

DVO Committee Meeting Minutes

Held on 22nd September 2026 at Church in the Peak, Matlock

Present

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

1. Apologies and welcome

No apologies.

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

Minutes approved. Matters arising:

- SI kit - decision made to purchase 30 new boxes as recommended by Sal Chaffey, to be discussed with Sally Calland about MOD surplus supplies possibly available for sale.
- Double sprint to be held at Birdholme in 2027 as EM sprint champs and EMUL event.
- WhatsApp group, genuine O-related posts - lots of good posts with interesting maps, courses and event info, and Sally Calland promptly takes down irrelevant items.

4. Chairman's report

Jane will step down as Chairman at the AGM. She reviewed progress and achievements against the aims set out in the club's three year strategy (2023 - 2026).

5. Treasurer's report

Helen's annual report 2025/26 and budget for 2026/27 are attached. Event entries and income consistently lower than budgeted and costs higher. Expenses exceeded income by £3,500 p.a. over the last 2 years, as planned, to gradually reduce the overall bank balance to around £10,000 over 3 years. However, the intention was to spend the excess funds for the benefit of members rather than generally subsidise entry fees for our events. Agreed we now need to aim to break even. This means bringing down costs and tighter budgeting for events, setting Level C entry fees to take account of extra expenses. Budget for Level C events was £1100 surplus per event, outcome was only £800; Level D events produced no surplus. Agreed the club will stop subsidising relay entries (£800 in the year), apart from for juniors. Agreed to fully fund CSC entries. Level D - agreed to hold the £5 entry fee but charge £1 for extra runs. **Agreed to sell the generator which is no longer needed (JD).**

6. Membership secretary's report

David's report is attached. 5 new members since the last meeting, but down 14 overall in the year (to 153, inc 8 life members). Average age up from 51 to 54. David showed some new BOF analysis on club events and participation. **It would be interesting to see the wider picture - EM clubs and nationally. Also to understand who are our active members. For future discussion.**

7. Captain's report

Sally Calland's report is attached. An online geeking session has been set up ahead of the CSC final at Pippingford Park. Sally has 37 entrants, a good show considering the distance.

8. Development report

John D reported on development activities. MapRun - the new series rebranded as Urban Fox about to start. Coaching - Matt White has prepared and programmed a regular series of Saturday coaching which is hoped to be a social and enjoyable time for club members. 2 more Level D's ahead of Linacre.

9. Fixtures committee report

Minutes of the latest Fixtures committee meeting are attached. The proposed EM Night Champs is scheduled to go ahead at Longshaw, awaiting permission from NT. Richard Parkin has produced a useful mapping report giving a full overview.

10. EMOA Representative's report

John Hurley's report is attached. There have still been no nominations for EMOA Vice Chair (and therefore Chair next year). John said this needs to be resolved quickly and if necessary by appointing someone from DVO. There will be a Development Conference next year and John invited ideas for topics. Development grants are available if we have any proposals. Noted EMOA is encouraging the involvement of juniors in event organisation and planning. DVO agreed with EMOA's decision that members of university clubs in the region were eligible for EMOA Championships, even if they were also members of clubs in other regions.

11. Strategy review

Covered in Chairman's report. **Review to be done after AGM.**

12. Succession

In accordance with DVO's constitution, the committee will present the following to the AGM, who have all agreed to stand for election or re-election.

Elected officers (elected annually by the AGM):

John Duckworth- Chair

Nicky Hart- Vice-Chair

David Vincent- Secretary

Sarah Duckworth- Treasurer

Sally Calland- Captain

Kim Buxton- Fixtures Secretary

Helen Chiswell- Elected Committee Member

Appointed officers (presented to the AGM)

John Hurley- EMOA representative

Sal Chaffey- committee member without portfolio

Jane Kayley-Burgess- Safety Liaison

13. Schools liaison

Discussion postponed.

14. Any other business

Sal noted

- she has a kit order in and 27 items in stock

- Rampage on 4th Oct with 150 scouts

13. Date of next committee meeting

To be confirmed.

AGM Wednesday 28th October 2026.

Appendices

Treasurer's annual report and budget

Membership report

EMOA Representative's report

Captain's report



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TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26

The DVO's financial year runs from 1 September to 31 August. This current Annual Report provides an analysis of the Club's finances for the financial year 2025/26.

Overview

The table below details the year end balances in the DVO's various accounts over a five-year period:

Balance at	31 August 2022	31 August 2023	31 August 2024	31 August 2025	31 August 2026
Current Account	£10,347	£11,637	£11,896	£11,239	£4,299
Deposit Account	£10,979	£11,035	£11,175	£11,287	£11,340
Registration Team Float	£200	£150	£150	£150	£150
Total	£21,526	£22,852	£23,221	£22,676	£15,790

At year end DVO's total financial assets stood at £15,790. The Current Account balance has reduced by £6,940 this year to £4,299. The Business Bank Instant (Savings) Account, stands at £11,340, an increase of £53. In addition, there is a further £150 in the Registration Float.

Business Bank Instant (Savings) Account

There were no withdrawals from or deposits to the Club's Business Bank Instant (Savings) Account. The year-end balance stood at £11,340 which included accrued interest of £53.

Current Account

The Current Account balance results from receipts of £21,193 against an expenditure of £28,133 since the start of the financial year, leading to a decreased balance within period of £6,940. Adding this to the opening balance of £11,239 gives a closing balance of £4,299.

There was significant income (£3,147) received in August 2025 relating to the Chinley event which was held in September 2025. This has given rise to a timing issue relating to the income and expenditure across the financial year. Therefore, the more representative reduction in the clubs current account balance in the period is £3,793.

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Receipts</u>
Totals:	(£28,133.08)	£21,192.82
# transactions	161	72

Opening Balance:	£ 11,239.64
Balance within period:	£ (6,940.26)
Closing Balance:	£ 4,299.38

So, where's it come from and where's it gone?

An analysis of the Club's income and expenditure over 2025/26 is summarised below.

Category	Receipt	Expense	net Income /Expenditure
Clothing	£ 165.00	£ (601.74)	£ (436.74)
Coaching / Training		£ (69.55)	£ (69.55)
Equipment	£ 1,460.00	£ (3,474.07)	£ (2,014.07)
Events	£19,256.79	£ (15,033.48)	£ 4,223.31
Mapping		£ (3,548.08)	£ (3,548.08)
Meetings		£ (506.00)	£ (506.00)
Misc	£ 133.23	£ (1,406.06)	£ (1,272.83)
Permanent Courses	£ 68.80	£ (266.92)	£ (198.12)
Publicity		£ (96.00)	£ (96.00)
Relays / CSC	£ 109.00	£ (2,416.17)	£ (2,307.17)
Sport England		£ (158.85)	£ (158.85)
CDO		£ (556.16)	£ (556.16)
Totals	£21,192.82	£ (28,133.08)	£ (6,940.26)

Income

Total gross income of £21,193 resulted from:

Category	Total	Item	Details
Events	£19,257		See below
Equipment	£1,460	£680	Peak raid
		£505	JK
		£225	Schools hire
		£50	BAOC
Clothing	£165	£165	Clothing sales from stock
Misc	£133	£125	Reimbursement of access fee EMJOS
		£6	Pass through of EMJOS cake sales
		£2	Club captains account closure
Relays / CSC	£109	£109	Refund of non DVO entry fees
Permanent courses	£69	£69	POC income via BOF

Expenditure

Total gross expenditure of £28,133 resulted from:

<i>Category</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Details</i>
Events	£15,033		See below
Mapping	£3,548	£1,600	Longshaw
		£899	OCAD licence (3 years total)
		£620	Bow Woods
		£420	Swadlincote
		£9	USB drive for maps
Equipment	£3,474	£787	SI results licence (5 years)
		£736	Download equipment
		£550	SI repairs
		£475	Insurance
		£219	Various equipment
		£200	Tent
		£162	Enquiries flag
		£131	Printer ink
		£100	First aid supplies
		£70	Sumup machine
		£43	Phone forwarding
Relays / CSC	£2,416	£1,312	CSC entries
		£543	BOC relays
		£276	JK relays
		£207	Sprint relays
		£78	Irish relays
Misc	£1,406	£882	Shed rental
		£144	Web site expenses
		£125	EMJOS access fee (reimbursed)
		£60	Trophies
		£56	Flowers
		£51	Bank charges
		£51	Donation to EMJOS when sumup failed
		£27	Paid to S Chaffey in error, recovered in Sept 26
		£6	Pass though of EMJOS cake sales
		£4	Stationary for download
Clothing	£602	£451	Clothing purchases for subsequent sale
		£151	Clothing subsidy
CDO	£556	£271	Maprun dontion
		£185	Maprun printing
		£100	Oomap donation
Meetings	£506	£351	Room hire
		£155	Food for open meetings
Permanent courses	£267	£166	POC markers
		£101	Map printing – invoiced NT but not yet paid
Sport England	£159	£107	Flyers
		£52	Map printing

Publicity	£96	£96 Flyers
Coaching / Training	£70	£70 Training courses

Events

The following events were held during the financial year 25/26. Please note that the figures will differ slightly from those above as:

- Some income and expenditure linked this year's events occurred outside of the financial year that this report covers
- Some income and expenditure occurring in this financial year relates to events outside of this financial year

Event Type	Event	Entries			Finances		
		Juniors	Seniors	Total	Receipt	Expense	Balance
Level B	2025-09-07 Chinley	98	342	440	£5,862.00	-£3,826.71	£2,035.29
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
Level C	2025-11-23 Cromford	206	34	240	£2,866.45	-£1,683.59	£1,182.86
Level D	2025-12-06 Belper Parks	19	4	23	£104.50	-£103.33	£1.17
Level C	2026-01-01 Matlock	191	21	212	£1,966.10	-£992.05	£974.05
Level B	2026-02-15 Longshaw	236	45	281	£4,729.35	-£3,731.05	£998.30
Level C	2026-06-21 Allestree	9	124	133	£1,329.65	-£650.41	£679.24
Level D	2026-05-30 Eyes Meadow	12	34	46	£204.50	-£162.25	£42.25
Level C	2026-03-22 Bow Woods	32	211	243	£2,150.05	-£1,291.00	£859.05
Level D	2026-05-02 Markeaton	10	31	41	£213.00	-£219.62	-£6.62
Level D	2026-05-16 Chaddesden	8	36	44	£153.00	-£231.48	-£78.48
Level D	2026-06-06 Darley	13	36	49	£177.00	-£232.10	-£55.10
Level C	2026-07-05 Swadlincote	1	114	115	£1,142.60	-£705.43	£437.17
Local	2026-07-11 Hardwick	0	0			-£146.93	-£146.93
Local	2026-08-21 Swadlincote	2	11	13		-£25.35	-£25.35
					£22,403.54	-£14,940.08	£7,463.46

Income from events held during the year brought a profit of £7,463.

SI and Computer related Equipment

The club's computer related equipment for insurance (replacement) purposes is valued in excess of £23k. This has increased slightly (by about £1k) due to the upgrading of the download laptops and battery.

Equipment	Details	Number	Estimate replacement value	Total replacement value
Control Boxes	79 numbered, 23 other units	102	£103	£10,506
Master Stations	2 with SI kit, 2 with Finish team	4	£153	£612
	Master Stations	3	£153	£459
	Printers	3	£400	£1,200
SI Cards	EMOA SI Card 5/9	110	£30	£3,300
	Special Dibbers (purple)	12	£11	£137
	SI-Active Timing Cards	18	£65	£1,170
Control equipment	Stakes	70	£22	£1,540
	Kites	70	£5	£350
IT equipment	Acer Aspire 3 A315-59 Laptop	1	£350	£350
	Acer Aspire 3 A315-59 Laptop -	1	£350	£350
	Epsom Optoma Projector	1	£300	£300
	HP Laserjet 1102 printer	1	£150	£150
	Epson TMT88-v printer	1	£218	£218
	Epson TM Splits Printer	1	£274	£274
	Anker SOLIX C1000 Portable Power	1	£600	£600
	Fire Extinguisher	1	£35	£35
	Honda EU20i 2.0 kW Generator	1	£1,500.00	£1,500
				£23,051

Scrutiny of Accounts

In line with the Club's Constitution, the accounts will be externally scrutinised and the findings will be shared with the Committee as soon as available.

In Conclusion

The Club's finances remain sound, with £15,790 of funds available, representing a decrease of £6,940 from the previous year.

The AGM is requested to endorse The Treasurer's Annual Report.

Helen Chiswell

Treasurer

October 2026

DVO budget for 2025 – 2026: End of Year review

This report details the spend in the financial year September 2025 – August 2026 against the DVO budget agreed at the September 2025 committee meeting. It also contains recommendations for the budget for the financial year 2026 – 2027.

The committee are asked to review the report and agree spending plans for the financial year 2026 – 2027.

Income vs budget for 2025 – 2026

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	<u>Year total</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<u>Income</u>							
Events: net income (income less expenses)	£ 6,900	£ 1,640	£ 3,156	£ 816	£ 899	£ 6,511	2 Level B and 6 Level C events held Target surplus is £1,100 per event (with additional for level Bs). We were therefore £2,290 below our event surplus target based on the number of events (we only planned to hold 6 events)
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, Longshaw Level B was not above £1,100 surplus
Equipment hire	£ 1,000	£ 895	£ -	£ 415	£ 150	£ 1,460	
Permanent courses	£ 100	£ 18	£ 10	£ 17	£ 24	£ 69	
Total income	£ 10,000	£ 3,514	£ 3,167	£ 1,248	£ 1,073	£ 9,002	Total income was £998 below budget This income is higher than in the annual report as

- Event income has been lower than budgeted by £1,427
- We budgeted on holding 6 Level B/C events and actually held 8, so income per event has been significantly less than planned
- Our budget was to have a surplus of £1,100 from each Level C and Level B event, with Level B events also contributing towards our expectational surplus for the year

- We budget for Level D events to breakeven
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Quarter	Event	Level	Surplus	
Q1	Shipley	C	£693	Below budget
	Chinley	B	£2,035	On budget + £962 exceptional income
	All	D	(£126)	Below budget
Q2	Cromford	C	£1,183	On budget
	Matlock	C	£974	Below budget
	Longshaw	B	£998	Below + no exceptional income
	All	D	£1	On budget
Q3	Bow Woods	C	£859	Below budget
	All	D	(£43)	Below budget
Q4	Allestree	C	£679	Below budget
	Swadlincote	C	£437	Below budget
	All	D	(£227)	Below budget
Year total	2 events	B	£3,033	
	6 events	C	£4,825	
		D	(£395)	

- Average surplus from the events was £814 against our £1,100 budget
- One Level B event contributed £962 towards our exceptional surplus. The other Level B event did not make sufficient surplus to contribute
- Level D events had a loss of £395. This was mainly due to Whitworth, where we could not take entry fees due to a broken SumUp machine, and Hardwick, which was free entry. However, in general all Level D events made a loss of at least £50.
- Income from Equipment hire has been higher than expected due to income related to hire to JK 2025. Without this income was approximately aligned with the budget
- **Overall, this gave us an income of £998 below our budget.**
- For the next financial year, it would be prudent to:
 - Assume a lower expected income from Level C events, as the average during this financial year has been below out budget (£800 vs a budget of £1,100)
 - Review the expected exceptional income (excess surplus from Level B events and surplus from other non-standard events) as this has been £1,000 below out expected budget
 - Review Level D event expectations and plan to use club funds to support these, or increase entry fees

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>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	<u>Year total</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Expenditure - revenue							
Newstrack	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Permanent Courses	£ 200	£ -	£ -	£ 51	£ 216	£ 267	Expecting refund for NT maps but not paid yet (£100)
Equipment	£ 600	£ 476	£ 175	£ -	£ 32	£ 682	
Publicity	£ 400	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 96	£ 96	Some publicity in CDO / SportEngland expenses below
Clothing	£ -	£ 151	-£ 30	£ 451	-£ 135	£ 437	Clothing now in stock for sale
Mapping	£ 3,000	£ 9	£ 1,516	£ 940	£ 1,083	£ 3,548	
Coaching / Training	£ 500	£ -	£ 10	£ -	£ 60	£ 70	
Meetings	£ 600	£ 198	£ 131	£ 126	£ 51	£ 506	
Relays / CSC	£ 1,500	£ 633	£ 1,174	£ 546	-£ 46	£ 2,307	Paying 100% relays this year so overbudget
Misc	£ 1,300	£ 943	£ 300	£ 16	£ 13	£ 1,272	
Sport England salary & exp	£ -	£ 159	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 159	
CDO salary & expenses	£ -	£ 53	£ 307	£ 196	£ -	£ 556	
	£ 8,100	£ 2,622	£ 3,582	£ 2,326	£ 1,370	£ 9,900	

- **We spent £1,800 more than budgeted**
- This is mainly due to higher than expected spending on:
 - CSC and relay entries - £807 more than planned as fully funding club relay entries this year
 - Club development expenses (CDO & SE) - £715 more than planned (grants have now been used up but we have some ongoing costs associated with MapRun)
 - Mapping - £548 more than planned
 - Clothing - £432 more than planned due to buying in stock of club clothing to be sold at a later date
- We have underspent in the following areas which has partially offset the overspend:
 - Publicity - £304
 - Coaching / Training - £430
- In the next financial year we should
 - Budget more for CSC and relay entries to cover the full entry cost
 - Budget more for mapping
 - Plan for club development expenditure, if it will continue

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

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

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	<u>Year total</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Expenditure - capital							
Equipment: Download (£2,000 every 5 years)	£ 400	£ 1,524	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,524	Download laptops; SI timing license
Equipment: SI kit (£500 per year)	£ 500	£ 262	£ 5	£ -	£ 283	£ 550	SI repairs
Equipment: Other (£1,000 every 2 years)	£ 500	£ 232	£ 487	£ -	£ -	£ 719	Enquiries flag; Sumup machine; Signs; Cones; Tent; First aid supplies
Shed maintenance (£2,000 every 4 years)	£ 500	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	Not planning any shed repairs this year
	£ 1,900	£ 2,017	£ 492	£ -	£ 283	£ 2,792	

- **We spent £892 more than planned across the year**
- 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 other equipment compared to our budget, as we have invested in new equipment. This should last more than 2 years and so expenditure should be below budget next year.
- Over the last 2 years (since we started budgeting) we have spent £564 per annum more than our budgeted £1,900 on equipment. This is mostly driven by the renewal of download equipment and the shed maintenance, both of which have a 4+ year expected life time. Therefore costs in future years should be closer to our budget.

	Annual budget over time	2024-25 spend	2025-26 spend	Annual avg spend	
Equipment: Download (£2,000 every 5 years)	£ 400	£ 657	£ 1,524	£ 1,090	Overspending, but not expecting to buy more equipment in coming years to will average out
Equipment: SI kit (£500 per year)	£ 500	£ 482	£ 550	£ 516	
Equipment: Other (£1,000 every 2 years)	£ 500	£ 247	£ 719	£ 483	
Shed maintenance (£2,000 every 4 years)	£ 500	£ 750	£ -	£ 375	Underspending
	£ 1,900	£ 2,136	£ 2,792	£ 2,464	

Overall position

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	<u>Year total</u>
Total income	£ 10,000	£ 3,514	£ 3,167	£ 1,248	£ 1,073	£ 9,002
Total annual expenditure	£ 10,000	£ 4,640	£ 4,074	£ 2,326	£ 1,653	£ 12,692
Net expenditure	£ -	-£ 1,125	-£ 907	-£ 1,078	-£ 580	-£ 3,690

- Over the financial year, we have had expenses of £3,690 more than our income
- Our budget was to break even
- The main reasons for the difference were
 - Lower than planned event income, that was partially offset by holding more events than planned - £1,427
 - Higher than planned costs:
 - CSC and relay entries - £807 more than planned as fully funding club relay entries this year
 - Club development expenses (CDO & SE) - £715 more than planned (grants have now been used up but we have some ongoing costs associated with MapRun)
 - Mapping - £548 more than planned
 - Clothing - £432 more than planned due to buying in stock of club clothing to be sold at a later date

Budget for 2026 - 2027

The following changes are recommended for the 2026 – 2027 budget:

- Reduce expected surplus for Level C events to £850
- Plan for a loss of £50 per Level D event
- Increase CSC and relay entry budget to £2,300
- Add planned maprun expenses of £500
- Increase mapping costs to £3,500

This gives a budget for 2026-2027 as shown below:

	<u>Budget</u>	
<u>Income</u>		
Events: net income (income less expenses)	£ 6,800	7 Level C and 1 Level B planned. Income £850 per event
Exceptional income (excess from Level B, JK, BUCs etc)	£ 1,000	One Level B planned - expect £1,000 over surplus of Level C
Equipment hire	£ 1,000	
Permanent courses	£ 100	
Total income	<u>£ 8,900</u>	
<u>Expenditure - revenue</u>		
Level D / Activities	£ 500	Estimate 10 events at a cost of £50 each
Permanent Courses	£ 200	
Equipment	£ 600	Mainly insurance
Publicity	£ 200	Less than last year as recent spend less
Clothing	-£ 300	Expect sales
Mapping	£ 3,500	
Coaching / Training	£ 500	
Meetings	£ 600	
Relays / CSC	£ 2,300	Increase to cover recent cost levels seen
Misc	£ 1,300	Mainly shed rental and affiliation fees
Maprun	£ 500	
	<u>£ 9,900</u>	
<u>Expenditure - capital</u>		
Equipment: Download (£2,000 every 5 years)	£ 400	
Equipment: SI kit (£500 per year)	£ 500	
Equipment: Other (£1,000 every 2 years)	£ 500	
Shed maintenance (£2,000 every 4 years)	£ 500	
	<u>£ 1,900</u>	
Total annual expenditure	<u>£11,800</u>	
Net expenditure	-£ 2,900	

- The budget shows a planned net expenditure of £2,900
- The clubs bank balance could sustain this for one year, if we choose to run down our bank balance to £10,000
- The alternative is the balance the budget by:
 - Holding additional level C events or increasing entry fees
 - Increasing entry fees for level D events to cover costs
 - Reducing relay / CSC subsidies
 - Other ideas to reduce costs?

The committee is asked to discuss and decide the budget and actions needed for the next financial year (2026 – 2027)

DVO Secretary's Report for Tuesday 22nd September 2026

Current membership statistics:

Members as of Sep 19th 2026: 153 (including the 8 life members)

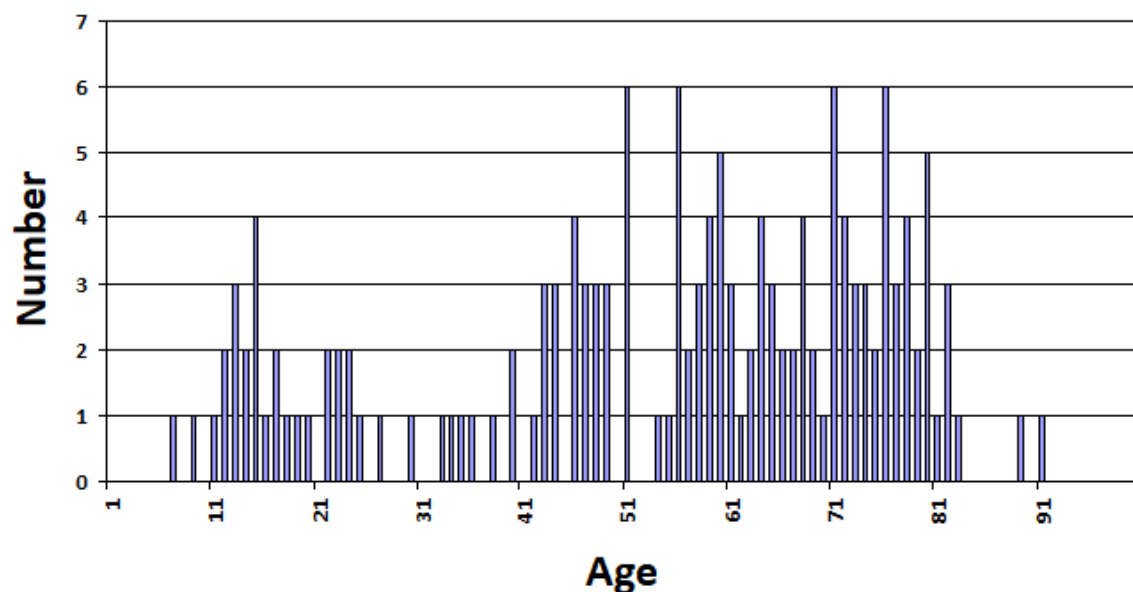
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New Members

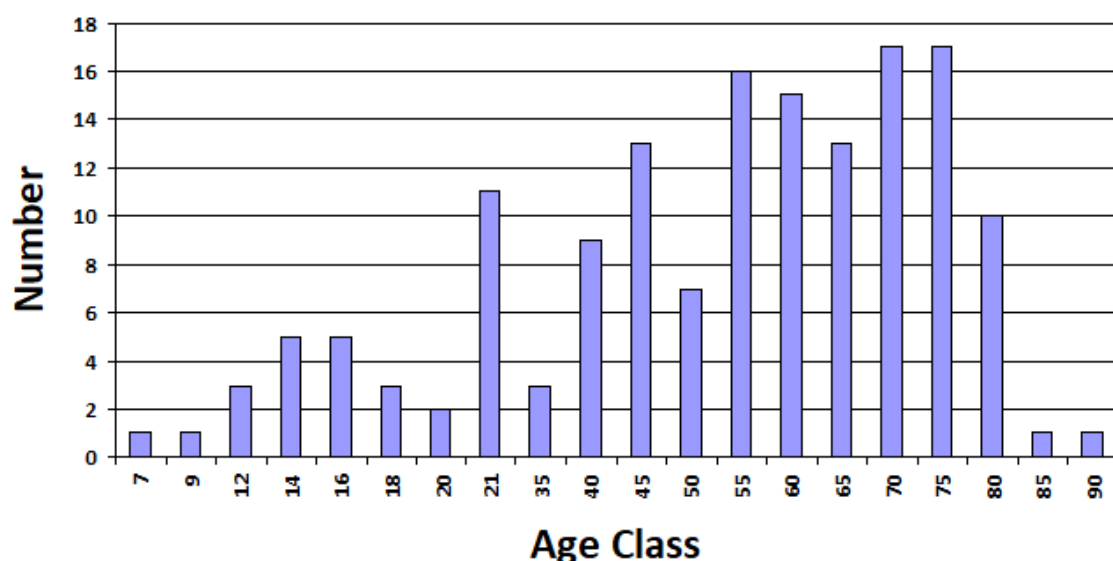
1 member has re-joined us after a break in membership.

Members' Ages

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Members' Age Classes



Average Age

Average age of DVO membership

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At Date

Members

Average Age

19/09/2025

167

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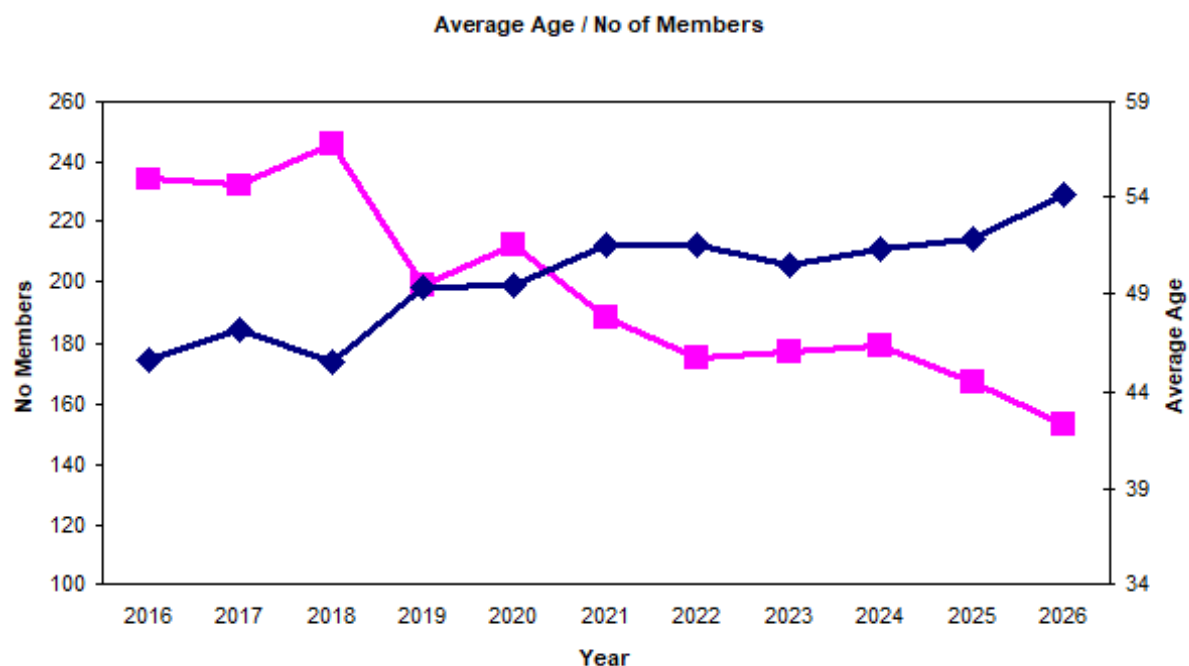
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153

54y 31d

Ages are based on the integer age for each member as at 31st December - i.e. Orienteering Age.

The actual average age of the membership is indeterminate from the Year of Birth of each member however it is likely to be within six months of the ages shown dependent on the time of the year the analysis is undertaken. The results will be reasonable for the comparison between years.



Blue: average age

Pink: numbers of members

David Vincent, Sep 19th 2026

EMOA REPORT FOR DVO COMMITTEE 22/09/2026

REPORT FROM EMOA COMMITTEE MEETING 29/06/2026 (v2)

1 At the April Committee meeting, it was decided on a vote that members of university clubs within the East Midlands area were eligible for trophies at the EMOA Championships, whether or not they were also members of open clubs in other regions. The Committee felt that this would encourage the development of the university clubs. LEI have objected to this. The other clubs have been asked to confirm that they are happy with this decision.

2 Ursula Williamson was unable to attend the meeting. I had previously advised her of our plans to hold East Midlands Night Championships at Longshaw on 30/1/2027 and East Midlands Sprint Championships at Birdholme on 20/6/2027 and she didn't see any problem with either event. No-one at the meeting could see a problem either, although LEI and NOC wished to discuss with their committees. It was pointed out that if the eligibility criteria for these championships were the same as for the EMOA Championships then LEI would raise the same objections !

3 Trudy Crosby (EMOA Trophies Officer) asked whether trophies were required for these events. I stated that currently we did not expect to present trophies, but were considering certificates, and that DVO would keep her informed as our plans firmed up.

4 Hilary Palmer reported that NOC had some concerns about the splitting of the W75 and W65 classes into different courses at urban league events, including the ranking scheme requirement for 8 finishers. She asked for the other clubs to comment on this.

5 The LEI group formed to consider suggestions made by Ernie Williams regarding provision for elderly competitors have produced a draft report for consideration by the LEI Committee in August.

6 Orienteering Foundation Report from Pauline Olivant

- Coaching days 2026 are on Nov 21st in the Forest of Dean and Nov 28th in the Lake District.
- The Foundation is looking for a new Chair and Administrator.
- The Foundation is looking to develop a strap line to help with promotion. Any ideas to your local ambassador or trustee.

More details are on the website : www.orienteeringfoundation.org.uk,

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7 There is a need for financial arrangements for the 2028 Veteran Home International to be agreed between EMOA, DVO and NOC. This needs to be done before June 2027 so that provision can be made in the EMOA 2027/28 budget if necessary. Note that the VHI is not a BOF event so they are not involved in this.

REPORT FROM EMOA AGM 14/09/2026

8 There are still no volunteers to take up the role of Vice Chair, and no indications that any other club expects to find a volunteer. I recommend that DVO should now start looking for a potential Vice Chair.

9 All other officers continue unchanged, which means that DVO are strongly represented by Ann-Marie Duckworth (Chair and EMJOS), Mike Gardner (Secretary and EMEWS), John Cooke (Webmaster), Karen Bedwell (Welfare Officer) and me (Development Co-ordinator). It is good that we have no other vacancies, but not so good that no new blood is coming through onto the Committee.

10 EMOA levy for all remaining 2026/27 events will be at the rates of £0.25 per Senior / Young Adult (reduced from £0.50) and £0.10 per Junior (no change) with the first £25.00 of any event levy continuing to be retained by the organising club. This reflects lower than budgeted spending on development and talent grants in 2025/26 and is in fact a compromise between some who wanted a zero rate levy and some who wanted to keep it at full rate.

11 It was claimed that some members were not aware that talent grants were available from EMOA. We will be discussing more publicity for talent grants at the next EMOA committee meeting, but let me know if you have any strong views.

12 We will be holding another Regional Development Conference in 2027. Please let me have suggestions for any topics you would like to see covered.

13 Ann-Marie asked for feedback of any ideas about activities, events or other developments which might improve orienteering in the East Midlands. Do clubs need assistance to do something, or can we get clubs to work together to deliver best practice

across the region ? She also mentioned the possibility of involving keen juniors in event organisation and planning, and we'll be discussing this at the next committee meeting.

John Hurley 21/09/2026

Club Captain's report - Sep 26

What a great few months it has been for our Club with some great performances;

L5Ds

M55L Richard Parkin 3rd

M80S Dave Skidmore 1st

W18S Jessica Williams 1st

W50S Sally Calland 1st

WMOC Poland

M60 John Duckworth 1st

W75 Judith Holt 9th

British Sprint Champs super Vets

DVO Dashers; Matt and Karen White and Sal Chaffey 12th

Helen Chiswell and Phil Cooper (and of course the Mechanic!) headed to the Needles and Knolls on the Isle of Wight O's 50th anniversary event. Read her blog here: <https://twofeetandtwohheels.wordpress.com/category/orienteering/>. It looked like a fantastic event and they all had some fantastic results.

Up next is the CSC final at Pippingford Park on 18 Oct 26, with a supporting event on 17 Oct 26.

Not sure how many have entered just yet as the entry procedure has changed, but hoping for at least 40 runners. We are unlikely to offer a coach as there has not been sufficient interest. SYO are still debating whether to use one, so for those interested, I will let you know.

Then we have the Club Champs on Grin Low on 7 Nov 26.

Our club currently sits 18 out of 101 clubs in the BOF OL rankings, which is fabulous. It is great to see so many DVO tops at a myriad of events.

A big thanks goes out to Matt White and his coaching team for organising what looks to be some fantastic coaching over the next few months.

Well done everyone for getting out this summer. Get your Head torches on charge!

Sally