

Reports July 2026

Name: Ian Jones
Role: Chair
Report: July 2026

No report as focus is on AGM planning

Name: Vanessa Lawson
Role: Captain
Report: July 2026

IN ROLE:

Tasks completed

- 10 teams competed in the British Sprint relays. The young juniors got a bronze medal.
- Yvette Baker – the juniors qualified for the Final and finished 3rd team overall in the Shield competition. This was an excellent result.
- Adams Avery – two junior teams competed (and a team of parents as well as another parent also competed) on a very hot day.

Tasks ongoing

- In the process of writing a report about the Relays for Legend.
- Have asked James Askew to write a report of the YB final. This should go on the website.
- Conversations with parents about Peter Palmer Relays.
- Communicating with parents of juniors continues via the NGOC Juniors Parents WhatsApp group. This is working really well. I think parents of other juniors need to be made aware of this group. I think we should look to the younger juniors for growth purposes.

Other

- On the subject of growth and recognition I think some junior awards should be implemented. The club has had some talented juniors but I don't recall any official award/recognition for them beyond a 'well done'. We need to keep them and reward them because they are the future. How about a team award to everyone who competed in either the YB heat (in Cornwall!) or the final? That is basically all of the 14 active juniors.
- Also the parents of the younger juniors are starting to get involved at events, we need to encourage newcomers as much as possible. Some sort of passport system, publicising the BO challenges on social media for adults (how do we find out who has achieved what?). Chepstow Harriers are now doing a weekly report of what members have done which is shared on an open Facebook page. We should do the same, with photos of adults if available. Raise the profile at every opportunity. The newsletter could be posted on the FB and Insta pages. Our FB group is not very active atm.

NOT IN ROLE:

Other Tasks

- Organised and co-planned the Chepstow urban event on 1 July with Reuben.
 - Helped collect controls at various club events.
 - Volunteered to coach at Lagganlia JROS camp later this month.
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Name: Alan Pucill
Role: Treasurer
Report: July 2026

- Current balances (at 14/07/2026)

○ Current Account	£3,166.90	(Prev. report £4,892.27)
○ Deposit Account	£22,492.20	(Prev. report £22,420.36)
○ Total	£25,659.10	(£27,312.63)

- Summary of larger items since last report on **13/05/2026** (rounded figures):

- **Income**

▪ Income from Fabian4 for January, February and March	
• League	£1,651
• Maprun	£708
• Total	£2,359
▪ EOD net income	£323
▪ Membership income	£6
▪ Interest	£72
▪ Café Income	£161
▪ Club Kit Sales	£25
▪ British Sprint Relay Entries	£184
▪ Sale of Car & Laptop Stickers	£10
Total	£3,140

- **Expenditure**

▪ Levies	
• British Orienteering	£1,166
• SWOA	£313
• WOA (Clydach Terrace)	£99
• Total	£1,578
▪ Forestry England	£0
▪ Other Landowners (Maize Maze, Canal & River Trust Licence, May Hill Woodlands)	£835
▪ Café Expenditure	£116
▪ Planners/Organisers/Controllers/Mappers/Volunteers expenses	£427
▪ Equipment (2 x Fence crossing steps)	£74
▪ Mapping Costs (Travel & misc. prints)	£18
▪ Toilet Hire	£0
▪ Donations (Maprun)	£172
▪ Printing Costs (Printerbase & Paper from BML)	£782
▪ Yvette Baker Final Entries	£78
▪ Yvette Baker Heat Travel Expenses	£73
▪ British Sprint Relay Entries	£579
▪ UKUL Prize Fund	£25
▪ Sundries (Flowers for Carol)	£37
Total	£4,794

- Income from Fabian4 lags a month behind.

- Expected income at end of July (from entries made in June)
 - League (Clydach & Gloucester) £1,675
 - Mapruns (St Briavels, Frampton, Colwall) £425

Notes

- Finances remain very healthy.
- Despite unexpected additional costs for parking, we more or less broke even on the May Hill event. (If we include the café profit, we made a loss of 7p!)
- We paid Brynmawr School £150 for the use of their facilities which seems very good value for parking, toilets, an indoor area for registration/download, picnic tables and a very helpful caretaker. We made a surplus of £358 on the event. I propose that we give them an additional donation of *up to* £100.

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

- Nothing to report but see Agenda Item 6

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

IN ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Permissions for recent events held (at May Hill and Gloucester). Note that SWOC arranged the permissions for Clydach and Vanessa arranged permissions for Chepstow.

Tasks Progressing

- As always, lots of event permissions and fixtures issues are on-going.
- Soudley night and day weekend next November. Continuing to liaise with SBOC Development Officer over a proposed training day sponsored by the Orienteering Foundation, to be held in combination with this weekend. Also liaising with the army, as they are piggy-backing the weekend for their championships.
- Event official recruitment almost complete now for 2026, but still a vacancy for the Dowards in December and NYD at LTH East.
- Everything seems to be progressing smoothly for the summer relay event on the new Hartpury sprint map, following a further site meeting with them, together with the event planner. However, always some nerves with a use of a new area with a complex network of stakeholders!
- Harvester Relay 2027. The planner raised concerns that May Hill may have too much summer vegetation for that area to be used at that time of year. Hence, I carried out an exhaustive survey of the area and highlighted the worst parts, so I think the planner is happy again. Cleeve Hill is the backup plan.
- Tom's Monopolo event. This was to be held at Edge, but Natural England have refused permission unfortunately, due to us stressing the cattle on that site, although previously, they have not had issue with this. It means we can't use that area any longer. Tom is considering alternative venues that suit and that have a pub close by! Possibly Cleeve Hill?

- Ginny's Rodborough Common event. The National Trust have refused permission due to flora and fauna issues. Waiting for a response on whether we can hold it later in the year or perhaps use Minchinhampton Common instead.

Tasks Planned

- The annual fixtures sub-committee meeting needs to be arranged for late summer/early autumn.

NOT IN ROLE:

Mapping Work Completed.

- Updates to Edge map for Tom's MonopolO event
- New Hartpury map now complete

Mapping Work Progressing

- NTR

Mapping Work Planned

- Still waiting for HOC to hand over ownership of Dymock Woods. When/If this finally happens, the map will need updating.
- Long delay..... A club member has asked me to do some mapping training using Lidar, so I intend to do this fairly soon. They have done a bit of mapping in the past but not using Lidar. They 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.
- The annual Cleeve Hill gorse update, as soon as information received from ranger on areas they have trimmed this year.

Other Tasks Completed

- NTR

Other Tasks Progressing

- Planner/organiser at Nottingham Hill in late September. The summer vegetation is looking very fierce at the moment but hoping this will improve before the event!

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

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

- None

IN EQUIPMENT ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- Loaned SI units and stakes to BOK for Sprints and Relay Finals

Tasks in Progress

- Nil to report

Tasks Planned

- Yet to arrange servicing of the club generator
- Changes to the Highmeadow POC courses. The work we did in early May to replace posts and signage has already been vandalised, with one post removed and some signs chewed again by squirrels. For the chewing, I will try varnishing the signs with clear varnish to see if that deters them. The control where the post has been

vandalised will be removed from the one course that uses it, and the post will replace one largely buried by felled timber which looks unlikely to be collected up. The course change is insignificant in course planning terms, but this does mean a lot of admin to republish all the POC related material.

NOT IN ROLE

Tasks completed

- Helped at lots of events
- Usual maintenance of the website, and submission of Fabian applications.
- We have issued the first MapRun memento – for 5 races completed – to young Rupert Manning. The plan is that juniors hitting the milestones get a memento for each, whilst seniors get one at the end of the season based on how many races they have run.

Tasks in Progress

- Ongoing MapRun UK coordination and support, currently including a 3-way discussion between me, MapRun Developer, and BO Partnerships Manager regarding the overall use of MapRun in the UK, and finding means to get less regular users of the system, who are in the main not orienteering clubs, to pay their way. Many of them are commercial organisations who organise less frequent (than O Clubs) paid for events but are hard to track donations wise. Alternative funding approaches are being considered.
- Ongoing submission of entry details to Fabian for our events, and website maintenance.
- Ongoing organisation of the MapRun league

Tasks Planned

- None

Equipment Planning and Succession

Further to our discussion on the idea of appointing an assistant to all planners, circumstances have conspired to progress this, as I have unavoidably had to miss two recent events, meaning the planners have had to recruit help from elsewhere. It seems to have worked well, and I think it should be formalised that at least for league and WNL events the planner has an assistant to help with logistics and organisation. I am of course very happy to carry on doing it for some events, but fewer than in the past!

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

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

- None

IN MAPPING ROLE:

Tasks Completed

- None, other than normal printing for events.
- Ordered and have taken delivery of 3000 A4 sheets of 120gsm Pretex, at a cost of around £750, or about 25p/sheet. This compares to 23p/sheet in mid-2025.
- Updated the Chepstow map to ISSProm 2019-2, and cleaned out a huge amount of unnecessary data, before passing the map to Gill and Andy Stott to update fully for the BUOS even at the beginning of July.
- In June we went substantially over our 900-page fixed price deal for colour printing. This was due to printing for three large events – Gloucester, BUOS and Clydach, all falling within the June period (and not helped by my accidentally printing the Clydach Green course twice). I also spent quite a bit of time, and plenty of test prints, to settle on the appropriate colours for Open land and Rough Open at Clydach. A detailed breakdown

of pages printed is available upon request. The bottom line is that in May we only printed 85 colour A4 page equivalents, but in June we printed over 1600.

Tasks in Progress

- Creation of a suitable map library and archive on the NGOCOCAD Google Drive. In progress – some master map copies are store centrally, and I have created an archive of all 2024 events, plus earlier years for MapRuns. Ongoing.

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: July 2026

Membership figures

As at
22.4.26

Category	Renewed/ Current	Other - 2nd club
Senior	120	1
Junior	33	
Young Adult	3	
Total	156	1

As at 16.7.26

Category	Renewed/ Current	Other - 2nd club
Senior	125	2
Junior	33	
Young Adult	4	
Total	162	2

Welcome to the following new members
since May:

Bonnie Hitchins (rejoined), Nick Feasey, Naomi Ryan, and Stephanie du Toit.

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

- Nothing to report
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Name: Duncan Liddle
Role: LEGEND Editor
Report: July 2026

- First issue of LEGEND under the new Editor (issue 218) has been published to good reviews.
 - Working on a special commemorative issue celebrating Carol Stewart.
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Name: Ginny Hudson
Role: Communications & Publicity Officer (excl. Instagram)
Report: July 2026

- Going well, as far as I can tell. Rosie kindly stepped in while I was unavailable for a couple of weeks in June. I still have to spend some time cleaning up the subscriber list and working out Mailchimp formatting/fonts etc which can be a bit awkward. Happy to receive further guidance and any items for inclusion.
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Name: Andy Creber/Paul Taunton
Role: Committee member
Report: July 2026

Additional Club Kit - socks and neck gaiters (Paul)

- Non-branded socks are available in club colours e.g. <https://www.all4o.com/noname-o-socks-orienteeing-socks-dark-rose-rose> so makes more sense to recommend these rather than buy in NGOC branded socks.
- Neck gaiters from Buff estimated to be £1,200 for minimum order of 100. Previous design not found so may need to pay another design fee. Trimtex also produce neck gaiters with a minimum order of 20 – price to be determined. Recommend using Trimtex rather than Buff.
- Trimtex may also produce branded running caps. Minimum order seems to be only 5 caps so this is a possibility if there is enough interest.

Questions:

1. I assume that we do want to keep to the same general design/layout (including both NGOC and BOF logos and text Orienteering Gloucestershire)?
2. If so, do we stick with the pinkish coloured logo, or update it to the current Pantone colour?
3. My inclination is to not to go with Bryzos, as apparently less hard-wearing?
4. Is there a strong preference for Buff, or should we consider changing supplier (perhaps to Trimtex) dependent on cost/quantity?

5. There was some support at the meeting for running caps but this was not minuted? Can I pursue this, for a small quantity only?
