

# **North Wiltshire Orienteers**

## **Annual Report**

**2017/2018**

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## **Chair's Report – Rob Buckby**

The 2017-18 season has seen another successful year for NWO. The club hosted 2 Regional Events, 7 Local Events and 22 Activities during the 2017-18 season. These included new use of Haydon Wick for the regional urban in September 2017 and MOD Lyneham for a Local Event, alongside our regular forest and upland areas. A huge thank you to all of our club members who attended our events and volunteered as officials or helpers.

It was great to see the informal Street-O spring and summer series, coordinated by John Orton, attract a regular stream of keen orienteers. Club members also enjoyed a set of four excellent training sessions in the lead up to the CompassSport Trophy Heat planned by Ken Stimson and John Orton. These will all continue in a similar fashion in 2018-19.

We welcomed new committee members this year in Stuart Fisher, Neil Fraser, Stephen Beal and Hannah Phillips. Both Steve and Hannah have taken on the roles of club Mapping Officer and Publicity Officer respectively in addition to becoming new parents! They are all making positive differences to the club and it is great to have their contribution. We have seen new event officials take the roles of organiser, planner and controller and it is fantastic to see this commitment to the club and orienteering in general. Thanks also to Ken, Antonia, and Andrew for their continued support to the club and the committee and all of the work you put in. With you this club punches above its weight and long may it continue!

Sadly we see two of our principal officers step down from their roles this year, having both served their maximum three year terms. Roger Bryan leaves the role of Treasurer, having kept our accounts in order and balanced our books during a time of significant investment in mapping and equipment. Doug Stimson also leaves the role of Secretary and we thank him for his contribution. Indeed it is my pleasure this year to nominate Doug for the club service award in recognition not only of his time as Club Secretary, but in addition for his long standing role as Club Captain, committee member, and his consistent high level of orienteering performance. A SWOA Sprint Champion no less! Well done Doug.

Reflecting on last year I am glad to have made progress on all of my top three goals. As always, there is more to do and this year, alongside our Club Development Plan, my top three goals will be to:

- Run Event Safety Training Courses and Registration/Download Computer Training with the goal of increasing the number of members with these skills by 10
- Support the Publicity Officer in implementing a Marketing Plan with the overall goal of increasing membership by 20
- Establish a medium term budget for planned mapping and equipment expenditure

I believe that focusing on these goals will allow the club to sustain the excellent work it does now hosting local and regional events throughout the year and provide us with a springboard to expand in the short to medium term.

Here's looking forward to a successful 2018-19 season. Happy orienteering!

Rob Buckby

## **Membership and Participation 2017-8 – Ken Stimson**

	Membership							Active		
	All	Sen	Jun	M	F	New	Renewed	Sen	Jun	%
Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> 2018	88	71	17	56	32	15	73	46	7	60
Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> 2017	79	63	16	52	27	10	69	41	5	61
Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> 2016	92	66	26	58	34	9	83 (5 rejoined)	35	5	43
Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> 2015	98	79	19	62	36	12	86			
Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> 2014	114	92	22	72	42	28	86			

Overall our membership has increased by 11% during the year. The figure includes three members of BAOB who have chosen NWO as their second club. Most of last year's members renewed. Becca, Rich and Lottie Jackson moved away.

The estimated active members are those who have attended 3 or more events or activities in the past year. 10 Senior members have attended six or more ranking events.(13 last year).

*Ken Stimson*

## **Orienteering Programme Overview**

In 2017-8 NWO organised:

- 22 activities and low key events attended by 657 runners
- 7 other Local and 2 Regional events attended by 777 runners

## **Orienteering Activities & low key Local Events Organised in Season 2017 - 2018**

		Session last yr in brackets	Senior runners	Junior runners
Activities general	Schools 4 (4) U3A 8 (4), Try O 1 (0) Training 4 (0)	13(9)	196(66)	331(330)
Club Nights & Street O	Club Night 0 (2) Street & Maze 9(6)	9(8)	116(72)	24(75)
TOTALS		22 (17)	302(138)	355(405)

Four club training sessions attracted an average of 12 members and there was a Try O event at the Richard Jefferies Museum. There were more informal evening events which attracted more attendees each than last year. No youth groups attended evening events this year. Junior participation in evening events remains low. For safety reasons all young juniors at street events must be accompanied by an adult.

*Ken Stimson*

## Orienteering Events 2017-8

		Sessions - last year in brackets	Senior runners	Junior runners
Four Colour	Cherhill, Fyfield, Copse, Lyneham & Savernake	5(5)	349(343)	61(46)
Night	Copse	1(2)	31(57)	3(3)
Relay	Shaw Forest	1(1)	39(44)	3(1)
Galoppen	West Woods	1(1)	153(344)	14(61)
Urban	Haydon Wick	1(1)	110(135)	14(17)
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>9 (10)</b>	<b>682 (923)</b>	<b>95 (128)</b>

The event profile was similar to last year with just one fewer night event. Participation in the four-colour events averaged 80 per event, similar to last year but with a wide variation between events (from 44 to 116). The same venue can get widely differing attendance in successive years. The Galoppen event was affected by bad weather.

*Ken Stimson*

## Performances in Season 2017 - 2018

### Club Champions

Junior Girl	Not awarded
Middle Junior Boy (M14-) (Orange)	Cameron Johnson
Junior Boy (Green)	Tim Jones
Women (Green)	Adell Cooper
Men (Blue)	Doug Stimson

### Regional Champions

Doug Stimson is M35 SWOA Sprint Champion

*Ken Stimson*

## Equipment Report – Andrew Law

Little to report regarding equipment. The only purchases in the last year have been a further 10 E-cards which have brought our stock back up to a serviceable 50 cards supplemented by a questionable 25. The current quantity of 50 serviceable cards reflects the initial purchase when E-Cards were introduced to the club.

Fifty cards is satisfactory for most local events however we have an arrangement with SARUM which allows us to borrow cards for our events in case we get an unexpectedly high attendance; in addition we have borrowed controls for our Urban event. In turn we reciprocate by lending our equipment to SARUM for their events.

We have had one of our controls fail and this must go back to Finland for a new battery to be fitted at a cost of £35. EMIT UK estimate a battery life of 10 years and so as our are all dated Feb 2011, they should have at least 2 years life left in them. I hope that the failure we have experienced is an isolated incident but there will be a requirement for the Committee to plan how we replace our stock of 43 when the time comes.

The only other potential outlay is for a replacement tent which I noted last year. Happily the current green tent soldiers on and as back up we have 2 smaller shelters which can substitute should they be called upon. No immediate action is required.

My one request is that if organizers experience an equipment loss or failure, would they please make the Committee aware at the earliest opportunity. Replacement can be initiated and organizers notified so that they can manage the absence at any forthcoming event.

## **NWO Accounts 2017/2018 - Final Accounts**

	Year to 31st August 2018	Year to 31 August 2017
<b>Opening balances:</b>		
Current account opening balance	£2,575.99	£3,309.30
Savings account opening balance	£4,591.03	£4,588.34
Cash Float for events	£40.00	£40.00
Total club funds	£7,207.02	£7,897.64
<b>Income:</b>		
Galoppen	£322.79	£1,461.54
Score, Limited Colour, Relay, WNL	£1,484.71	£1,073.35
Informals	£70.50	£0.00
Schools Event	£20.00	£0.00
Club Night Income	£48.00	£76.00
Membership fees	£0.00	£0.00
Training Events	£54.00	
Net interest from Savings Account	£2.64	£2.69
Total Income:	£2,002.64	£2,613.58
<b>Expenditure:</b>		
Equipment ( 20 Emit cards and start clock )	£1,447.00	£487.79
Mapping ( Cirencester)	£350.00	£2,625.00
Training	£0.00	£10.00
Other costs (Administration, BOF affiliation, Insurance)	£216.91	£186.41
Conferences	£0.00	£0.00
Social - AGM Hire	£50.00	£35.00
Ken's expenses claim from 2016/17	£30.50	
Total Expenditure:	£2,094.41	£3,344.20
Income minus Expenditure	<b>-£91.77</b>	<b>-£730.62</b>
<b>Closing balances:</b>		
Current account closing balance	£2,481.58	£2,575.99
Savings account closing balance	£4,593.67	£4,591.03
Cash Float for events	£40.00	£40.00
<b>Total club funds</b>	<b>£7,115.25</b>	<b>£7,207.02</b>
Increase in club funds	<b>-£91.77</b>	<b>-£730.62</b>

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	Year to 31st August 2018	Year to 31 August 2017	
<b>Profit for events and activities</b>	<b>Event</b>		<i>Event</i>
Haydon Wick	£337.22	<b>-£13.84</b>	<i>RWB Urban</i>
Cherhill	£48.89	£86.35	<i>Hens Wood</i>
Copse Night	£38.60	£411.64	<i>West Woods day</i>
Copse Day	£70.05	£15.10	<i>West Woods night</i>
Lyneham	£328.76	£48.80	<i>Shaw Forest</i>
			<i>West Swindon</i>
Fyfield	£176.12	£74.00	<i>informal</i>
West Woods Galloper	£322.79	<b>-£1.06</b>	<i>Fyfield</i>
Savernake	£361.62	£96.65	<i>Copse</i>
Relays	£123.45	£208.03	<i>Cherhill</i>
			<i>Savernake</i>
Highworth informal	£14.40	£1,461.54	<i>Galloper</i>
West Swindon Informal	£12.30	£130.68	<i>Relay</i>
Marlborough informal	£3.10		
			<i>STFC Ladies &amp;</i>
Calne informal	£15.00	£17.00	<i>Gents</i>
Haydon Wick informal	£8.10		
Priory Vale informal	<b>-£1.10</b>		
Lawns informal	£18.70		