

# NOC AGM 2022

## Chair's Report

After two years of virtual AGMs, it is great that we can meet in person again this year. Thank you to Hilary for organising today's event, on top of the many other things she is already doing for the club. Orienteering has mostly returned to normality this year, which has brought lots of good events and some brilliant performances but also highlighted some of the issues the club is facing.

The return of a full set of major events has seen some excellent performances from NOC members, with many national titles coming our way, as detailed below – congratulations all! Well done also to those who turned out to the Compass Sport Trophy qualifier in March – it was a very tightly contested day, with us being edged out by Wrekin by a mere three points! Next year, our qualifier will be more local, on Beacon Hill in February. Look out for more details soon.

British Night Champs	British Sprint Champs	British Middle Champs	British Long Champs
2 <sup>nd</sup> Richard Robinson - M40	1 <sup>st</sup> Ant Squire – M45	1 <sup>st</sup> Ben Squire – M18	1 <sup>st</sup> Richard Robinson – M40
3 <sup>rd</sup> Ant Squire – M45	1 <sup>st</sup> Hilary Palmer – W75	1 <sup>st</sup> Hilary Palmer – W75	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hilary Palmer – W75
3 <sup>rd</sup> Michael Napier – M65	2 <sup>nd</sup> Richard Robinson – M40	1 <sup>st</sup> Ant Squire – M45	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grace Robinson – White
5 <sup>th</sup> Mick Lucking – M65	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tricia Neal – W75	4 <sup>th</sup> Rob Palmer – M40	
JK Sprint	JK Middle	JK Long	JK Overall
1 <sup>st</sup> Ben Squire – M18E	1 <sup>st</sup> Richard Robinson – M40	1 <sup>st</sup> Richard Robinson – M40	1 <sup>st</sup> Richard Robinson – M40
1 <sup>st</sup> Ant Squire – M45	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hilary Palmer – W75	1 <sup>st</sup> Hilary Palmer – W75	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hilary Palmer – W75
1 <sup>st</sup> Hilary Palmer – W75	4 <sup>th</sup> Ben Squire – M18E	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grace Robinson – White	4 <sup>th</sup> Ben Squire – M18E
2 <sup>nd</sup> Richard Robinson – M40	5 <sup>th</sup> Grace Robinson - White	5 <sup>th</sup> Ben Squire – M18E	
JK Relay			
4 <sup>th</sup> in M120+			

I want to express a huge thank you to everyone that has and is due to volunteer at one of our events this year, particularly those involved in planning and organising the Midland Championships in January, which was a great success.

Membership and volunteer numbers continue to be a sticking point when scheduling future fixtures and the club is becoming increasingly dependent on the dedication of a few individuals, all of whom having given huge amounts of time to the club over many years. Vic Knight has been leading some ideation amongst the committee about ways we could look to grow our membership and behind the

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scenes a coaching and development pathway has been designed, called Map Active. This two stage course aims to introduce people to the sport and improve map reading skills. The first wave of the course starts next week, lead by Hilary Palmer and Ant Squire. Please share details of the course (found on NOC website, or Facebook) to people/groups you know that may be interested in learning how to navigate.

There are several committee positions to be filled this year, which will give a different slice of our membership the opportunity to bring ideas to the running of the club and help steer the club through an exciting period of transition and, hopefully, growth. Amongst these positions becoming vacant is my role as Chair; after 3 years in the role, this will be my last AGM in the position. I want to thank all of the committee for their hard work and support, and I am excited to see who steps into the available roles and the direction the club takes next.

Dave