



Cleveland Orienteering Klub

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Orienteering Development Project Annual Report, Oct 2014 - Sept 2015.

Finance

Once again the Development Project finished the year in the absence of external funding with a modest profit, the main income sources being inter-school competitions and mapping work.

Community Sports Coach Phill Batts has worked extremely hard to deliver the many competitions in a busy schedule, and outside CLOK mention must be made of the efforts of Rob McKenna of NN who has devoted many hours to the development of our sport in Durham and Chester-le-Street.

None of this would have been possible without the existence of a team of CLOK volunteers who man the competitions and who assist at in-school coaching sessions. Too many to name individually - but you know who you are, and best thanks on behalf of the club

Statistics (previous year in brackets)

A slightly lower participation over 2013/14, which was a record year. 5329 (5527) individual experiences of orienteering outside the club's normal activities, of which 57% (67%) have been main-stream school-children, 26% (23%) from economically disadvantaged areas, 10 (7%) special needs and ethnic minorities, and 7% (4%) adults.

These numbers are independent of the British Orienteering Explorer/RunChallenge initiatives.

Our schools mapping and updating continues, and we now have 330 schools mapped for orienteering, or in the process of being mapped.

Work continues to refurbish Permanent Orienteering courses which have been reported as having deteriorated during the year. A list of 30 viable courses appears on the club web site

County Durham

The Clubmark application for Northern Navigators remains outstanding.

We have organised an inter-primary school orienteering competition at Framwellgate Secondary School, Durham, where we have delivered a staff training session, and have scheduled a further meeting with the sports development team to discuss further progress in the coming year. We hope that the NGB will be able to introduce the Explorer scheme in the County.

The inter-primary school competition was re-instated at Woodham Academy, Newton Aycliffe, attended by 176 pupils from seven schools

A six session GCSE course was delivered to year 11 at Whitworth Park College, Spennymoor, for the second year, followed by an assessment at Hardwick Park, Sedgfield

This year it is unlikely that we will be able to repeat this, as three schools on Teesside have requested the same support. We have recommended participation in the Cleveland Schools league, giving staff the opportunity to assess their candidates against other school participants

Courses

One Teaching Orienteering Part 1 course was held during the year. Five after-school staff coaching sessions were delivered to secondary school PE staff

Coaching

During the year, 30 introductory coaching sessions (last year 56) were delivered to primary schools in the region, subsequent to school map updates being supplied. Two sessions were delivered to Beverley Special School, Middlesbrough

One evening session was delivered to Redcar brownies in Bousdale Woods

Three Come-and-Try-It sessions were delivered as part of the Middlesbrough Sportability programme, a town trail was organised for Stockton Town Centre, and an orienteering maze and a town trail was arranged as part of the Darlington Move, Move project. An orienteering Easter Egg hunt took place in Stillington Country Park, Stockton

Competitions

The club has again run seven inter-school competitions in the region as part of its league programme, attended by 8-12 schools and typically 170 - 250 runners, and has delivered inter-primary competitions for Competition Managers in Middlesbrough, Darlington (2), Durham and Whitby, typically attracting 100 - 200 participants. The inter-primaries Tees Valley final at Cowpen Bewley attracted 127 runners from seven of the successful schools in the heats

Finally a competition for the Tees Valley Guides Association was held in Stewart Park, attracting 107 participants