

## Reports April 2022

**Name:** Paul Taunton  
**Role:** Chair  
**Report:** April 2022

**Copy of email from BOF Event Scheduling Group (relates to agenda item 13)**

### **To all Club Chairs, Secretaries and Fixtures Secretaries**

#### **Hosting some big events**

After the disruption of the past couple of years, most orienteering events are getting back to normal. Event Scheduling Group coordinates the scheduling and hosting of the Major Events and other big national competitions. For some of these events there are rotas so that all associations take a turn and events are spread around the country. However, for others, ESG relies on clubs volunteering to host them. As we get back to normal, we have host clubs for most events up to 2023, but there are gaps beyond this for which hosts are needed. The first two are urgent as we need hosts for 2023.

**British Sprint Relay Championships in 2023. This is usually held with the British Sprint Championships, but this is not possible in 2023.**

**British School Orienteering Championships in November from 2023 onwards (except for 2025)**

**CompassSport Cup Final in October from 2024 onwards**

**British Night Championships in February from 2025 onwards**

**Harvester Relays in June from 2024 onwards**

**Yvette Baker Trophy Final in early July from 2024 onwards**

**Peter Palmer Junior Team Relays in September from 2024 onwards**

**British School Score Championships in October from 2024 onwards**

There are details for these events on the British Orienteering website or the British Schools Orienteering Association website. As chair of Event Scheduling Group, I would love to hear from clubs who may be interested in hosting any of these events so that we can plan into the future. If your club can help, please get in touch with me directly or via you Association Fixtures Secretary.

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**Name:** Shirley Robinson  
**Role:** Captain  
**Report:** April 2022

- A busy season for relays is keeping me on my toes with admin.
- We didn't field a team at all for the British Championships. I was a little surprised at that as we had a few teams lined up and ready to go before the event on the same area was cancelled due to Covid.
- We have 9 teams raring to go for the JK so that should be a good team event. I also have one reserve runner. If I'd managed to find one more M/W 10 or 12 we could have had a team for the mini relay and Greg's suggestion of 10 teams would have been a reality.
- I now have enough runners for a team for the Cotswold Way Relay.
- I've had a quote from Grindle's for a coach for the Compass Sport Cup Final in October. They will charge £1440 plus B&B for the driver for a 32-seater coach. A few people have indicated that they will either fly or drive and stay for a few days longer so I doubt we'll need a larger coach even if we have more participants. A larger coach would only cost £60 extra. I haven't asked for names of people who would like to run yet but have had 14 people express an interest.

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**Name:** Judith Taylor  
**Role:** Welfare Officer  
**Report:** April 2022

Very little to report this month other than a reminder from BOF about DBS checks for those members who coach juniors:

From 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 BOF will no longer be able to accept a DBS issued by another body. Only those whose DBS's has been processed by British Orienteering will be accepted. However, all DBS's that have been accepted from other organisations will remain valid until their expiry date. There is no need to get a separate DBS for those people who are approved before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022

This change does not affect those DBS's obtained through the DBS update service, these will continue to be accepted.

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**Name:** Alan Pucill  
**Role:** Treasurer  
**Report:** April 2022

- Current balances (at 24/03/2022)
  - Current Account £ 7,962.47 (Down by £100 since last report)
  - Deposit Account £11,519.45
- Summary of larger items since last meeting (rounded figures):
  - Income
    - Income from Fabian4 January (received 28<sup>th</sup> Feb)
      - League (inc SW League) £2140
      - Maprun £0
      - WNL £255
      - Total £2395
    - EOD income £93
    - CSC Entries £170
    - Membership £39
  - Expenditure
    - BOF/SWOA/WNL levies £760
    - Landowners (FE, Cleeve Event) £1287
    - Toilet Hire £144
    - Mapping & Equipment £95
    - Printerbase £100
    - Donations (Maprun, Purple Pen, OOM, TablePress) £280
    - Planners/Organisers expenses £180
- Income from Fabian4 lags a month behind.
  - Expected income at end of March (from entries made in February)  
This will have arrived by the date of the meeting
    - League £834
    - Mapruns £190
    - WNL £277
  - Expected income at end of April (from entries made in March)
    - League £920
    - Mapruns £115

**Notes:**

- The mandate form has been re-submitted but I have had no feedback at the time of writing.
- Breakdown of income/expenditure by event (Sept 21 – March 22) provided separately

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**Name:** Greg Best  
**Role:** Fixtures  
**Report:** April 2022

IN ROLE:

#### **Tasks Completed**

- Arranged access permissions for events that have taken place lately (Birdlip, Lydney Park, Cleeve Hill)
- Sent off multiple applications for events on Forestry land next Autumn and Winter.
- Worked on getting SWOA to award us the Caddihoe/VHIs weekend in the autumn of 2023. Sent off initial application to FE.

#### **Tasks Progressing**

- After permission was sadly withdrawn for the event in August at Standish, now working on getting permission for a sprint event at Dean Close School to replace this. Tom C has made a new map of the school.
- As always, various other event permissions and fixtures issues on-going.

NOT IN ROLE:

#### **Tasks Completed**

- Completed the annual gorse update on the Cleeve Hill map. Their programme of clearance always finishes at the end of February and I liaise with their ecologist to find out which areas they have worked in.
- Attempted to overturn the National Trust's decision to withdraw access to Standish Woods. Despite best efforts, this was unsuccessful. Particularly disappointing for me, as I had already invested quite a bit of time and effort in making a new map and extending it into new areas. I plan to wait a couple of years and try again!
- Major update of Leckhampton Hill map in readiness for the relays there in July. This was prompted by newly released full Lidar coverage.

#### **Tasks Progressing**

- Controlling May Hill event
- Organising the relays on Leckhampton Hill. Steve Williams brewery at Hartley Farm will be the location for parking and post-event festivities!

#### **Tasks Planned**

- A Maprun around the villages of Randwick and Whiteshill.

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**Name:** Pat Macleod  
**Role:** Equipment and Development Officer  
**Report:** April 2022

#### IN EQUIPMENT ROLE:

##### **Tasks Completed**

- Renumbered all the SI units again – now to 181-240, for the JK. Thereafter they will remain with these numbers. Remaining ones used for extra infrastructure controls – SIAC Test, Check, etc
- Purchased 4 heavy duty canvas bags to house the SI stakes – easier to store and handle in these than either loose or in kitbags – cost £100
- Purchased an SI mini-reader device, for use by Paul Bryce in configuring and programming SI units – cost approx. £100

##### **Tasks in Progress**

- Sorting out all kit for the JK.

##### **Tasks Planned**

- None

#### IN DEVELOPMENT ROLE

##### **Tasks Completed**

- Published updated club website. The old Maprun Gloucestershire website is retained for the time being, but will be phased out in due course, with just a stub remaining to redirect people to the new NGOC site. The revised website includes changes to the Beginner sections to reflect comments from the Orienteering Foundation review of the beginner friendliness of the club site.

##### **Tasks in Progress**

- None

##### **Tasks Planned**

- None

#### NOT IN ROLE

##### **Tasks completed**

- Remapped Ninewells. Explored possibility of extending it into Great Bourts enclosure, but much of the area is marked for extensive forestry work, so NFA pending the completion of that, and subsequent further review as to whether adding to the map is worthwhile.
- Completed initial setup of MapRun system for the BO Find Your Way project.

##### **Tasks in Progress**

- Review and update of Danby Lodge map
- Acting as White Van Man for JK2022

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**Name:** Gill Stott  
**Role:** Club Coach  
**Report:** April 2022

I am beginning to receive bookings for school events during the summer: -

1. School Commonwealth Games/Wellbeing Day at Oxtalls June 8<sup>th</sup>. It seems we'd be assigned a bit of astroturf but I think it's useful to have a representation there. I will plan some orienteering related activities.
2. Gloucester School Sports Network annual orienteering day for Primary Schools. Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July at Robinswood Hill Country Park if permission can be achieved. There will be about four-six schools coming in the morning and another set in the afternoon – different age groups

Any help offered on either of these days would be gratefully received.

#### School Mapping

Hannah Bradley has asked for Upton St Leonards School to be mapped. I have sent her an armchair version and she has gone round and added some detail which I will now need to include. Hopefully this might lead to some orienteering activity there since she works there and is an NGOC member.

John Miklausic has also passed on my details to The Grange School where his children are in Tuffley as a teacher there is interested in doing some orienteering.

Despite the great efforts of several of us in trying to get orienteering going at Lakers School I have been unable to gain a response from Hannah Hatch since last Autumn. I have tried numerous times to the extent that I'm beginning to think she might have left. The head has changed. This is disappointing but I will try the school next week.

Cirencester School. If and when Covid dies down I will try and encourage them to start orienteering.

St James School Gloucester. Ditto as above.

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