



Minutes:

TVOC Club Meeting: Tuesday 19th January 2021

Held online at 8pm.

Present: Chris Poole (Chair), Nev Baker (Vice Chair), John Dalton (Secretary, Minutes), Marie-Anne Fischer (Membership Secretary), Jon Wheatcroft, Heidi Lloyd, Bob Beresford, Pattie Beresford, Robin Bishop

Apologies for absence: Alun Jones, Martin Ricketts,

1. Matters Arising from previous Club Meeting

a) Volunteering group to help encourage more volunteers.

ACTION CARRIED OVER TO NEXT MEETING. TO INCLUDE DISCUSSION FROM AGM.

b) Maprun: Converting Score events into linear events.

The best way is to get the source data from Ben and then set up linear courses from the existing control sites. Neville Baker has discussed this with Ben. Some events have already been done. Ben is happy to support others doing this.

c) Junior Activities (Paul Taylor)

Paul reported that Joel is still very keen to run a Junior League in association with the Saturday Series. This continues to be on hold until the Saturday Series can be restarted.

ACTION: Paul Taylor to try and find out when the next Yvette Baker trophy might run.

d) Trail O (Colin Duckworth)

Can we put on a Trail O event at Hambleden in March? There is an area already mapped at 1:5,000 that was used for the JK in 2013. In principle this should be fine.

ACTION: John to confirm new date to Colin. (**ACTION ALREADY COMPLETE**).

e) POC downloads (Heidi Lloyd)

Heidi presented from PowerPoint slides. These are replicated in an Appendix at the end of these Minutes.

There are 5 TVOC POCs. Use of them has approximately doubled since Covid.

When people download POC maps, they have to provide some information on the people using the POC, how they heard about it, any disabilities, and if they are happy to receive emails.

Some people do seem to download maps from all the POC's at one time.

See Heidi's presentation for details on how people found the POC web site.

A number of people did tick the box saying that they would be happy to receive further emails about orienteering. We do not currently believe anything is done with these email addresses. Authorised officers of the club should be able to access the POC site and see the email addresses.

It was proposed that such emails should be added to the Mailchimp email list.

ACTION:

- Heidi to email addresses over to Chris P to see if he can help get this data into Mailchimp
- Chris to liaise with Mike Shires if necessary to load into Mailchimp

Everyone found the presentation very informative and useful.

f) Merry Bells payments (Neville)

At the moment, the Merry Bells are not taking bookings. Neville continues to monitor the Merry Bells web site for any changes. The next TVOC meeting in March will be on-line.



g) Shotover POC (Roger Baker)

Roger Baker has reported that some posts are missing on the POC. Neville has looked and found an issue with 2 posts. These were reported to Roger. The expectation is that the council would do the necessary repairs.

2. Matters Arising from AGM held 17th November 2020

The following minute is copied from the AGM Minutes:

Comments from the meeting

A comment was made, questioning some of the current policies practiced by the club such as:

- Giving free runs to helpers
- Provision of food vouchers to helpers

A question was also asked about whether the club is setting entry fees higher than is actually necessary.

The general concern was that these policies might be discouraging some members from participating, particularly if they are not in a position to be able to offer to help.

It was **AGREED** that these questions would be discussed further at the January Club Meeting.

The meeting felt that we have operated as a “gold standard” in encouraging helpers by providing a free run, and sometimes a meal voucher. There was overriding support for retaining the concept of a free run, and also for a meal voucher. It does make volunteers feel appreciated. This was felt important.

Alun Jones has highlighted that, if we don't support helpers in this way, it only reduces the cost by a small amount per entrant, and this is hardly noticeable.

However, it has been suggested that people who help the club in other ways, but can't help on the day (for example, Planners, Organisers, Series Organisers etc.), should get a free run granted to them at a future event.

It was **AGREED** that:

- The free entry for helpers will continue
- That meal vouchers should continue to be offered where the event can support this
- That people who otherwise help the club (but can't help at a specific event) are able to receive a free run at a future event
- Such people should request such a credit via the Treasurer

3. Recent Club Successes

Heidi organised the TVOC Turkeys team into the Norwich Christmas Cracker which went ahead. Everyone who said they would run did so. About 400 people in total. Our team was 10 in number.

4. Past Events

a) EMIT

It was noted that the Saturday Series Planner Guidelines still refer to EMIT.

ACTION: Robin Bishop offered to upgrade these to refer to SIAC. This has been started now. Robin to continue.

b) Bradenham event (January 10th, cancelled)

A few people put a lot of work into this event, including Mappers, Planners, Organiser and Controller. The club wanted to thank everyone involved for their efforts. A lot of work was put into this, but, unfortunately, the event had to be cancelled.

Alun Jones reported that refunds were given to all competitors, less the £2.10 per entry cost to Fabian. TVOC, of course, lose any costs incurred in setting up the event.



There is significant ongoing forestry work at Bradenham. A major re-map will be needed before we can consider planning another event there.

Note that we do now have access to LIDAR data for this area (see below for further details)

5. Future Events: see <http://tinyurl.com/TVOC-plans>

NOTE: The meeting should now be reviewing newly appointed Planners and Controllers for Level C events. (Level B events are reviewed by SCOA).

SEE APPENDIX FOR FULL DETAILS OF ALL EVENTS CURRENTLY PLANNED

6. Saturday Series (Neville Baker)

No progress until Covid situation improves

7. Summer Series 2020 (Chris Poole)

No progress until Covid situation improves.

8. Oxford Street Series (OSS) and Thames Valley Street Series (TVSS) (Robin Bishop)

These “events” are still available. Beaconsfield has been opened, though no one has tried it yet. Robin will publicise this by email. Note that people are currently not to travel other than locally.

9. Other Mapping Topics

a) The availability of the most recent TVOC maps in a Dropbox location to be centrally available as an archive or library was suggested.

ACTION CARRIED OVER: Neville to raise with John Farren

ACTION CARRIED OVER: Robin to consider how this could be done as Dropbox had limited free storage
Robin is still considering.

b) The availability of Chiltern AONB LIDAR data (Mark Thompson)

Bob has explored obtaining LIDAR data, and has now been successful in obtaining such data from the Beacons of the Past project. However, there are conditions for when we do use LIDAR data:

- The data cannot be used for profit.
- We can't pay mapper fees.
- We need to credit the funding body logos on the map (we have the logos).
- We were asked to make maps publicly available. We think we can do this via POCs and VOCs. It was suggested that a POC in Bradenham Beeches / Naphill would be a good solution to this.

Bob has signed an agreement on behalf of TVOC for access to these data. The total project data volumes are large, and we have to define which areas we want data for in 500x500m squares. We now have received access to Hambleden and Bradenham data. Each area (compressed) is about 4Gb. Bob has download the raw data for these two areas, which don't transfer quickly over the internet.

Bob has talked to both Mark Thompson and John Farren about using the data for Hambleden. They have sorted some problems with georeferencing. Mark will now get the resultant data for Hambleden from Bob (**NOW COMPLETED**).

The LIDAR data for Hambleden looks to be a good match with the existing map. Bradenham is not such a good match, with some features being 20-30m out.

Once sorted, we need to consider what other areas we might need. Great Hampden? Hodgemoor?

This was considered to be extremely good progress. Thanks to Bob for his persistence and success.



It is important control is retained over these data. Such data cannot be shared openly. It was suggested we need some sort of user agreement with our mappers to sign before they are handed a copy of the LIDAR data.

ACTION: Bob will devise a suitable form for mappers to complete and sign.

Robin suggested TVOC purchase one (or more) SSD external drives to allow the transport of data. These would be much faster than a USB stick. Approximate cost: £40. 1Tb should be OK.

ACTION: Bob authorised to make this purchase if he feels its needed.

c) Shotover Map (Martin Ricketts)

Significant work in the woods has been taking place within Shotover according to Neville. We are not sure whether Oxford Council would support an event under current circumstances. Also, the park has been very busy over the summer, with lots of new paths and so on being created. Things are more settled now. The City Council events team are not available at the moment.

ACTION: Martin to go and look to see what remapping might be needed. **ACTION CARRIED OVER:**

10. Officers Reports

a) Chairman:

Nothing else

b) Treasurer:

Nothing else

c) Secretary:

Nothing else

d) Captain:

Nothing else

e) Membership Secretary:

Some people have not yet renewed their membership. Marie-Anne will nudge people by email in a couple of weeks.

11. SCOA Report (Jon Wheatcroft)

Last meeting cancelled. Nothing to report.

12. Situations Vacant or Becoming Vacant

Role	Previous Holder	Comments
Team Leader, Registration and Results	Alun Jones	Still no progress on finding someone to take this post on. For now, the Registration team are agreeing amongst themselves who is taking a lead for the team for each event.
Team Leader, Finish	Bill Child	Bill is now handing over this responsibility. He will do the Bradenham event. But this will be his last event. We do need to find someone to take over the finish Is there anyone on the Finish team that could take this over. ACTION: Nev has some thoughts that he would progress.

13. Any Other Business

a) Location of Equipment intended for Bradenham (Jon Wheatcroft)

All equipment for Bradenham remains with Nev (inc. Organiser box and Search box).

14. Date of next meeting:

Confirmed at new time of **7:30pm** on Tuesday 16th March 2021. Location of this meeting will be an **on-line** meeting. **NOTE TIME CHANGE TO 7:30!**



APPENDIX 1: Future Events

Changes and additions since the previous meeting are shown in red.

2021

a) Hambleden (Sunday 23rd May, Chiltern Challenge, Level B.) **NOTE NEW DATE**
Organiser: John Dalton. **Planner:** Mark Thompson and Peter Riches. **Controller:** Alan Rosen. **Mapper:** Mark Thompson.

Given the Covid situation, a new date of 23rd May 2021 has been agreed with the landowner.
ACTION: Nev to re-schedule the date and get it upgraded as a National Event through Richard Sharp

Note that no shooting is taking place at Hambleden this year in case a date change, or access for mapping is needed.

John Dalton has:

- Informed Tom and Julie who have agreed to attend to provide catering
- Provisionally booked toilets
- Registered a request for First Aid attendance with EMC Medical Services
- Drafted a budget in associate with Alun Jones

Map:

Mark Thompson plans to update when he can

b) Wycombe Abbey, Keep Hill and Deangarden (**OR AN ALTERNATIVE AREA?**) (18th April, Level C) **Organiser:** Sue Jones / Neville Baker. **Planner:** Nat Skidmore. **Controller:** Freya Askham. **Mapper:** Jegor

We will leave this date in the diary for now.

Parking to be in public car parks in High Wycombe. (Helpers park at school).
Start and Finish to be in school

A new date will require permission from the school. We may not get let back into the school grounds during the next academic year. Permission to be obtained via Sue Jones for use of the school

Map:

Map not considered to be complete and will need further updating.

c) Date and location to be confirmed, High Wycombe area? Great Hampden?, Level C)
Organiser: tbc. **Planner:** tbc. **Controller:** tbc. **Mapper:** tbc.

Still in the fixture list as a date in case it is needed.

Nettebed / Bix are alternatives (preferred due to ease of parking)
Christmas Common as a possible alternative if parking is suitable

d) Nettlebed (Date to be confirmed, Level C) **Organiser:** tbc. **Planner:** tbc. **Controller:** tbc.
Mapper: tbc

Would help to fund raise for Sue Ryder. Jon believes Sue Ryder still own the land and are using the site.

Could also be considered as alternative location for Bradenham event in November 2020.

Robin thinks he was last to update the map approximately 3 years ago.



ACTIONS:

- Nev to explore this location
- Martin Ricketts to inspect the area from a mapper perspective

PREVIOUS EVENT SCHEDULE BELOW FOR REFERENCE:

a) *South Urban Event (Level C, SEOUL?)*

Organiser: tbc, **Planner:** Neville Baker, **Controller** tbc, **Mapper:** Fiona Bunn

Map:

Already completed by Fiona Bunn

b) *Witney. (Level C, UKUL event)*

Organiser: tbc. **Planner:** Ben Green. **Controller:** tbc. **Mapper:** Martin Ricketts.

Map: Martin Ricketts is currently mapping the area. There is still much mapping work to do,

2022

c) *Chiltern Challenge 2022 (Sunday 27FEB22, Level B)*

Date confirmed by Neville Baker

2023

Chiltern Challenge 2023 (Sunday 26FEB23, Level B)

Date confirmed by Neville Baker

d) *Hambleden? (British Relay Championships with SCOA, date t.b.c.)*

Organiser: tbc. **Planner:** tbc. **Controller:** tbc. **Mapper:** tbc

Potential clash with Tough Mudder event at Hambleden



APPENDIX 2: POC Slides from Heidi Lloyd

Permanent Orienteering Courses (POCs)

TVOC has 5 POCs - 2 of which are also Virtual (VOCs)

Interest in POCs since Covid-19 has approximately doubled.

BOF is looking at introducing a new POC/VOC portal.

How many people will be using the map?

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Aged 14 to 26	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Aged 27 and over	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

How many people using the map have a disability?

How did you hear about Permanent Orienteering Courses?

We are committed to protect the information you provide. We will use this information to email you the map you have requested and we or your local club may use it to provide future information about orienteering in your area. Your email address will not be released to other agencies. Our [Privacy Policy](#) can be found [here](#).

Tick this box if you are happy to receive emails about orienteering in your area

Please note that these permanent courses are provided by voluntary sports clubs and any funds are used to maintain their provision. Maps are provided for single use and should not be reproduced.

When downloading maps users specify:

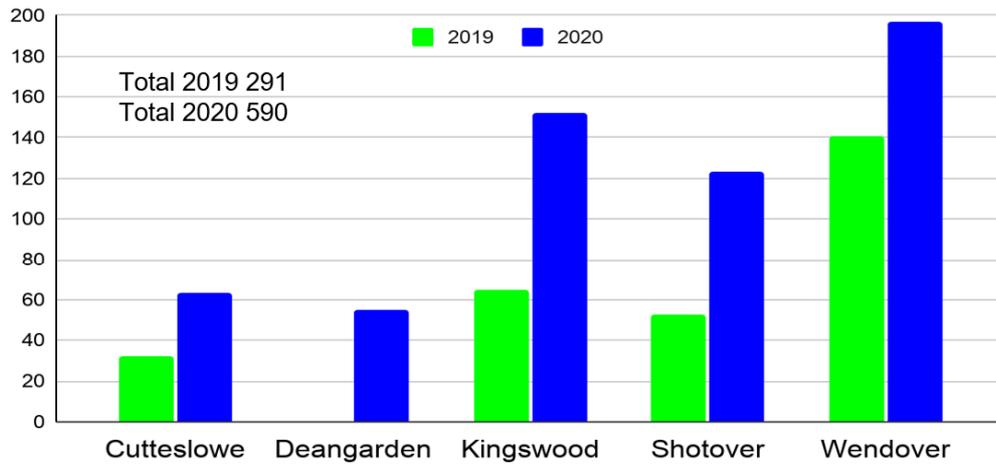
- age and sex of all participants.
- How many participants have a disability.
- How you heard about the POCs:

- Outdoor Adventure Flyer
- Orienteering Club Website
- Social Media
- Friend/Family/Colleague
- British Orienteering Website
- Other (please specify)

- Tick box if you are happy to receive emails about orienteering in your area.

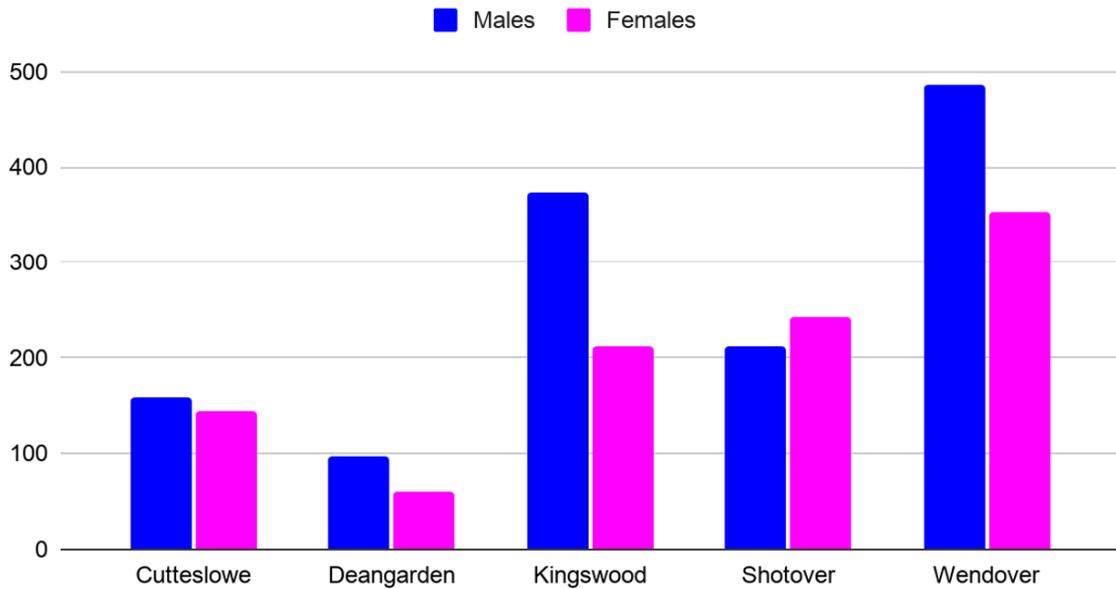


Unique Downloads by Location each year.



Deangarden became available in October 2020
Cutteslowe became available in May 2019

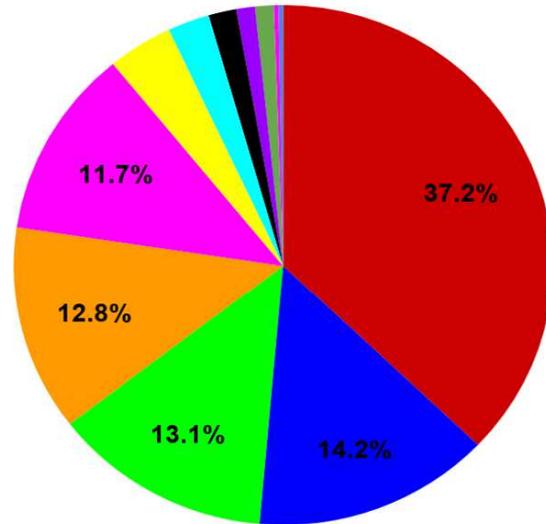
Male and female Participants in 2020 by Location





How you found out about the POC

- British Orienteering
- Orienteering Club Website
- Social Media
- Friend/Family/Colleague
- Other (please specify)
- Other Google
- Outdoor Adventure Flyer
- Other Local
- Other Website
- Other Scouts
- Other OUOC
- Other Club Member



Data Collected since June 2020