



Devon Orienteering Club

Chairman's Annual Report 2016-17

Highlights (*recognising that any list can only provide a flavour of the year as a whole*)

- Thirteen club events have been provided across the year, each of which were open to all club members, supported by a wide range of volunteers and officials.
- Devon now has four club members ranked in the top 100 nationally: Jamie Parkinson (M21), Ben Chesters (M35), Duncan Taylor (M21) and Grey Grierson (M20).
- Approximately 450 different individuals took part in Devon's nine League events, many of whom did so on multiple occasions.
- Nine Devon juniors were selected to represent the South-West in the national Junior Inter-Regional Championships.
- Jamie Parkinson, M21 and Rob Parkinson, M60 have been selected to run in the Home Internationals in September 2017.
- Tom Lillicrap, Devon, is the M70 British Orienteering Champion 2017.
- Devon Juniors were well represented at the World Schools' Orienteering Championships in Palermo, Sicily and collected two silver medals.
- The club won through to the finals of the CompassSport Cup competition to be hosted by Devon in October 2017.
- Tom Perry (M12), Flurry Grierson (M14) and Carol Pearce (W70) are all Southern Champions following their performances at the November Classic.



Finances

- The club is in a strong position financially, all events have achieved a surplus, there is continued scope to invest in mapping, equipment and the development of individuals' talent and expertise and the club has a sensible level of reserves to cope with cashflow and the unexpected. Matt Atkins will provide a more detailed report.



2018 targeted at new members. Graham Dugdale will provide a more detailed report.



Membership

- Membership levels are sound at 198 units (133 seniors, 65 juniors) with minor changes from previous years. However, it is important that we look to grow membership across age categories for the future health of the club. The committee has been looking at ways of increasing membership, and is planning a Summer series in



Activities

- The “tea tent” is now a regular feature of club events.
- Maps of a range of areas have been updated including Golden Dagger, Braunton, Haldon, Virtuous Lady and Exeter University.
- New lightweight SI stakes have been introduced for use at events.
- Further steps have been taken to develop the role and number of volunteers available to support club events .
- Event Safety Workshops and training for Controllers and other officials have been provided. In total 52 club members have now attended an Event Safety Workshop.
- Work has taken place to update the map and Permanent Orienteering Course at Haldon, primarily funded by the Forestry Commission.
- The committee has reviewed our O-Safe practices and procedures and consider them sound.
- There has been a continued focus on ensuring we can communicate effectively with club members.
- I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sue Hateley for her extended role as Editor of Devon’s Newsletter. In place of the Newsletter we will have more frequent event reports and associated items on the website and on Devon’s Facebook page.

- The club has provided support for juniors to attend summer talent camps.
- It is sad to report the recent passing of club members, including Peter Flick, a previous Chairman and Secretary of the club.



Committee

- I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all members, to thank everyone on the committee for their time, hard work and activity over the last 12 months and their commitment to making the club such a success.



Priorities 2017-18

- **Successful staging of our two big events in 2017/18:** the CompassSport Cup Final and Tamar Triple events. These will require a good deal of volunteer effort.
- **Further promotion of orienteering in Devon** to retain and attract club members; this will include the development of a new league format, additional club publicity and better use of POCs as a gateway into club activity.
- **Development of club coaching** opportunities for all ages and abilities; currently there is a recognised gap in support for members in this area.



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Awards (to be presented at the AGM)

- **The Haytor Trophy** – for “scaling the heights” in terms of achievement:
- **The Epic Trophy** – for going “above and beyond” in supporting the club and its activities:
- **The Chairman’s Trophy** – in recognition of a particularly “significant contribution” to the club:
- **Junior Trophy** – the inaugural award of The Tom Chesters Trophy – for an “outstanding junior or group of junior club members” (recognising that juniors may also be presented with any of the above awards):

Bryan Smith, Chairman,
Devon Orienteering Club,
September 2017



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