6 weeks planned, with a league to build momentum. April to mid-June, parks around Derby.

MapActive: hope to run again but need volunteer(s) - 2 coaches. 4 Saturdays plus mid-week Zooms.

Hardwick Festival: repeat and relaunch POC.

Marketing and Publicity role still being discussed. Need to get club members more involved. "Club night" with skills training for adults planned to go ahead in Spring / Summer.

## 5. Event scheduling

2026 events, outstanding issues:

Bow Woods and Lea Woods, 22/3/26, access permission in place from DWT and Smedleys for parking and possibly a room. Access to final piece still to be negotiated (Jane).

Swadlincote Urban, 5/7/26. Sue Russell to plan. No organiser. Event centre needed.

Longstone Moor, 27/9/26, RP has made initial contact on access permissions, will follow up. David Newton to plan. No organiser.

British Schools Score Champs, 10/10/26, Shipley Park agreed as venue. Jane to plan. No organiser.

Club Champs 2026 - Grin Low, 7/11/26.

Linacre, 22/11/26. Access to be sought - Jane. Murray to plan. John Duckworth to organise.

2027 scheduled events - 4 forest league and 2 urban league events plus CSC heat:

1/1/27 Dronfield

7/2/27 CompassSport Cup heat, Stanton Moor

27/2/27 Eyam Moor (park on King William Rd) Level C, Saturday, pre-Wharnccliffe, SYO national event on 28/2

25/4/27 Calke

20/6/27 Birdholme (SE Chesterfield), 1:4000 map, double sprint proposed by RP

26/9/27 Grin Low (Middle)

14/11/27 Hardwick

NB Club champs 2027 still to be scheduled.

## 6. Access issues and new areas

Grin Low access, work in progress - RP

## 7. Mapping

Matlock and Bow Woods done

Swadlincote in progress

Pewits, DV and RP

Grin Low, in progress - RP with David Newton

Kedleston, to be done in case needed as back-up

Harboro Rocks needs mapping

## 8. Permanent courses

New POC for Hardwick. Priorities? Ilam, Allestree? NT properties and major parks? Sal will ask Dave to check for downloads of maps.

## 9. Any other business

- Discussion about overprints and future map printing. Jane reported satisfaction with Alvaston Press's work and recommendation will be that we commit to them.

- Discussion about numbers of maps available for EODs. Post-meeting note: following further discussion with Welcome Team, Jane specified that for the future planners should order an extra five maps on each course, which should be reserved for entry on the day.

- Dave Chaffey is producing a tag notice to attach to controls to discourage people from removing them.

- EMUL scoring will continue as at present, anybody from any club gets points.

- Club champs hosted by NOC at their Christmas event - NOC have confirmed they are happy to have us. Some DVO members will want to run their league course instead of entering the club champs.

- Jane reported on a recent BOF seminar on heat, health and orienteering; likely that BOF recommendations will follow on encouraging orienteers to take responsibility for their own hydration by carrying water.

- Kim noted a date change by LEI - Cademan league event now on 11/1/26 instead of 26/1/26

- John and Christine are working on a new combined access / area database, to be accessible through the website

- Sal noted that event details on the DVO website have been half generated by the database and half by the organiser. The system is changing and organisers need to be aware that not everything will appear automatically as before, so check against previous events to avoid forgetting anything in the details.

### 13. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 3rd March, 5pm, Buxtons'

## EMOA representative's report

### REPORT FROM EMOA COMMITTEE MEETING 10/11/2025

1 Still no volunteers to take up the role of Vice Chair. Ann-Marie was unable to attend due to a clash with the JROS AGM so I acted as Chair for this meeting.

2 British Orienteering have come up with some standard wording about non-members not being covered by their third party insurance, which should be used on event details. This guidance was sent to clubs on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>.

3 Following the inquorate in-person EMOA AGM and the subsequent quorate Zoom EGM, it was suggested that the 2026 AGM should be held on Zoom. Clubs were asked if they had any views on this suggestion.

4 There were no new applications for EMOA funding for development projects.

5 The answers to Ranald's Rules quiz at the Officials Conference have now been posted on the EMOA website, see [EMOA Conference 2025 – East Midlands Orienteering Association](#)

6 There has not been much feedback about the use of the Environmental Impact Assessment form to develop a regional knowledge base about environment issues and appropriate mitigations. Nevertheless I will keep pursuing this for a little longer.

7 Club reps were asked to encourage liaison with their local universities and report any issues back to EMOA.

8 I asked whether we should be aiming to hold another Officials Training Day in 2026, or whether some other sort of Development activity would be preferred. It was commented that the e-learning courses for Organisers and Planners are now quite good, although as yet there is no e-learning course for controllers. An alternative might be to arrange a session where planners and controllers could discuss common course planning issues. What training requirements do DVO have ?

9 Hilary Palmer noted that she was willing to deliver the "Introduction to Coaching" course (2 half-days or evenings) aimed at those just getting started with coaching.

10 On the 31st of January 2026 EMJOS are hosting training on Crich Chase (DVO) for Yorkshire and Humberside and West Midlands squads.

11 Karen Bedwell (DVO) has agreed to act as the EMOA Welfare Officer. It is a Sport England requirement that all of the regional associations and clubs must have a Welfare Officer.

12 EM Urban League prizegiving will be at Matlock on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> : I am liaising with Kim Buxton on this. EM Forest League prizegiving will be at Cademan Woods (LEI) on Jan 25<sup>th</sup>.

13 The Yvette Baker trophy regional heat will be at Castle Hill (LEI) on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

14 After much beating about the bush it was eventually agreed that the class/course allocations for the East Midlands Championships will be the same as in 2025 (ie shorter courses that recommended by BOF for W16, W18, W20, W35, W45, W55, M70 and M75). If however the East

Midlands Championships is held at the same event as the Midlands Championships, then the Area Championships Competition Rule will apply : this is not due to occur in the foreseeable future. There will also be junior novice prizes aimed at encouraging junior novices to compete in the East Midlands Championships event, typically 1 course down from the championship courses. Ian Phillips and Ann-Marie will agree a precise definition of “novice” for the Longshaw event publicity.

15      Next meeting by Zoom on Jan 26<sup>th</sup>.

John Hurley   15/11/2025