

DVO Fixtures Committee Meeting Minutes

Held on Tuesday 25th November 2025 at the Buxtons'

Present

Kim Buxton (Chair), Jane Kayley-Burgess, Christine Middleton, John Cooke, Richard Parkin, Sal Chaffey, Nicola Hart

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of meeting of 2nd September 2025 and matters arising

Minutes agreed. Matters arising dealt with below.

3. Feedback / review of recent events

Chinley Churn, Midlands Champs: net surplus £2165 v budget £3949; total 460 entries v 542 budget resulted in £1700 less surplus than budget. 111 juniors / students v 55 budget; 307 seniors (non-helpers) v 400 budget. Helpers, on budget. More than 50 people helped on the day, from DVO and other clubs. We would have expected the drop in surplus to be less than £1700 but we spent more on first aid and officials' expenses than budget. Professional first aid and 4x4 vehicle provided by ESG Medical, £963; they were called out onto the hill to an injured competitor and treated another injury back in the arena. Noted by Nicky that the immense amount of work in planning and organisation was felt to be not really justified by the small field. The extra appendix of rules for Area Champs (as opposed to Regional Champs, straightforward level B) impose extra-large number of courses plus requirements for timed starts, seeding and drinks station, all designed for an event of 1000 competitors. There is no discretion in the rules on these requirements. For future consideration.

Whitworth: 48 competitors inc 12 non-members. Good fun local event.

Shiple Park: 164 competitors. Very well-organised by Val and excellent courses by David Vincent, felt different from previous events there. Noted for future, Shiple Park not really a Level C area but it was good to have it as back up for an area that wasn't available.

Cromford Moor: 240 competitors. Again very well-organised and a great set-up using the barn and facilities at the caravan park, excellent for the winter weather. £300 to the caravan park for access plus 20% of entry fees to Forestry England.

4. Briefing on development events

MapRuns: another 16 events in 4 week blocks planned for 2026 - 27, including a block of four in Chesterfield. Not funded at the moment, but could ask Sport England. We need volunteer(s) to run them.

Level D's: 4 events over 6 weeks planned, with a league to build momentum. April to mid-June, parks around Derby.

MapActive: hope to run again but need volunteer(s) - 2 coaches. 4 Saturdays plus mid-week Zooms.

Hardwick Festival: repeat and relaunch POC.

Marketing and Publicity role still being discussed. Need to get club members more involved. "Club night" with skills training for adults planned to go ahead in Spring / Summer.

5. Event scheduling

2026 events, outstanding issues:

Bow Woods and Lea Woods, 22/3/26, access permission in place from DWT and Smedleys for parking and possibly a room. Access to final piece still to be negotiated (Jane).
Swadlincote Urban, 5/7/26. Sue Russell to plan. No organiser. Event centre needed.
Longstone Moor, 27/9/26, RP has made initial contact on access permissions, will follow up. David Newton to plan. No organiser.
British Schools Score Champs, 10/10/26, Shipley Park agreed as venue. Jane to plan. No organiser.
Club Champs 2026 - Grin Low, 7/11/26.
Linacre, 22/11/26. Access to be sought - Jane. Murray to plan. John Duckworth to organise.
2027 scheduled events - 4 forest league and 2 urban league events plus CSC heat:
1/1/27 Dronfield
7/2/27 CompassSport Cup heat, Stanton Moor
27/2/27 Eyam Moor (park on King William Rd) Level C, Saturday, pre-Wharnccliffe, SYO national event on 28/2
25/4/27 Calke
20/6/27 Birdholme (SE Chesterfield), 1:4000 map, double sprint proposed by RP
26/9/27 Grin Low (Middle)
14/11/27 Hardwick
NB Club champs 2027 still to be scheduled.

6. Access issues and new areas

Grin Low access, work in progress - RP

7. Mapping

Matlock and Bow Woods done
Swadlincote in progress
Pewits, DV and RP
Grin Low, in progress - RP with David Newton
Kedleston, to be done in case needed as back-up
Harboro Rocks needs mapping

8. Permanent courses

New POC for Hardwick. Priorities? Ilam, Allestree? NT properties and major parks? Sal will ask Dave to check for downloads of maps.

9. Any other business

- Discussion about overprints and future map printing. Jane reported satisfaction with Alvaston Press's work and recommendation will be that we commit to them.
- Discussion about numbers of maps available for EODs. Post-meeting note: following further discussion with Welcome Team, Jane specified that for the future planners should order an extra five maps on each course, which should be reserved for entry on the day.
- Dave Chaffey is producing a tag notice to attach to controls to discourage people from removing them.
- EMUL scoring will continue as at present, anybody from any club gets points.
- Club champs hosted by NOC at their Christmas event - NOC have confirmed they are happy to have us. Some DVO members will want to run their league course instead of entering the club champs.
- Jane reported on a recent BOF seminar on heat, health and orienteering; likely that BOF recommendations will follow on encouraging orienteers to take responsibility for their own hydration by carrying water.

- Kim noted a date change by LEI - Cademan league event now on 11/1/26 instead of 26/1/26
- John and Christine are working on a new combined access / area database, to be accessible through the website
- Sal noted that event details on the DVO website have been half generated by the database and half by the organiser. The system is changing and organisers need to be aware that not everything will appear automatically as before, so check against previous events to avoid forgetting anything in the details.

13. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 3rd March, 5pm, Buxtons'