



Cleveland Orienteering Klub

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Acknowledgements

Much has been achieved in the last twelve months, not least of which has been the club's award of the Sport England Clubmark accreditation as a safe, effective and child-friendly club with an ongoing junior programme.

This could not have been realised without the committed help and support from our two part-time professional officers, Elaine Day and Jon Williams, and the untiring work of our volunteers - Martin and Joan Adamson, Eileen and John Bedwell, Will Dehany, Marjorie and Malcolm Conway, Ann and Joe Dobbs, Gill Hardy, Karen Heppenstall, Bill and Alison Hodgson, Peter Partington, Mike Rickard, Judith and Ian Robb, Joan Selby, Linda and Paul Thornton, with apologies to any I have left out. The club is indeed fortunate to be able to field such a team, frequently mid-week.

Recently we have had several meetings with the newly appointed Regional Development Officer for BOF, Heather Monro, and are looking forward to receiving her support in the coming year.

Statistics

In the year to date, we have had 4800 individual experiences of orienteering outside the club's normal activities, of which 52% have been main-stream school-children, 36% from economically disadvantaged areas, 7% special needs and ethnic minorities, and 6% adults. We have added a new permanent orienteering course in Stockton and another in Richmond, and have almost completed the installation of a permanent Trail-O course in Richmond. Our schools mapping programme continues, and we now have 161 schools mapped for orienteering, with 8 additional schools maps in progress. We have run two Teacher/Leader courses in the year.

Mainstream Development - Jon Williams

Jon has provided 2 hour introductory coaching sessions on schools maps at 18 primary schools and 4 secondary schools, and held 2 hour introductory coaching for teachers - our preferred option - at 3 primary schools.

The now standard schools league of seven competitions ended with the winners for the 3 categories being St Patrick's Primary, Thornaby, Yarm School and Our Lady and St Bede's. Laurence Jackson Sports College won the Redcar and Cleveland trophy. The league is generously sponsored by The Tees Forest.

The first event of the 2004/05 league took place in September in Stewart Park, and attracted a record 369 children from 22 schools.

Special Needs - Elaine Day

Elaine has coached at 5 special schools during the year, including a series of 5 sessions at Abbey Hill for year 8s. Redcar Sportsability have been orienteering with us on 4 occasions during the year, and we have put on sessions for Stockton Healthy Kidz group and Redcar GP referrals.

Elaine also works with the Scout Movement and has delivered an orienteering session to leaders at the North Yorkshire County Scout Camp, and organised orienteering at a second camp in Ripley. 1st Great Ayton and 1st Stokesley Groups have been orienteering with us.

Finally, with help from John Bedwell and Gerald Helm, the club was able to organise, map, plan and control the British Trail-O Championships, as part of the British Champs at Simonside, Northumberland. The efforts of a novice team were appreciated by the keen competitors, but the same could not be said for the weather.

CLOK juniors and North East Junior Squad

During the year Linda Thornton took on the role of administration for NEJS, and extended this role to organise the CLOK junior programme. Karen Heppenstall has remained as coach, and it is hoped that in spite of a move to Harrogate she will be able to continue her duties on behalf of NEJS.

The programme in the past year has included the regional run-off and final for the Yvette Baker Trophy, a visit the Junior Inter Regionals and the Swedish 5-days, a training week-end in Aviemore, and CLOK training sessions closer to home at Coate Moor and Hutton Lowcross. Lily Unsworth was selected for Halden, Catherine Taylor for Glenmore, and Robbie Unsworth for Lagganlia. CLOK juniors organised, planned and ran a cake stall at the Flatts Lane event in September for NEJS funds.

Schools orienteering

We have 10 schools in BSOA, and an additional 6 affiliated to the club. In addition to the seven event league we have organised a schools championship for Laurence Jackson Sports College, provide a GCSE Light Green assessment for three schools, and the region has been represented at the British Schools Score Champs and the British Schools Champs by Clavering Primary, Laurence Jackson, and Yarm School. We have invited Laurence Jackson Sports College to be the first school to form a development partnership with us under the PE School Sports Club Link (PESSCL) scheme, and both parties and BOF are in favour of the scheme.

Darlington

Together with the Partnership Development Manager (PDM) we have delivered a 5 session orienteering after school programme to 4 primary schools, run a limited inter-school competition, and delivered taster sessions elsewhere. The ongoing programme is to introduce orienteering at two schools each term. We have also run a Teacher/Leader course for staff.

Middlesbrough

As a result of an Awards for All bid, we have a programme to map 20 schools and offer introductory coaching. We have also delivered a Teacher/Leader course in the Borough.

Northallerton

We continue to work with the District Council and have delivered two full day taster sessions.

Richmondshire

An Awards for All bid by our affiliate Swaledale Outdoor Club, backed by CLOK, has allowed the mapping of 6 primary schools and 2 secondary schools, the construction of 2 P.O.Cs (one for Trail-O), and delivery of coaching sessions and introductory events, under the leadership of our member Liz Blanchard

Stockton-on-Tees

The PDM has provided New Opportunities money to map 20 schools and coach either staff or pupils. We are also working with two School Sports Co-ordinators (SSCo).

Redcar and Cleveland

We have proposed a programme for 2005 to the PDM and are working with one SS Co.

Local Authorities

We have delivered orienteering sessions for holiday clubs/fun days in Hartlepool, Stockton and Redcar.

Tees Valley Sport

Orienteering was featured for the first time this year in the Tees Valley Games, and generally voted a success. Our affiliation to TVS allows us to access a variety of generic and sport specific training courses and we are currently working with them both to plan the 2005 Games and to introduce the Community Sports Club Coach scheme.

Annual report prepared by Mike Hardy

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