

# **North Gloucestershire Orienteering Club**

**AGM 5<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

## **REPORTS**

### **Chair's Report NGOC AGM 2026**

Welcome! Please enjoy the buffet and socialising with fellow club members outside of the usual event car park or assembly environment.

I hope that you get something out of the AGM itself, either learning more about the club's activities or by contributing to the discussions. Thanks to those who have proposed an agenda item for discussion, this is welcome.

The committee members have prepared a comprehensive set of reports, so I won't repeat what they have said. It suffices to say that during the last year the membership, number of events held, successes in club and junior competitions and bank balance have all been strong. I think the last year has also been particularly successful in terms of development with a number of our members gaining coaching qualifications and providing training events, and several major successes for our junior competitors. I am also optimistic that we will have a Club Coach by the end of the AGM, which would be fantastic news.

The breadth of our club's activities, including participation at major events, our well-attended series of League events, and more informal events such as the MapRun series highlight what a strong club we are. I am sure there is more that members would like to achieve, but I think we are a club with a healthy mix across the age groups and skill levels, together with a strong nucleus of highly active members which, combined, provide us with the resilience to assure a healthy future.

This has been my third year as Chair and I am now obliged to stand down having reached the statutory time limit for this role. I have enjoyed my time as Chair immensely. Living in Oxford, I am a bit remote from some of the event activities, so being Chair has been a great opportunity to become involved in some of the club activities and to get to know the Committee members better. I want to thank all of the Committee members for their dedication and expertise, which have combined to drive our club to one that is widely perceived as thriving and make the last three years so rewarding.

Thanks to all members for continuing to support the club and all the best to my successor,

Ian Jones

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### **Captain's Report NGOC AGM 2026**

#### **IN ROLE:**

Tasks completed

- 10 British Sprint relays teams organised – the 12- team won a bronze medal
- CompassSport Cup team organised for the 2026 Heat, sadly we narrowly missed out on a place in the Final.

- JK Relays and British relays teams organised.
- The Yvette Baker team travelled to the heat to Mount Edgecumbe in Plymouth to the SWOA event, qualified for the Shield final where we came 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Lengthy correspondence with the YB coordinator about updating the competition rules around eligibility. Awaiting rules to be updated.
- Written a report about the Sprint Relays for Legend.

#### Tasks ongoing

- Communicating with parents of juniors continues via the NGOC Juniors Parents WhatsApp group. This is working really well. Parents of younger juniors being made aware of the group.
- Discussions about awards and recognition for juniors ongoing.
- Planning for CompassSport Cup heat 2027 started, the SWOA heat is a long way away but last year it was agreed that we should support our area events.

#### NOT IN ROLE:

#### Other Tasks

- Organised coaching at the Parkend 2025 league event.
- Helped collect controls at various club events.
- Volunteer senior coach at Lagganlia JROS camp in July 2026.
- Organised and co-planned the BOK Chepstow event on 1 July 2026
- Organising Chepstow MapRun in December 2026 and planning to organise a WNL in 2027.

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## Treasurer's Report NGOC AGM 2026

### Summary

We made a surplus of £946 this financial year, despite rising fees from Forestry England and increased levies from British Orienteering.

Our bank balance is extremely healthy and I am not expecting any major outlay in the next financial year. Our laser printer and laptops were replaced in the last couple of years and we recently topped up our club clothing supplies. I see no need to increase membership or entry fees for next year and we can continue to be generous in our contributions to training fees and support for juniors.

### **In summary, my recommendations:**

**Membership fee: £1 (no change)**

**League events: no change**

**Big events: charges according to costs on an event-by-event basis (i.e. no change)**

**Mapruns: no change**

**Events hosted by other clubs, no change. NGOC subsidises the entry fee so that:**

**Relays: senior members pay 50% of entry fee, juniors free**

**Compass Sport Cup: senior members pay the cost of an NGOC league event, juniors free**

#### Additional Notes

- I have included a breakdown of income and expenditure by event, grouped by event type. The figures will be slightly different to those in the main report because the Income and Expenditure Report covers only transactions made within the financial year whereas the Events Report shows only the events which took place within the year, along with *all* transactions relating to those events, including those which fell outside the financial year.
- The accounts presented here will be subject to audit in due course.

Alan Pucill  
NGOC Treasurer  
27/09/2026

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## Safeguarding & Welfare Officer Report NGOC AGM 2026

There have been no safeguarding incidents or concerns during the 12 months since the last AGM.

Club Safeguarding and Welfare Officers continue to receive regular updates from the British Orienteering Lead Safeguarding Officer (Jeanette Downing).

Club members may be aware, either from their work or other volunteering activities, that from 1 September 2026, the rules defining “regulated activity with children” are changing in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Previously, someone undertaking activities such as coaching, teaching, instructing, caring for or supervising children could, in some circumstances, fall outside regulated activity where they were sufficiently supervised by another person. From 1 September, this supervision exemption will be removed.

For example, an assistant coach who regularly works with children could previously fall outside regulated activity where they were sufficiently supervised by a lead coach. That supervision will no longer take the role outside regulated activity. **Now**, where someone carries out the same relevant activity more than once, but not frequently enough to meet the regulated activity threshold, they should still be considered for an Enhanced DBS check without a Children’s Barred List check. All clubs are asked to use the BO flowchart to help check eligibility and to review their safeguarding arrangements and ensure that coaches, volunteers and others working with children have the appropriate vetting checks for the roles they undertake.

My understanding is that this change applies to our 3 registered coaches but if anyone has any questions about this, please let me know.

British Orienteering has also recently released a summary document detailing the 5 steps that anyone should take if they experience, witness, or receive a safeguarding concern,

<https://britishorienteering.cmail20.com/t/d-l-wydikul-hthykjlhut-yd/>

In addition, any club member who has any concerns or would like more information on how we keep children, young people and vulnerable adults safe in our sport is welcome to contact me via e-mail:

[safeguardingandwelfare@ngoc.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingandwelfare@ngoc.org.uk)

Further information is available via the following links:

<https://www.ngoc.org.uk/safeguarding-and-welfare/>

<https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/safeguardingandsafety>

**Judith Taylor – NGOC Safeguarding & Welfare Officer**

**29/09/26**

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## **Fixture Secretary Report NGOC AGM 2026**

By the end of the year, we will have put on an impressive total of 35 events in this calendar year. The club continues to punch well above its weight in this respect. These were made up of:

- 11 NGOC league events. Of these....
  - One was also a SWOA League event
  - One was also a UK Urban League event
  - Two were also part of the Welsh League
  - One also hosted the Army Championships
- 2 Western Night League events
- New Year's Day score event
- An informal summer relay at Hartpury
- The Chair's Challenge in the Maize Maze
- An evening event at Chepstow on behalf of BOK for their Summer Urban Series
- 18 Maprun evening score events

The NGOC League remains our main focus. It continues to offer a mix of different kinds of event and continues to be well attended. This year, there was one urban and 10 classic distance terrain events. Unfortunately, one event (Rodborough) had to be cancelled for permissions issues.

Unusually, two of the NGOC League events were held in Wales this year on excellent terrain, at Merthyr Mawr and Clydach – SBOC and SWOC areas, respectively. This is part of a trial to occasionally use Welsh areas at times of the year when many of our own areas are infeasible either because of permissions restrictions or summer growth. We hope to continue this next year with another event held in SWOC territory.

Of this year's 11 league events, 8 were held at Regional level. This is a lot more than previous years and is also part of a deliberate plan. Being a Regional normally ensures a higher attendance and we feel is appropriate since the quality of our areas and organisation merit the higher grading. We hope to continue this expansion next year, particularly for our better areas and more experienced planners.

There was one brand-new area used this year – Nottingham Hill. In addition, it was our first visit to Hartpury for more than 12 years, with the map updated and re-made to sprint specification. In addition, Gloucester and Chepstow had received significant map updates and extensions, so also felt fresh.

Many of our Maprun score events also take place on new ground with organisers seeking out promising new areas around the county and sometimes considerably beyond! These are enjoyed by an increasing number of attendees and well worth seeking out if you haven't tried one yet.

Access permissions have continued to be impacted by staffing issues at Forestry England, affecting the processing of our applications in a timely manner. So far for this winter, the process seems to be working more smoothly, but it's too soon to be certain! We are of course very grateful to all the various landowners for granting us permission to run through their areas.

The fixtures sub-committee have thrashed out a provisional fixture list for 2027 and there will be a similar number and range of events next year. The highlight of the year will be the Harvester that we will host again. It's an all night and early morning relay for teams from across the land. We will also be putting on a warm-up event on the same day at Hartpury, which will also be part of the NGOC League. We have agreed again to put on an evening urban event as part of BOK's summer urban series – this time at Lydney. Looking further ahead, it is now almost certain that we will be collaborating with BOK to host the British Championships weekend in the Forest of Dean in the autumn of 2028.

Last and most important of all, huge thanks once again are due to all the event organisers, planners and controllers who volunteer their time and energy to put on events, without which none of this could happen. Quite a lot of people have already volunteered to put on an event next year, but there are still a few spaces left, so please do consider taking one on, as we can only continue to put on such a full and wide-ranging calendar if volunteers come forward. New faces are always welcome to have a first go at organising or planning for us. This may at first seem a daunting prospect for the inexperienced, but a mentor will be assigned to help any first-timers.

Greg Best, Fixture Secretary

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## Equipment Report NGOC AGM 2026

Another relatively inexpensive year as far as equipment is concerned. Our more expensive items - tentage, electronics, power supplies etc are holding up well, and seem likely to continue in service for some years to come.

Other than replacing SI control unit batteries, of which more below, the main expense this year has been about £200 overall (excluding volunteer expenses, of which there should have been several) on refurbishment of the Highmeadow Permanent Orienteering Course. This included replacing 6 posts, and quite a number of the plastic signs, which had been chewed by squirrels. Sadly one of the new posts was dug out and thrown down nearby within a couple of weeks of being installed. It is only used on one course, so I propose to remove it from that course, and reuse the post at another location to replace a different control which has been buried by felled timber – which it seems will never be removed. Likewise some of the more vulnerable signs have again been chewed such that they are illegible. I am not sure what options we have for the use of different (and more expensive) materials, but something needs to be done.

In general I have a large supply of consumables, miscellaneous signage, and other 'kept in case it might be useful' stuff, so I feel that our ongoing equipment requirements are generally manageable and affordable.

I have made little progress in streamlining the kit needed for our events, but there is very little that doesn't get used on a regular basis, the main item being the First Aid kit – two large boxes and a

rucksack, the contents of which we use very little. I wonder if we shouldn't have a simpler kit for 'everyday' use, keeping the main kit for larger events.

One useful development this year is that due to my enforced absence from 3 league events, other club members had to move the kit, one way or another, to and from events, and understand how to set up events. It has been my aim to spread the load and the know-how and so reduce any dependence there might be on ageing me!

## SI

The batteries on our controls have held up very well this year, although we sent around 10 controls and one serial download unit to SI for repair. Of those, about 5 were suffering from damp incursion. We should wherever possible not leave controls out overnight before or after an event, though of course can't collect them in when it rains.

One or two of the newer BSF9 controls, the blue ones, are starting to show low battery warnings, these having been bought in 2022. Typically a good battery shows a voltage of 3.2 volts or higher. Once below 3v the battery needs to be replaced, and we have a few showing voltages of 3.1v or lower. They should be ok for event use until the battery level falls below 3v.

Having bought 10 further touch-free dibbers last year we now have 20 overall, and demand has not yet exceeded that number. I have very belatedly discovered that there is a setting in Fabian4 that we can use to specify a limit on how many touch free dibbers we have for hire. It has to be set for each event once the event is published, but well worth using to avoid disappointment and having to refund small dibber charges. The older dibbers continue in use; there has been no further word from SI on the threatened end of life of these.

## Computing

Nothing to report

## Printers

See Mapping Officer Report

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## Mapping Report NGOC AGM 2026

As a reminder, we have a Xerox 7120S A3 colour laser printer, with a support package that includes 900 A4 equivalent colour pages for about £32/month, and an older Xerox 7100 A3 colour laser which has not support contract. The latter is our previous main printer, replaced last year. I continue to use it, mainly for mono printing of things like notices, registration and change slips and so on, to keep it in good working order. We pay additional per page fees for all mono prints (by chance Purple Pen send mono CD prints to the printer as colour prints, so they get included in our monthly allowance), so using the 7100 is also a useful cost saving exercise. So far I have not had to buy any supplies for it beyond the stockpile that Ian Phillips had built up for it.

We have just renewed the supplies contract for a further year

The new printer has been in use for just over a year now, and we have printed 8067 colour A4 equivalent pages (A3 counts as two), together with 110 mono prints. Only once have we exceeded our quota of 900 colour pages and had to pay extra. We have been through only one complete set of toner cartridges, so the printer is very efficient in toner use, even for the most commonly used Yellow. The Black has yet to be replaced but will be imminently.

Generally speaking it prints very reliably, although recently printing A3 using inherited paper stock has

resulted in numerous paper jams. I have two boxes of A3, of different weights, and the heavier one does work better, as well as being significantly better in my view for use in events.

We spent a further £700 or so on 3000 sheets of A4 pretex paper, which should see us through most of 2027. For those who went to the CSC heat and had maps on a new type of paper, I enquired of BML, our paper supplier, whether it would run through our printer, and their view was that as it's a new medium they would not sell it to us until it was better proven.

## Our Maps

Greg has created an excellent extension of his Nottingham Hill map, which was well received at the recent League event, and has also worked on updating a number of existing maps. Similarly, existing maps have been updated selectively by various planners, and I have added a small area to the Parkend map. There is further scope for adding a small area to the south easterly edge of the Highmeadow/Symonds Yat/Headless hill map, and I will look at that hopefully over the winter.

Following trials with the Merthyr Mawr (BUCS), Clydach (league) and Nottingham Hill map, and using a relatively new colour management facility in OCAD, we have settled on a specific set of colour changes (to the standard IOF palette) which result in our printer producing the best and clearest approximation to the IOF standards, and we will use these in future. They apply only to Yellows and Greens. It is well known that laser printers have their own 'interpretation' of CMYK colours, and that is why OCAD have introduced a means to facilitate this.

Our historic event maps and courses are currently scattered across various systems set up by consecutive Mapping Officers. I am part way through rationalising these and creating a single archive of all event maps going back to around 2008 when (I think) we first started printing our own maps. This will be stored on the NGOCOCAD Google drive and available to planners to look at historic planning and maps. I should add that it is backed up on my network and portable drives!

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## Membership Secretary Report NGOC AGM 2026

### 1. Number of members

As at 5.10.25

| Category    | Current | Other |
|-------------|---------|-------|
|             |         |       |
| Senior      | 119     | 4     |
| Young Adult | 3       | 0     |
| Junior      | 29      |       |
| Total       | 151     | 4     |

As at 4.10.26

| Category    | Current | Other |
|-------------|---------|-------|
|             |         |       |
| Senior      | 126     | 2     |
| Young Adult | 4       |       |
| Junior      | 35      |       |
| Total       | 165     | 2     |

## 2. Membership renewals for 2027

Membership renewals will be available on the BOF website from November 2026.

At this time, there are no changes to the BOF membership fees.

In summary:

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Membership for Seniors               | (aged 26+ at end of 2027)                         | £17.00 |
| Membership for Juniors               | (under 21 at end of 2027)                         | £5.00  |
| Category for Young Adults            | (aged 21-25 at end of 2027)                       | £11    |
| Category for Families                | (2 adults and unlimited children at same address) | £39.00 |
| Part-year membership for NEW members | Pro rata basis, depending on time of year joined  |        |

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## Volunteer Coordinator Report NGOC AGM 2026

In the last twelve months the club has held 10 League and 3 Western Night League events, hosted the British Universities and College Sport Championships at Merthyr Mawr and an event in the Bristol Urban Orienteering Series in Chepstow, the New Year Score event at Lightening Tree Hill, the Summer Relays at Hartpury College and finally the Chair's Challenge event at the Elton Maize (there have also been 19 MapRuns which do not require additional volunteers).

Volunteer requirements for each event varies but a normal league event requires between 12-15 volunteers. I'm rarely required to seek volunteers for our night events.

As for previous years we have always been able to reach the organisers' minimum volunteer requirements for their event (after occasionally some additional cajoling) but it is a continual theme that there is a small and regular cohort of club members willing to volunteer, when they intend participating at an event (and occasionally when not).

The club continues to offer half-price entry fees for volunteering, but this clearly does not encourage a wider selection of club members to offer help at club events, although I'm sure welcomed by those regular volunteers that do.

I'm sure this is a recurring theme at other clubs but an issue that is difficult to address. At present we have a large enough band of regular volunteers (but, as someone moving to M75 next year a band not getting any younger) to put on successful events.

Ian Prowse – October 2026

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## LEGEND Editor Report NGOC AGM 2026

- Duncan Liddle assumed the role of Editor in May 2026 and established a new design template for Legend
- Two issues have subsequently been published –
  - Issue 218 (Summer 2026) 45pp | 11 articles | 9 contributors
  - Issue 219 (Carol Stewart Memorial) 30pp | 9 articles | 9 contributors
- Legend is published in two digital formats –
  - phone screen format
  - desktop widescreen format
- Additionally, 7 copies of Legend are published in A4 print format
- The Editor proposes to publish 4 issues per year, broadly coincidental with the seasons

Duncan Liddle

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## Communications & Publicity Officer Report NGOC AGM 2026

1. I have sent out 17 newsletters on **Mailchimp** since March 2026, following on from Rosie Taylor. We currently have 167 subscribers.  
We have 66 members joined on the What's App General Chat, 228 followers on ngocorienteering Instagram, run by Rosie Taylor and 90 followers on NGOCosaurus Instagram, run by Hannah Agombar. (I don't know about Facebook!)
2. I sent a survey to parents of our **junior members** requesting preferences about photos and names appearing in our communications. Responses varied considerably from family to family, so we will continue to ask for permission to publish photos (named or not) on every occasion, to allow for flexible choices.

Ginny Hudson

October 2026

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## Other Committee Members Report NGOC AGM 2026

The last stock-check in June 2025 (*copy available on the NGOC website*) showed a stock of 55 O-tops, 55 technical T-shirts, 7 club jackets and 4 running vests.

It was apparent last year that there was a continuing demand for Club O-tops, but certain sizes were out of stock in some styles. An order was placed with Trimtex, just above their required minimum value of 500 Euros. Nineteen tops in varied styles and sizes were delivered in February 2026. Sixteen tops have been sold, leaving a current stock of 58 O-tops, now with a much-improved range of sizes and styles compared to last year. This seems adequate.

The original order for T-shirts was 100 and nearly half were sold almost immediately, but since then sales have been very slow, only 5 being sold during the last year. The current stock is probably excessive? I recollect that the Committee agreed in principle that T-shirts could be awarded as prizes, but no action has yet been taken on this. A committee review of club awards and prizes is currently under way. I suggest the award of T-shirt prizes is further considered as part of this review.

Stocks of club jackets and running vests are minimal, but there has been almost no demand during the year, so restocking of these items is not proposed.

In 2007 NGOC was possibly the first orienteering club to have customised Buffs showing the club logo, but these sold out long ago. The committee has agreed a new design with Trimtex for their equivalent, the oddly named "Core Light Neck". The new design is similar to the 2007 Buff, but without the BOF logo. We intend to place an order for 30 soon. The sale price to club members is expected to be about £8 but has yet to be finalised. We also intend to order, at the same time, 20 Trimtex Pace 2 running caps, with an NGOC logo on the front, price to members around £15 each. The exact design has yet to be agreed with Trimtex. So far, I have about 15 expressions of interest for neckwear and 10 for caps.

Paul Taunton

**NOTE:** Please e-mail [paul@ngoc.org.uk](mailto:paul@ngoc.org.uk) to order any of the current kit, or to put your name down for the neckwear and caps that are coming soon

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