

Schools Development Report 2023



Unfortunately, the hopes and plans that we shared at last year's AGM didn't come to fruition. Mary Fleming didn't have any spare time to tackle school work, and Aly Raw is going to continue working on the Darlington Schools Sports Partnership for at least a few years.

In the meantime, Phill Batts has continued to provide some mapping to schools, although only on a reactive basis. There is now a backlog of training packages to deliver to the schools where the mapping and resource packs have already been handed over.

Note: it was way back in 2014 the last time Phill delivered a school course!

More positively, in September we have just awarded the Schools Development Officer contract to Mark Davis. Mark has just started a new role in the Army Reserves and is taking over organisation of the Army's Military League North, so for his first year as Schools Development Officer he's just going to respond to requests from schools and set up the publicity arrangements, etc.

We did deliver a schools activity at Flatts Lane for the Middlesbrough Schools Partnership with about 120 children participating. Overall, however, the coming year will be about consolidation, completion of previous work packages and responding reactively to requests from schools, and re-starting the Schools Orienteering League will need to wait until 2024 at the earliest.

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