

Reports February 2026

Name: Ian Jones
Role: Chair
Report: February 2026

A short report, as I have not made it to many NGOC events.

Tasks Completed since last meeting

- Assistance for planning of BUCS / NGOC League event at Merthyr Mawr

Tasks Progressing

- WhatsApp group for Committee
- Liaison for 'Track to Terrain' training course, which turns out to be the Adult Beginner Training Course, developed in Australia by an NGOC member then used by Bristol University Orienteering Club training and subsequently adopted by BOK.

Tasks to do

- Establish date and venue for Chair's Challenge
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Name: Vanessa Lawson
Role: Captain
Report: February 2026

IN ROLE:

Tasks completed

- CompassSport Cup Heat team entered for next weekend and entered two Ad Hoc teams for BOC relay.
- Lengthy correspondence with YB Coordinator to establish that the NGOC team is still eligible for the small teams category – they are – just! Also made suggestions of rule changes to exclude MW20s and preschool children. Next year we lose the 4 MW20s and some 18s become 20s so the numbers will be lower, and we won't be close to the magic 30 number.

Tasks ongoing

- Collecting numbers for JK relay teams. One full team so far and 7 more looking for a team so we could do with a couple more.
- Collecting numbers for YB Heat at Mt Edgcombe just outside Plymouth on 26 April.
- Communicating with parents of juniors continues via the NGOC Juniors Parents WhatsApp group.

NOT IN ROLE:

Other Tasks

- Volunteered to co-plan Chepstow event on 1 July. A lot of interest from Chepstow Harriers who I spoke to. It's the day before the Tintern Trot where a lot of them help so they will welcome a local run the day before 😊
 - Likely to be helping NGOC members with some Chepstow map updates for the above event.
 - Volunteered to coach at Lagganlia JROS camp this summer.
 - Attended initial JK2028 Teams meeting.
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Name: Alan Pucill
Role: Treasurer
Report: February 2026

- Current balances (at 17/02/2026)

○ Current Account	£1,821.06	(Prev. report £4,569.64)
○ Deposit Account	£22,342.38	(Prev. report £22,342.38)
○ Total	£24,163.44	(£26,912.02)

- Summary of larger items since last report on **05/12/2025** (rounded figures):

- **Income**

- Income from Fabian4 for November and December

• League	£2,544
• Maprun	£298
• WNL	£289
• New Year's Day	£984

- **Total** **£4,115**

▪ EOD net income	£501
▪ Membership fees	£120
▪ Interest	£0
▪ Café Income	£77
▪ Club Kit Sales	£90
▪ CSC Final 2025 Entry	£8
▪ CSC Heat 2026 Entries	£330
▪ BOC Relay Entries	£69
▪ Map sales	£9

Total **£5,319**

- **Expenditure**

▪ BOF/SWOA/WNL levies	£2,371
▪ Forestry England (Parkend, Headless, Danby, Bixslade, NYD, Mallards)*	£886
▪ Other Landowners (Elwood AFC, Reddings Lodge, Cranham CC)	£450
▪ Merthyr Mawr Estate (includes £1,200 loan to BUOC)	£1,800
▪ Café Expenditure	£46
▪ FE application fees	£0
▪ Planners/Organisers/Controllers/Mappers expenses	£308
▪ Equipment (inc. SI station repairs)	£437
▪ Donations (Purple Pen, OOM, Maprun)	£226
▪ Mapping Costs (Travel)	£88
▪ Toilet Hire (inc. Merthyr Mawr)	£390
▪ Printing Costs (Printerbase)	£62
▪ CSC Heat Entries	£611
▪ BOC Relay Entries	£166
▪ First Aid Certificates	£216
▪ Other travel Expenses	£13

Total **£8,070**

- Income from Fabian4 lags a month behind.
 - Expected income at end of February (from entries made in January)
 - League (Mallards, Cranham) £2,301
 - Mapruns (Lydney, Tewkesbury, Abbeydale) £333
 - WNL (British Camp) £30

Notes

- * Forestry England have caught up with the backlog of invoices, apart from Highmeadow.
- Expenditure has exceeded income by about £2,800 since the last report but we have considerable upfront expenses for the Merthyr Mawr event, which we expect will generate a comfortable profit eventually.
- There has been a noticeable increase in the amount of (Entry on the Day) EOD income, especially at Cranham.
- The café has been running at a profit recently after a period of loss-making.
- Despite the withdrawal of insurance for non-members, the BOF levy for senior non-members remains significantly higher than for members. I queried this with British Orienteering – apparently it was discussed at the AGM and a strong majority preferred this to equalising the member and non-member levies at a rate somewhere between the two.

Name: Judith Taylor
Role: Safeguarding & Welfare Officer
Report: February 2026

- There have been no safeguarding incidents or concerns raised since my last report to the committee.
- The latest BOF safeguarding newsletter includes details of various policies which have recently been issued:
 - Updated guidance on photography at O events
 - Dealing with Lower-level safeguarding concerns (where an adult’s conduct falls short of safeguarding expectations but doesn’t meet the threshold for referral to statutory agencies and may still pose a risk to welfare, safety of the culture of the club if unaddressed).
 - Guidance on transporting juniors in cars
- Guidance documents on Trips Away and Social Media to be issued shortly.

Social Secretary’s soapbox!

Outstanding action for me to include a poll in a future newsletter so club members can vote on the options. In the meantime, I will suggest a few ideas on the WhatsApp chat, and we could also put something on the website.

NOT IN ROLE:

- Our Western Night League event on British Camp on 14th Feb was very well received, if not particularly well attended. Another example of a small event needing at least 3 people to run it, given the terrain I could not have got all the controls out (and back in again) on my own or managed the set up and SI.

Name: Greg Best
Role: Fixtures/Permissions Officer
Report: February 2026

IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Permissions for recent events held (at Highmeadow, Lightning Tree Hill, Mallards Pike and Cranham). Communication with Forestry England continues to be challenging, although hopeful that this will improve now that FE has more resources available.
- 6 League events in 2026 to be held at Regional level, for which controllers all recruited by the secretary – thank you!
- The uncertainties in the 2026 fixture list largely sorted now, so with luck the final version is the one on the website.
- Two of our league events to be held on Welsh areas. The one at Merthyr Mawr is piggybacking the BUCS event there. The one at Clydach Terrace in July has been approved by SWOC but will be organised by NGOC. Both events will also be part of the Welsh League.
- The two events in Wales will also be at Regional level, which means that 8 of our 12 league events this year will be held at that level!

Tasks Progressing

- As always, lots of event permissions and fixtures issues on-going.
- Continuing to liaise with SBOC Development Officer over a proposed training day sponsored by the Orienteering Foundation, to be held in combination with our Soudley night and day weekend next November.
- Event official recruitment almost complete now for 2026, but still a vacancy for the Dowards in December and one more controller needed.

Tasks Planned

- I will be attending a meeting on 3rd March with representatives from Hartpury College/University. I am hoping they will give us permission to hold another event there after a very long gap since the last time. The outlook seems promising. If so, the plan is that it will be the venue for our summer relay in August and the map will be re-made in sprint format.

NOT IN ROLE:

Mapping Work Completed.

- The new Nottingham Hill map is finally complete, ready for the league event there in September.
- Updates made for the Cranham and Coopers Hill events

Mapping Work Progressing

- NTR

Mapping Work Planned

- We have provisionally been given the okay from HOC to take on Dymock Woods, since they hardly ever use it, being outside of their heartlands. This will require a map update. No further progress – still waiting for the map file.
- NGOC member has asked me to do some mapping training using Lidar, so I intend to do this soon. He has done a bit of mapping in the past but not using Lidar. Having recently moved to Gloucester, he would like to make a new map of Robinswood Hill. The training will probably take place over a couple of evening sessions, and the intention is to open it to anyone else who is interested. Still need to get this scheduled.

- Some updates to the Edge map requested for the planned MonopolO novelty event to be held in November

Other Tasks Completed

- NTR

Other Tasks Progressing

- Planner/organiser of 2 events in 2026, Gloucester UKUL event in June and Nottingham Hill in September.

Name: Pat MacLeod
Role: Equipment Officer
Report: February 2026

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

- None

IN EQUIPMENT ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- 10 controls and one serial download unit returned to Sportident for battery replacement or other fixes. One unit and the serial unit were deemed not locally repairable and sent back to SI Germany for further investigation.
- 6 x A4 and 4 x A3 map boxes purchased to replace the increasingly tatty basket type boxes used hitherto
- Purchased 2 lump hammers to provide better heavy-duty ones for task like installing the track matting
- Laid and picked up 6 lengths of track matting at Cranham Cricket Club, with much help from club members.

Tasks in Progress

- The smallest club tent, used for relays and training activities, needs investigation for a possible broken pole – just returned to me at Parkend after a 5-month absence! As it's a cheap popup it may not be repairable or usable! Ongoing, when time and weather permit.

Tasks Planned

- Yet to start reducing overall equipment holdings, although have started on some items such as redundant road and other event signage.
- Add strengthening to some of the pole bases on the newest club tent. Two of the poles have broken through the base webbing and dig into the ground, so reducing the overall integrity of the tent. I have added further webbing to one of those, the other having been reasonably well jury-rigged at the 6 Days but have now purchased the materials to do the same fix for the more vulnerable of the other poles – the ones either side of the doors.
- Review and repair of the Highmeadow POC....a job long overdue from last year.... need better weather!

NOT IN ROLE

Tasks completed

- Helped at lots of events
- Usual maintenance of the website, and submission of Fabian applications.
- Sample MapRun league mementoes have been produced by Andy Creber and published to general acclaim from MapRunners – at least the ladies of Chepstow Harriers! We have yet to come to an arrangement for payment to Andy for these but probably need to get some idea of up take before progressing this. There should however be some level of compensation for Andy's time and materials,

Tasks in Progress

- Ongoing MapRun UK coordination and support, including support for the creation of a MapRun-based taster course for the annual OMM Lite, though now very few requests from MapRun developer to respond to new inquiries from UK people
- Ongoing submission of entry details to Fabian for our events, and website maintenance.
- Development of 2026 MapRun league programme. The aim for 2026 is to have one MapRun per month in the Winter months, Jan-Mar and Oct-Dec, alternating between forest/west of the Severn and Cheltenham/Gloucester/East of the Severn, with 2 per month through the Summer, one in each area. In addition, we plan to introduce participation awards – for 6, 9 and 12 events completed. These will consist of Boar awards created by Andy Creber – Mummy boar for 6, Mummy+1 baby for 9, Mummy + adolescent + baby for 12! The aim is to encourage participation and through the schedule make sure people have reasonably easy access to 12 events during the year.
- Organising the joint League/BUCS event at Merthyr Mawr.

Tasks Planned

- Equipment succession planning. See separate note for agenda item 6.

Name: Pat Macleod
Role: Mapping Officer
Report: February 2026

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

- None

IN MAPPING ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- None, other than normal printing for events.
- In the reporting period 11 Dec 25 – 10 Jan 26 we went over our 900 colour A4 page limit for the first time, by about 50 pages, thanks to the plethora of events in that period. Nevertheless, we spent very little more than our usual £30 or so per month. The toner resupply system is working well.
- I have experimented with the printing of yellows on our maps, as these colours have been regarded as much too dark, when compared to BML prints and the IOF standard colour chart. I have got the colours to match fairly well to those produced by BML – important for the upcoming BUCS event, where there will be a mix of BML and NGOC printed maps, and I made further tweaks for British Camp WNL event, so overall the printer and map printing are going well, and I can hold off printing until the last minute if necessary.
- We did run out of Yellow course maps at Cranham, leaving someone who had pre-entered correctly without one. This was probably due to someone asking to change course at the Start, without in effect reserving a map at registration by completing a change slip. **Start teams need to be briefed not to allow course changes at the start without first checking, by radio or phone, to Registration, to make sure the spare maps have not all been allocated.**

Tasks in Progress

- Creation of a suitable map library and archive on the NGOCOCAD Google Drive. In progress – some master map copies are stored centrally, and I have created an archive of all 2024 events, plus earlier years for MapRuns. Ongoing.
- Updating of the Chepstow map in preparation for the BOK Urban event in the Summer.

Tasks Planned

- Disposal of the overprinter, which has sat in my garage for 20+ years without being used. I can't see any use for it so propose to recycle/trash it, unless anyone wants it.

NOT IN ROLE

Tasks completed

- Covered under Equipment Office report

Tasks in Progress

- Covered under Equipment Office report

Tasks Planned

- Covered under Equipment Office report

Name: Ginny Hudson
Role: Membership Secretary
Report: February 2026

Membership figures

As at 10.12.25

Category	Renewed/ Current	Other – 2 nd club	
Senior	122	4	
Junior	29		
Young Adult	3		
Total	154	4	

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Category	Renewed/ Current	Other - 2 nd club
Senior	118	2
Junior	32	
Young Adult	3	
Total	153	2

New members in 2026: Jeremy Callard + daughter Lily, Paul Brenton, Rhys & Debbie Manning, Keith McCarthy, Sam Creavin
Lapsed members: 10 in all (5 not replied)

Name: Ian Prowse
Role: Volunteer Co-Ordinator
Report: February 2026

- Nothing to report

Name: Rosie Taylor
Role: Communications & Publicity Officer (Instagram)
Report: February 2026

- Nothing to report

Name: Andy Creber/Paul Taunton
Role: Committee member
Report: February 2026

Club Kit (Paul)

- In response to item 4c (ii) (iii) of the minutes of our December meeting, which stated “*A catalogue of club kit will be produced and be available in the club tent*” I prepared a list “Kit Info.pdf” including photos and a general indication of stock levels of each item. This document was circulated to the committee by e-mail on 6th Jan. Pat Macleod printed this document and has placed it in a folder for display in the café tent at club League events, from Cranham onwards. **ACTION CLOSED.**
- See separate paper for Agenda item 5