



TVOC Club Meeting: Minutes 19th March 2024

Meeting held online at 7:30pm.

Present: Chris Poole (Chair), John Dalton (Secretary, Minutes), Neville Baker (Vice-Chair), Jon Wheatcroft, Heidi Lloyd, Bob Beresford, Pattie Beresford, Paul Eaton, Robin Bishop

Apologies for absence: Janusz Hollender, Paul Taylor, Alun Jones, Marie-Anne Fisher

Updated 27MAR24 with the update that the suggested event on 20th October 2024 is **not** going ahead.

1) Matters Arising from previous Club Meeting

a) AGM and Annual Dinner. Tuesday 30th April 2024, Thame: **CONFIRMED**.

The AGM will be held first at 6:30 at the James Figg pub in Thame. People can order bar food for later. Then there will be a 45 minute Urban event. Finish by 7:30-8:00 for food and social. Club presentations will be made during the evening. Finish by 9pm.

The event will therefore kick off the Summer Series (see below).

ACTION: John Dalton to create the necessary Agenda online.

b) 2023 TVOC Club Championships

ACTION: Chris to confirm to Alison that we will treat Andrew as competitive and award him the Club Championship in his class.

c) Defibrillator

A defibrillator has been purchased. Janusz has approached SCOA for funding support, but this is not available.

d) Feedback from new Webmaster (Adam Poole)

PREVIOUS ACTION: Adam to coordinate an update of the "About TVOC" web page. **ACTION COMPLETE**

Adam will now be trying to automate event location links from the web site (e.g. for What-3-Words etc).

2) Recent Club Successes

Welsh Champions:

- Alun Jones: M70
- Carys Sharp: W20

3) Juniors Update (Paul Taylor)

Paul reported:

After a couple of people had to drop-out, 11 TVOC juniors (and parents) managed to brave the M25 closure, severe mud in the event car park, and water/mud throughout the courses, to compete in the SO-organised YBT heat at Gravetye, Sussex, on 17th March.

In the end, it was a very close result, but SO just pipped TVOC to the YBT qualifying spot. Points were: SO 895. TVOC 893. Which came down to SO having one more category win than we did.

Special mentions to Matvei Dnestrovskii who won the Light Green Boys category, Prosper Tissot who won the Orange Boys category and Francis Richardson-Dennett who won the Yellow Boys category (in his first ever event competing for the TVOC Junior Squad).



It was really pleasing to see how all the TVOC juniors performed, despite the mud, water and traffic chaos!!! Well done to them.

Kate Turner, who organised the YBT qualifying heat gave Paul the following comments:

Hi Paul,

It was great to see the TVOC team there, despite issues on the M25 and the appalling weather - you definitely get first place for determination! It's always great to have stiff competition in the YBT and, as you say, it was very close in the end.

Well done to all your juniors and thanks for making it an exciting day out in a very muddy forest.

All best wishes,

Kate

The meeting **AGREED** that this was an excellent result, despite the juniors just missing out on a win. Very well done by the juniors.

4) Past Events

a) Shotover Saturday Series (Paul Eaton).

Went well. Decent feedback. Worked very smoothly on the day. Next time, might have over-planned the Yellow course. We had a large number of families with small children. Paul was very pleased with how it all went. We were also grateful for Paul writing a report in the recent e-News.

b) Wendover Woods Saturday Series (Chris Poole).

Event went very well. Again, great to have all the helpers there.

5) Future Events:

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 1 FOR FULL DETAILS OF ALL EVENTS CURRENTLY PLANNED

6) Saturday Series (Mark Thompson/Chris Poole)

Updates since last meeting in **red**

Provisional Dates are being proposed as follows (some details still to be confirmed):

Date	Location	Planner	Status
13 th January 2024	Brill	Mark Thompson	Complete
17 th February 2024	Wendover Woods	Chris Poole	Complete
9 th March 2024	Shotover	Paul Eaton and James Haynes	Complete
April	CLUB IS BUSY		
11 th May 2024	Cuttesslowe	Ben Green	
15 th June 2024	University Parks, Oxford	Ben Green	
13 th July 2024	Park Wood	Peter Riches	
Changed to 17 August 2024	Abingdon? Brill?	Tbc	THIS ITEM MAY NOT BE ON MARK THOMPSON'S LIST? ACTION: Chris to check with Mark.
September	CLUB IS BUSY		



Date	Location	Planner	Status
12 th October 2024	Kingswood	Janusz Holender	Suggestion to switch to a Level C event on Sunday 20 th October. See Appendix below for full details.
16 th November 2024	Coombe Hill South	Adam Poole	
14 th December 2024 NOTE: Potentially too close to Wycombe Abbey Level C event on 22DEC24	Chesham Bois	Michael Wright	

7) Summer Series League 2024 (Ben Green)

NOTE: Ben Green has now agreed to coordinate the Summer Series League.

Ben has given some provisional dates to people who have previously planned/organised. He is aiming for 12 events (6 forest, 6 urban).

8) Mapping Topics (Bob Beresford)

Updated Mapping Status Table: See Appendix 2, updated 15JAN24.

Bob reported the following:

Mark and Bob have discussed the mapping and use of areas for the future:

- Where we don't have car parking (e.g. Nettlebed, Christmas Common).
- Which areas have we not been to for a while?

Aston and Crowell

- John had previously tried to get permission. Neville thinks that it is a bit grotty. John confirmed that there were lots of brambles on the area when he last looked. There might also be concerns with shooting.

Blenheim

- Previously, parking was expensive to access. And previous issues with the Gamekeeping not granting permission

Stonor

- In the past they have contacted us.

ACTION: John Dalton to contact Stonor to explore further

Wormsley

- Plenty of parking there. It was explored for the JK Relay in 2019, but wasn't really suitable. Might be OK for a Level C event. This is a very big area.

ACTION: John Dalton to contact Wormsley to explore further

Cornbury

- They approached us a while ago. Concerns that the woodlands are rather feature-less.

Christmas Common

- Parking is a problem for a larger event. Could be used for a Saturday Series event. We have used Zelda's field before for parking. But this is not great in the wet.

It was agreed that finding adequate car parking is a fundamental issue for the future.

9) Treasurer's Report (Janusz Holender)



This year

Larger expenditures this financial year (not directly our event related):

- Club kit - £774
- Affiliation fees - £490
- Insurance - £391
- Grant - £200
- Junior entries - £335
- Internet - £115
- Defibrillator - £984

Income:

- Events surplus about £3418– see the next slide
- Cash (as of 19th March):
 - Current account - £3988
 - Deposit account - £12552

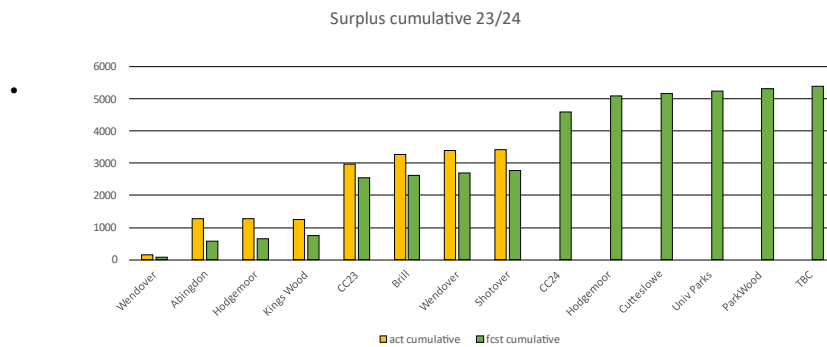
Events financial summary – 23/24

Event ^{^^}	Cat	Seniors eqv	Income	Cost	Surplus	Surplus pp
Event	Cat	Seniors eqv	Income	Cost	Surplus	Surplus pp
TVOC Saturday Series - Wendover Woods	D	89	603	455	148	1.67
Abingdon Urban (UKUL)	C	183	2187	1065	1122	6.13
TVOC Saturday Series - Hodgemoor	D	103	732	720	12	0.12
Kings Wood	D	87	567	606	-39	-0.44
Chiltern Challenge 2023	B	350	5014	3288	1726	4.93
Brill	D	102	714	423	291	2.85
Wendover	D	87	648	519	129	1.48
Shotover	D	112.67	794	765	29	0.26
TOTAL					3418	



Current status

- Good financial position
- Surplus generation (£5.4k) on target



Budget for the next year and beyond

	23/24	24/25	25/26
Expenditure:			
Software			
OCAD (exp 30/6/24) x 5	1100		
SI Timing (exp June 2024)	700		
Hardware			
laptop		500	
other h/w	100	100	100
SIAC batteries replacement			1600
Insurance	400	400	400
Internet	200	220	240
Junior fees	700	700	700
training, etc,	100	100	100
other expenses, not event related	200	200	200
mapping	500	500	500
marketing	500	500	500
BO affiliation	70	70	70
SCOA affiliation	420	420	420
Grants	800	800	800
TOTAL exp	5790	4510	5630

10) Other Officers' Reports

- Chairman:
Nothing further
- Secretary:
Nothing further



- c) Captain:
Nothing to report

11) SCOA Report (Jon Wheatcroft)

A full report was provided into the most recent Friday's e-News (16th March)

12) Situations Vacant or Becoming Vacant

Role	Previous Holder	Comments
Chair	Chris Poole	Chris' three year stint as chair finishes at the next AGM in Nov/Dec. Chris has asked a few people if they would be willing to stand. John Dalton has also asked around. At the moment, no one has accepted the request. Are there any offers or suggestions to take over at the AGM as Chair? Please let Chris know if anyone has further suggestions.
Summer Series Coordinator	Chris Poole	Chris would like to step back from this responsibility. Chris has done this for 10 years. This has been handed over to Ben Green. ITEM COMPLETE

13) Any Other Business

- a) Borrowing TVOC kit for putting on school activities (John Dalton)

John asked for confirmation that it reasonable to borrow TVOC kit for supporting school orienteering activities? This is following a request to support Penn Street school received through Janusz. This was **AGREED**, providing a TVOC club member is responsible for the kit.

- b) e-News Poll (John Dalton)

Some people were only able to give one response to the recent poll sent out by e-News.

ACTION: Chris Poole will review results, and possibly re-issue the poll a different way.

- c) Radio Orienteering (Robin Bishop)

The Radio-O community are starting to initiate more Radio-O events in the south. More events are being planned. Some of these will take place alongside TVOC events (with permission).

Date of next meeting:

Confirmed as **7:30pm** on Tuesday 21st May 2024.

This meeting location confirmed as on-line, and not the Merry Bells. Future meetings will continue to be on-line indefinitely.



APPENDIX 1: Future Events

(Significant changes and additions since the previous meeting have been incorporated in the table)

(See **Appendix 2** below for a mapping plan for all TVOC areas, produced by Bob Beresford)

Summary

Changes since last meeting in **red**

Date	Location	Org	Planner	Controller	Mapper
2024					
24 Mar 24, Level B	CONFIRMED: Penn Wood, Common Wood, Penn Estate - CC	Alun Jones	Nev Baker	Helen Marsden (HH)	Bob Beresford
21 Apr 24, Level C	CONFIRMED: Hodgemoor – Including SCOA round of Yvette Baker trophy	Paul Taylor	Mark Thompson	Mike Bennett, HH	Mark Thompson
22 Sep 24 tbc, Level C (NOT part of UKUL)	CONFIRMED: Thame Urban	TBC	TBC	TBC	Mike Shires / Bob Beresford
20 Oct 2024	PROPOSED: Didcot Urban tbc. Note proposal for Sat Series on 12 Oct would be switched to Level C Urban event on this date	TBC	TBC	TBC	Paul Eaton if Didcot tbc
27 Oct 24	Oxford City Race	OUOC			
22 Dec 24, Level C	PROPOSED: Wycombe Abbey / Keep Hill / Deangarden	TBC	TBC	TBC	Julian Birkinshaw will be abroad in Canada and unable to map
2025					
06 April 25 Level B	CONFIRMED: Hambleden East – CC	John Dalton	TBC	TBC	Mark Thompson / John Farren
Early May (4 th ???) Level C	PROPOSED: Great Hampden	TBC	TBC	TBC	Mark Thompson / Bob Beresford
28 Sep 25 Level C UKUL? tbc.	CHANGED: Wantage Urban	TBC	Roger Thetford	TBC	Bob Beresford / Pattie Beresford
End Dec 2025 Level C	PROPOSED: Kingswood	TBC	TBC	TBC	Robin Bishop
2026					

ACTION: Neville to find some officials urgently where missing

2024

- a) **CONFIRMED:** Chiltern Challenge, Penn Wood, Common Wood and Penn Estate. (March 24th 2024, National/Level B.)

Map:



The 3 areas (Penn Wood/Common Wood/ Penn Estate) **have been re-mapped.**

Alun Jones reported that all is going well. Alun is expecting up to 500 people to attend. Please note Alun's request in e-News for all entrants to be efficient on car parking use.

b) **CONFIRMED:** Regional Event, Hodgemoor. (Sunday 21st April 2024, Regional/Level C and YBT qualifying round.)

Map:

Mark Thompson) will update.

Paul Taylor provided an update:

Permissions have been received. Entries are now open via SIEntries. Team Leaders have been sent details relating to the requirements for their teams (including the code for free entries for volunteers).

All control sites have been checked and agreed between Planner and Controller.

An initial article has been written and published in e-News to let club members know about the event.

c) **CONFIRMED** Urban Event, Thame (Sunday 22nd September 2024, Regional/Level C.)

ACTIONS:

- Nev still to find officials.

Map:

Bob has been in touch with Mike Shires. Bob has updated the map to ISSprOM 2019-2 at 1:4000 scale. Bob and Mike will update the map between them and possibly extend slightly south and east.

This will not be a UKUL event.

Neville reported.

We still need to find the necessary officials. The map does need an update, and could perhaps be extended. A double-sided map would enable the map to be fitted on an A3 page. Mike Shires / Bob Beresford will ensure the map is updated.

ACTION: Nev will register the event for the South of England Urban League.

d) **PROPOSED:** Instead of Kingswood Saturday Series, Didcot Urban tbc., (Sunday 20th October 2024), Regional/Level C

It has been proposed that the Saturday Series planned for Kingswood on Saturday 12th be switched to a Level C event on Sunday 20th October, at Didcot.

This is because there is very little other orienteering on that weekend other than the CompassSport Cup Final in Lancashire.

After extensive discussion about an acceptable forest or urban location. Wendover was mentioned, but this has been used frequently recently. Didcot was suggested as an Urban event.

A concern was expressed that OUOC might need some TVOC help for the following weekend. Are the events too close together? It was also noted that we have another urban event in September, and an event in December. Another concern was that a Didcot Urban might interfere with numbers for the Oxford City Race the following week.

If Didcot is confirmed, Paul Eaton might be prepared to update the map.

No final decision was made in the meeting. If we run an urban event Didcot on Sunday 20th October, parking could be on-street. If the Didcot event is confirmed, we will NOT continue with the October Saturday Series event on the 12th October.



ACTIONS:

- Chris to progress separately before a final Yes/No decision to be made at next meeting in May at the latest.

UPDATE FOLLOWING MEETING (Chris Poole):

Following further comments and views, I can now confirm the following:

Not holding an event on the 20 Oct. Current events and timings to stand.

Therefore there is no need to revisit this on the next meeting. **ACTION COMPLETE**

e) Oxford City Race: OUOC event (Saturday 27th October 2024)
OUOC will ask TVOC for help

OUOC will do the map update themselves. **Bob has provided OCAD access to OUOC to keep map continuity and is happy with this.**

f) **PROPOSED:** Wycombe Abbey / Keep Hill / Deangarden (Sunday 22nd December 2024, Regional/Level C.)

ACTION: Neville to talk to Sue to confirm how to obtain permission.

2025

g) **CONFIRMED:** Chiltern Challenge, Hambleden East. (April 6th 2025, National/Level B.)

Map:

Map will need to be updated in February 2024:

John Dalton previously reported that we have formal permission for this event from the Culden Faw estate.

No concerns at this stage. Mark Thompson is updating the map.

h) **PROVISIONAL:** Great Hampden (Sunday 4th May ?? Regional/Level C)

Key is to confirm parking before confirming event.

Map: Will need updating for any future forestry work before 2025. Bob stated that further felling and thinning has taken place since his previous report.

Car parking still needs to be confirmed.

Key is to identify an Organiser. **Critical is to confirm car parking for this event.** Bob highlighted that the map has already had a lot of time spent on it remapping. **There has now been further forestry work. The only valid option for car parking seems to be to re-approach the farmer for use of his field at the top.**

i) **CHANGED LOCATION:** Now Wantage, (not Grove) Urban (28 Sep 2025. Urban / Regional/ UKUL Tbc / Level C)

Roger T has offered to plan this event.

Map: Bob and Pattie to do the mapping.

Roger Thetford will plan. Roger and Bob are in contact about the best areas to map. Town Council have already granted permission. Still need an Organiser.

j) **PROPOSED:** Kingswood (End Dec 2025, Regional/Level C)

A question about availability of parking (**and capacity**) at the school for Kingswood.

Map:



Robin updated the map for the Saturday Series in Nov 2023. **Some updates will be needed.**

2026 – To be discussed at next meeting

k) PROPOSED: Chiltern Challenge, Woodcote and Checkendon tbc, (Sunday March 8th 2026, Level B / National)

The date has been proposed by Neville to Richard Sharp.

Woodcote has a new owner who seems open to happy to giving access to the area. Parking might be an issue there. There is a main road crossing if both areas are combined. There might be parking options at Checkendon.

ACTION: Neville to investigate further

APPENDIX 2: Mapping Activities (Bob Beresford)

Last updated March 2024



Date of next event	Venue	Event Category	Terrain	Map Status	Mapper	Comments
Saturday Series Events						
Postponed	Oxford Brookes - Urban	Sat Series	Urban	Needs updating - Construction work - not useable	Bob Beresford	Part of Oxford City map
Postponed	Wycombe Abbey School (WAS)	Sat Series	Urban/Forest	WAS only has been converted to ISSprOM 2019-2 - needs survey	Bob Beresford	Will survey when new date agreed with school
13th Jan 2024	Brill	Sat Series	Forest	Some updates done for event	Mark Thompson	Completed, but map needs major update with LiDAR if available
17th Feb 2024	Wendover	Sat Series	Forest	Map is OK for the event	Jim Prowling	Completed
9th March 2024	Shotover	Sat Series	Forest	Map partially updated	John Farren/ Paul Eaton	Completed, but map needs further updates.
11th May 2024	Cuttesslowe Park, Oxford	Sat Series	Forest	Updated 2017 by Martin Ricketts. Ben updating - TBC	Ben Green?	Ben Green is Planning and doing map?
15th June 2024	Oxford Uni Parks -Urban TBC	Sat Series	Urban/Forest	Assume OK from last year	Bob Beresford	OUOC City Race 27th Oct 2024. Harry Stuart has OCAD access and is updating map
13th July 2024	Park Wood	Sat Series	Forest	Map should be OK - used in Dec23	Mark Thompson	
10th August 2024	TBC	Sat Series		TBC	TBC	Probably won't be an event in August
12th October	Kingswood TBC	Sat Series	Forest	Map should be OK (used Nov 2023)	Robin Bishop	Map needs some legend updates
16th November	Coombe Hill South	Sat Series	Forest	Used Oct 2022. Some map updates later in year	Andrew Chalmers / Rosie Walkin	Permissions requested
14th December	Chesham Bois	Sat Series	Forest	Used Nov 2022. Some map updates later in year	Andrew Chalmers	Permission from Woodland Trust requested
Level C and above events						
24th March 2024	Penn&Common Woods+Penn Estate	Level B	Forest	Mapping completed end January	Bob Beresford	Penn Wood - Licence from Woodland Trust. Penn Estate and Common Wood have written agreement. All in place
21st April 2024	Hodgemoor	Level C	Forest	Mark is doing any further updates required	Mark Thompson	Julian is going to Canada for 5 years.
22nd September 2024	Thame - Urban	Level C	Urban	Bob or Mike will check map with possible extension to East/South	Mike Shires/Bob Beresford	Updated to ISSprOM - 2019-2 (at 1:4000 base scale) with georeferencing by Bob B.
22nd December 2024	Wycombe Abbey/Keep Hill/Deangarden TBC	Level C	Urban/Forest	WAS only has been converted to ISSprOM 2019-2 - needs survey	Full map update TBC / Bob Beresford (for WS only)	Confirm if Short courses in WAS only can use sprint map. Need Car Park (in town?) and School permission.
6th April 2025	Hambleden	Level B	Forest	Will need minor updates in Spring (Feb) 2024	Mark Thompson/John Farren	Event confirmed
4th May 2025??	Great Hampden	Level C	Forest	Completed 2023, but will need check after forestry work	Mark Thompson/Bob Beresford	Parking needs to be confirmed before event commitment
28th Sep 2025	Wantage East and West	Level C	Urban	Martin Ricketts previously mapped Grove	Bob /Pattie Beresford	Wantage E/W - new map. Roger Thetford will plan
Areas used relatively recently with no current plans						
Not specified	Wittenham Clumps	Sat Series	Forest		Carys Sharp - Minor updates	Small area - Sat Series only. Is the map still in OCAD?
Not specified	Witney + Cogges - Urban	Level C	Urban	First use Sep 2021	Martin Ricketts	Needs updating to ISSprOM - 2019-2 at 1:4000 if reused
Not specified	Didcot-Ladygrove- Urban	Level C	Urban	Used 2016	Martin Ricketts	Map needs conversion to ISSprOM 2019-2. Paul Eaton has offered to update after base updated by Bob
Not specified	Nettlebed	Level C	Forest	Needs updating - LiDAR available. Used 9th February 2014	Martin Ricketts	Needs a viable Car Park now Sue Ryder not available.
Not specified	Christmas Common	Level C	Forest	Updated Mar 2019 - major remap required	Martin Ricketts	Mark T and Bob B have done some Map/LiDAR analysis for future event. Need a viable car park.
Areas not used recently and with no plans to use - or other possible areas						
Not specified	Aston and Crowell	Level C??	Forest	Major update needed with BotP LiDAR if ever used!	Martin Ricketts	Viable Car Park needed. Shooting Estate so permission may be tricky
Not specified	Bledlow Great Wood (adj. Aston/Crowell)	Level C??	Forest	New map needed with BotP LiDAR if ever used!	Very old map 1977	Viable car park needed
Not specified	Bernwood	Level C??	Forest	Last Update 2017?	Duncan Archer??	Major update needed if used!
Not specified	Checkenden	Level C??	Forest	Last update 1992?	Dave Ryder / Nev Baker	Major update needed with BotP LiDAR if ever used!
Not specified	Woodcote	Level C??	Forest	Last update 1999	Colin Duckworth / Nev Baker	Major update needed with BotP LiDAR if ever used!
Not specified	Hughenden - Adj Bradenham/Naphill	Sat Series??	Forest	Last update 2014 - original 2006	Mark Thompson / Roger Lott	Major update needed with BotP LiDAR if ever used! National Trust
Not specified	Blenheim Estate	Level C	Forest	Last used 2008	Ian Buxton	Issues with parking cost and Gamekeeper
Not specified	Stonor Estate	Level C	Forest	Not mapped/used?	N/A	Unknown
Not specified	Wormsley Estate	Level C	Forest	Not used	N/A	Not approached
Not specified	Didcot Urban	Level C	Urban	First use Aug 2014	Martin Ricketts	Needs updating to ISSprOM - 2019-2 at 1:4000 if reused
Not specified	RAF Halton- Urban	Level C	Urban	Last updated Dec 2017	Martin Ricketts	Permission reused from RAF
Not specified	Wychwood - North Oxon		Forest	Not used	N/A	Very unlikely - flora/fauna studies ongoing
Not specified	Harwell Urban		Urban	Last update Aug 2015	Martin Ricketts/John Farren	Unlikely to be available again