

NOC News - October 2024

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New Local Event on 26th October!

Ant has been instrumental in organising a new local event at Holme Pierrepont. It will take the form of two sprint-style courses that will offer valuable orienteering experience for all. The courses will be suitable for newcomers but will also offer a challenge to more experienced orienteers too. The map has been updated, [details are on the web site](#) and entries are now open via [The Start Kite](#). The event is just a few weeks away so sign-up now!

New Members:

A very warm welcome to four new members: Garry and Jack Wigglesworth, Adam Ford and Halima Yasin. It's great to have you as part of the club and we look forward to meeting you at an event soon.

Club Kit:

We will soon be replenishing our club kit stocks. You can now order NOC O tops for £27 each and NOC jackets for £42 each. Please [view the club kit web page](#) and then send an email to Andrew Wallace with details of the kit you would like to order.

NOC in the headlines:

Recent blog posts on the British Orienteering website highlight some of the club's recent successes.

Two NOC members, Richard Robinson (England) and Ant Squire (Scotland), represented their 'birth countries' at the Veteran Home Internationals in Northern Ireland last weekend. Both had good runs in their age classes and the competition for 1st and 2nd places was close over the two days with England just managing the win. Congratulations to them both. You can view the blog post (containing an image of Ant in the Scotland shirt but wearing a NOC bandana) on the [British Orienteering website](#).

Whilst you are on the site, take a look at [Hilary's post about the recent Nottingham urban event](#) which highlights some of the issues our event officials had to manage to deliver this successful event. Thanks to all the volunteers involved leading-up to the day and for all the helpers on the day itself, including Alan Barclay-Devine who took the photograph that appear in the blog post.

New social media coverage:

With enormous thanks to Lucy Sherratt, we now have a NOC Instagram account to supplement our activities on Facebook. Instagram has become a preferred platform for many social media users so it's good to be able to have a presence in this area. Existing Instagrammers can use @noc.orienteering, or just use a web search "NOC Orienteering+instagram".

As an aside, it is hoped to start some informal orienteering activities using POCs or perhaps MapRun. These will be more social in nature, providing some useful 'O' experience followed by a chat and get-together afterwards. You'll learn about these activities first on our Instagram and Facebook pages.

Control Collecting Group - please register your interest:

At the recent NOC AGM, it was agreed that the club would establish a new volunteer team that would coordinate the collection of controls after NOC events. Volunteers participating in an event are asked to help collect a few of the course controls once the courses close (normally at 2pm).

This makes it much quicker to wrap-up after an event and allow the Planner more time to complete the end-of-event tasks in daylight! We are now looking to build a register of names we can contact as possible control collection volunteers.

Obviously, you would only need to help out at those events you are taking part in. The actual collection task itself will typically take 20 minutes or so. If you are prepared to join our volunteer pool, please drop an email to Pauline Olivant in the first instance (membership@noc-uk.org).

Also, if any NOC members would like to help-out with any other team, or indeed to change teams (start, finish, parking, results/enquiries), please contact Pauline (membership@noc-uk.org). We need to keep our volunteer pools topped-up so that we can continue to put on regular events and activities.

New MapActive Programme in November and December:

Hilary and Ant have reviewed and improved the programme for this winter. The Beginners course will be on 2nd and 9th November with free participation in the Shirebrook event on 17th November.

NOC members can take part in the more advanced skills course that will be staged on 30th November and the 14th December with free entry to the Walesby Christmas event on 22nd December. For [full information and sign-up details see the relevant NOC web page](#).

If any club members would like to help-out on any of the MapActive sessions we'd be grateful as this means we can offer almost 1:1 coaching to the people on the course – please contact Hilary to offer your help coaching@noc-uk.org.

Latest EMEWS newsletter published.

This is always a useful read. The latest edition (#293), provides a useful insight into the status of orienteering in the East Midlands. It also includes the latest standings in the various regional leagues (NOC are doing well in a number of categories!), and a comprehensive fixtures list. Use the button below to download a copy or head over to the News section of the NOC website.

Keep up-to-date with the progress of our regional junior squad:

There are interesting summaries of recent EMJOS activities along with some photos. It's great reading for aspiring EMJOS athletes in our club.

One piece is from the Junior Peter Palmer Relays on 7th & 8th September: it is written by the EMJOS juniors giving their feedback, memories and key experiences from the daybreak relay.

The other piece is the Junior Inter-Regional Championships (JIRCS is the top national event for the juniors) held recently in the Forest of Dean and Mendips. Written by them in the mini-bus on the way home.