



TVOC Club Meeting: Minutes 21st May 2024

Meeting held online at 7:30pm.

Present: Peter Riches (Chairman), Bob Beresford (Acting Secretary), Janusz Holender (Treasurer) Jon Wheatcroft, Neville Baker, Chris Poole, Robin Bishop, Heidi Lloyd, Paul Eaton, Pattie Beresford.

Apologies for absence: John Dalton (Secretary); Alun Jones; Paul Taylor

1) Matters Arising from previous Club Meeting

a) 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. – Action Complete

2) Matters Arising from AGM

None

3) Recent Club Successes

JK

- Sprint:
 - Jenny Thompson 1st in W85
 - Matvei Dnestrovskii 3rd in M14
- Middle:
 - Jenny Thompson 1st in W85
 - Nigel Bunn 2nd in M60
 - Alun Jones 3rd M70
- Long
 - Jenny Thompson 1st in W85
 - Jenny 1st overall for the two days
 - Nigel Bunn 3rd in M60
 - Nigel 2nd overall for the two days
 - Alun Jones 3rd in M70
 - Alun 2nd overall for the two days

British Championships:- Long Distance

- Jenny Thompson 1st in W85
- Alun Jones 1st in M70
- Nigel Bunn 3rd in M60
- Fiona Bunn (formerly TVOC) 1st in W21E
- Relay: TVOC Titans 2nd in M/W70 (Mikhail Gryaznevich, Jenny Thompson, Alun Jones)

British Championships:- Middle Distance

- Jenny Thompson 1st in W85
- Alun Jones 1st in M70
- Nigel Bunn 3rd in M60

Yvette Baker Trophy (YBT)

- Congratulations to the TVOC Juniors who have now made it to the YBT final
- Event to be held Sunday 7th July at Happy Herts area, Northaw Wood near Potters Bar

4) Next TVOC clothing order (Heidi Lloyd)

Heidi has requests for singlets but not the sleeveless jackets (pictures as shown in a recent e-news). It was suggested that tops should have fluorescent yellow/orange colour especially for urban events. Heidi would see if this would be possible with Trimtex. Post meeting Note: Heidi has got a modified yellow/orange colour design and will publicise in **the** next e-news.



5) Juniors Update (Paul Taylor)

Paul provided the following:

As noted above we have got through to the YBT final in July and a team is being assembled. We already have the minimum number for a full team (9), with more expected to be available.

6) Past Events

- a) Chiltern Challenge, Penn Wood, Common Wood and Penn Estate. (March 24th 2024, National/Level B.). This had been a successful event with just enough parking. We had some very positive feedback, and the Woodland Trust noted that the event had minimal impact on Penn Wood. We made a healthy surplus and donations had been made for car parking, Common Wood and Woodland Trust, with the Penn Estate donation still to be made.
- b) Regional Event, Hodgemoor. (Sunday 21st April 2024, Regional/Level C and YBT qualifying round.) This was Paul Taylor's first event as Level C Organiser which had gone well with over 300 entrants running through the bluebells.
- c) Saturday Series, Cutteslowe. (Saturday 11th May 2024). Ben Green noted in e-news that this had been successful with over 100 entrants, with only a few minor problems with late permission and a missing control.
- d) Summer Series events (Thame, Didcot, Oxford) Peter noted that the total number of events and entrants for the series was disappointing. We would only be having one course, not the A and B courses originally planned.

7) 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

8) Saturday Series (Mark Thompson/Chris Poole)

Updated since last meeting.

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
11 th May 2024	Cutteslowe	Ben Green	Complete
15 th June 2024	University Parks, Oxford	Ben Green	
13 th July 2024	Park Wood	Peter Riches	
16 th November 2024	Coombe Hill South	Adam Poole	
14 th December 2024	Chesham Bois	Michael Wright	
11 th January 2025	Coombe Hill North		
Feb/Mar 2025	Hill End		
22 nd March 2025	Kingswood	Janusz Holender	

9) Summer Series League 2024 (Ben Green)

NOTE: Ben Green is coordinating the Summer Series



10) Mapping Topics (Bob Beresford)

Updated Mapping Status Table: See Appendix 2, updated 21May24.

Previous Actions:

Stonor

- In the past they have contacted us.

ACTION: John is waiting for Stonor to respond to both his emails and letters sent shortly after the meeting. John will chase.

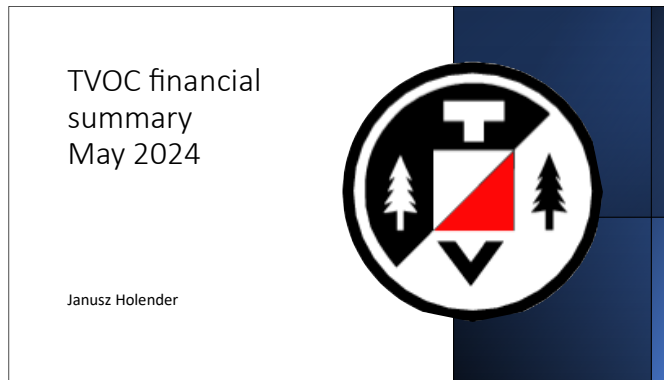
Wormsley

John has now consulted Alun Jones about previous contacts with Wormsley when exploring venues for the previous JK Relay in South Central. Wormsley were planning to charge about £5k for such an event. This fee seems unaffordable for anything but the very largest of events.

It was agreed that this should be progressed further, as Neville suggested that when the JK returns to SCOA Wormsley may be a possible area.

ACTION: Bob would send Nev a LiDAR extract of the area to see if it might be suitable.

11) Treasurer's Report (Janusz Holender)



This year

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

- Club kit - £774
- Affiliation fees - £888
- Insurance - £391
- Grant - £200
- Junior entries - £458
- Internet - £115
- Defibrillator - £984
- Laptop - £379

Income:

- Events surplus about £6359 – see the next slide

Cash (as of 20th May):

- Current account - £5541
- Deposit account - £12552

Events financial summary – 23/24

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	C	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	855	-61	-0.54
CC24	B	419	5928	3899	2029	4.84
Hodgemoor	C	287	3360	2590	770	2.68
Cuttleslowe	D	86	629	397	232	2.70
TOTAL					6359	

Current status

- Good financial position
- Surplus generation (£6.4k) ahead of target

Surplus cumulative 23/24

Budget for the next year and beyond

Expenditure:	23/24	24/25	25/26
Software			1500
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			1500
Insurance	400	400	400
Internet	200	200	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



12) Other Officers' Reports

- a) Chairman:
Nothing further
- b) Secretary:
Nothing further
- c) Captain:
Nothing further

13) SCOA Report (Jon Wheatcroft)

Jon noted that he would be retiring from the SCOA Chair in June as his 3 years will be complete. The TVOC rep on SCOA is the Chairman Peter.

14) Situations Vacant or Becoming Vacant

Role	Previous Holder	Comments
Results Officer	Alun Jones	Alun has been caretaking the role for the last 5 years, and was the lead for years before that, so we really need someone to step forward for that one.

15) Any Other Business

- a) SI and Computing kit (update provided by Alun Jones)
 - i. **Computers:** We bought two new laptops a couple of years ago, with the intention of buying one new one every two years. Alun agreed a few weeks ago with the then Chair and the Treasurer that we should go ahead and buy a new one. Alun has now ordered a new laptop, costing £379.
 - ii. **Eider radio control for road crossings and finish and other technical options:** Alun's information on the Eider radio control (from GPPProjects) and other technical options (Raspberry Pi etc) was discussed, including whether one was necessary at all. Neville, with his technical expertise, said we should use the Eider option. It was agreed that we should rent the Eider for 1 year and if successful/suitable we should consider purchasing the complete kit.
 - iii. **Buying extra SI stations:** Using the Eider system will require replacement of the current Finish stations with BSF8-SRR units (£190 each). The existing units and safety controls can be repurposed as extra forest stations. There is no urgency for purchase.

ACTION: Neville would discuss further with Alun

b) Condolences:

It was noted that Yvonne Hodson's husband had died recently – a note of condolence should be sent.

ACTION: John Dalton to organize.

c) Retirees from Orienteering:

It was agreed we should acknowledge formally people who were 'retiring' from orienteering and who had contributed greatly to the club over many years – e.g. Colin Duckworth, Martin Ricketts. A suitable presentation (also including permanent Social Membership) should be made to them.

ACTION: Peter Riches / John Dalton to decide and progress



d) **TVOC Facebook access:**

The admin access to Facebook would be reviewed.

ACTION: Peter Riches to progress

e) **Junior Training:**

Heidi was keen to have Junior Training events a week or two after a TVOC event using the same woods. Permission needed to be sought early – possible at the same time as the original requests. Heidi to note requirement.

f) **Vice- Chairman e-mails:**

Neville to note that e-mails for the Vice-chairman needed to be picked up.

g) **Purple Pen Planning software:**

It was agreed Purple Pen was regularly used by the Club and we should donate £150 this year.

ACTION: Janusz to progress – Post Meeting Note - complete

h) **Sponsorship for individuals attending overseas events:**

A document on the topic had been written previously. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

ACTION: John Dalton to note and add to agenda for July Meeting

i) **Event List**

It was suggested that the list of future events (Saturday Series/ Level C etc) should be in chronological order in one table, rather than split out into different sections.

ACTION: John Dalton to consider organising the next Agenda/Minutes with this format.

Date of next meeting:

To be confirmed as **7:30pm** on Tuesday 16th July 2024.

The meeting will be on-line. Login to be provided later.

Note that the meeting is open to all TVOC members.



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

Date	Location	Org	Planner	Controller	Mapper
2024					
29 Sep 24 Level C (NOT part of UKUL)	CONFIRMED: Thame Urban (Date had to be changed)	Neville Baker	TBC	TBC	Mike Shires / Bob Beresford
27 Oct 24	Oxford City Race	OUOC	OUOC	Ben Green	OUOC
19/20 Oct 24	Hodgemoor – transferred from Sat Series	TBC	TBC	TBC	Mark Thompson
22 Dec 24 or 4 th Jan 25, Level C	PROPOSED: Wycombe Abbey / Keep Hill / Deangarden	TBC	TBC	TBC	Bob will update WAS
2025					
06 April 25 Level B	CONFIRMED: Hambleden East – Chiltern Challenge	John Dalton	TBC	TBC	Mark Thompson
28 Sep 25 Level C UKUL? tbc.	CONFIRMED: Wantage Urban	TBC	Roger Thetford	TBC	Bob Beresford / Pattie Beresford
End Dec 2025 Level C	PROPOSED: Kingswood	TBC	TBC	TBC	Robin Bishop
2026					
2026 earliest	POSTPONED: Great Hampden	TBC	TBC	TBC	Mark Thompson / Bob Beresford
08 Mar 26	PROPOSED: Chiltern Challenge, Woodcote and Checkendon tbc.	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

ACTION: Neville to find some officials urgently where missing

2024

a) **CONFIRMED:** Urban Event, Thame (Sunday 29th September 2024, Regional/Level C.)

ACTIONS:

- Nev will organise.

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 extend slightly south and east.

Neville will organise.

ACTION: Nev will register the event for the South of England Urban League and find other officials.

b) Oxford City Race: OUOC event (Saturday 27th October 2024)

OUOC will ask TVOC for help if needed.

OUOC will do the map update themselves. Bob has provided OCAD access to OUOC to keep map continuity.



c) **CONFIRMED:** Hodgemoor (19th or 20th October Level C)

This has transferred from a Sat Series to a Level C to make use of Perkin Elmer parking before the site is closed.

Map: Mark will update the map.

Officials: Will be sourced by Peter/Neville.

d) **PROPOSED:** Wycombe Abbey / Keep Hill / Deangarden (Sunday 22nd December 2024 or 4th January 2025, Regional/Level C.)

It was still uncertain whether we can get permission for Wycombe Abbey School. It was suggested that a post-Christmas event rather than pre-Christmas might get better attendance.

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

2025

e) **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.

Mark Thompson has now updated the map, but more forestry work is planned in 2024. He will update again in February 2025 after the shooting season.

We still don't yet have a Planner for this Level B National event.

f) **CONFIRMED:** Wantage, Urban (28 Sep 2025. Urban / Regional/ UKUL Tbc / Level C)

The Town Council have granted permission for this event.

Roger T has offered to plan this event.

Bob and Pattie to do the mapping and desktop work has started

An organiser is needed.

g) **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

h) **POSTPONED:** Great Hampden (Date TBC Regional/Level C)

Access to Whiteleaf was not given for a Summer Series this year and access would not be allowed until Ash Dieback work is completed – realistically it would be 2026 before an event could take place..

Car parking still needs to be found – this may need to be 2 years in advance if farmers field is used.

The map will need updating after all the above.

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

The date has been proposed by Neville to Richard Sharp. Potentially it could be Southern Champs.

Woodcote has a new owner who seems open 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, or possibly Goring?

ACTION: Neville to investigate further



APPENDIX 2: Mapping Activities (Bob Beresford)

Last updated May 2024 – events have been put in chronological order.

Date of next event	Venue	Event Category	Terrain	Map Status	Mapper	Comments
Completed Events in Chronological order						
Postponed	Oxford Brookes - Urban	Sat Series	Urban	Needs updating - Construction work - not useable	Bob Beresford	Part of Oxford City map
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 Prowting John Farren/ Paul Eaton	Completed
9th March 2024	Shotover	Sat Series	Forest	Map partially updated		Completed, but map needs further updates.
24th March 2024	Penn&Common Woods+Penn Estate	Level B	Forest	Mapping completed end January. All Woodland Trust agreements in place	Bob Beresford / Rosie Walklin	Completed
21st April 2024	Hodgemoor	Level C	Forest	Mark is doing any further updates required	Mark Thompson	Completed
11th May 2024	Cuttesslowe Park, Oxford	Sat Series	Forest	Updated 2017 Martin Ricketts. Ben updated 2024	Ben Green	Completed
18th May 2024	Bernwood	Radio O	Forest	Last updated 2017 -Limited update 2024	Robin Bishop	Robin updated parts for Radio O and maybe Summer Series. EA LiDAR used to improve accuracy
Future Events in Chronological order						
15th June 2024	Oxford Uni Parks -Urban	Sat Series	Urban/Forest	UniParks/Science areas updated by Bob / Pattie Beresford	Bob Beresford	OUOC City Race 27th Oct 2024. Harry Stuart has OCAD access and is updating rest of main map
6th July 2024	Waddesdon	Scout Event	Urban/Forest	Assume only minor update	Andrew Chalmers	Updating for Scout event
9th July 2024	Brill	Summer Series	Forest	Updated summer 2022	Mark Thompson	Further updating with EA LiDAR to be done
13th July 2024	Park Wood	Sat Series	Forest	Map should be OK - used in Dec23	Mark Thompson	
29th 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)-georeferenced by Bob B. Date moved to 29th Sep
19th October 2024	Hodgemoor	Level C	Forest	Mark will do some vegetation updates	Mark Thompson	Date moved to use PE car park before it is closed
27th October 2024	OUOC Oxford City Race	Level C	Urban	Harry Stuart has OCAD access but has been updating main map using OOM.	Harry Stuart OUOC	Some technical issues converting OCAD to OOM and back again
16th November	Coombe Hill South	Sat Series	Forest	Used Oct 2022. Some map updates later in year	Andrew Chalmers / Rosie Walklin	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
22nd December 2024 or 4th January 2025	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 WAS only)	Confirm if Short courses in WAS only can use sprint map. Need Car Park (in town?) and School permission.
11th Jan 2025	Coombe Hill North	Sat Series	Forest	NT area 2022, WT area 2013?	Andrew Chalmers / Rosie Walklin	Awaiting permission for access to WT area and parking at station
22nd March 2025 tbc	Kingswood	Sat Series	Forest	Map will need some updating	Robin Bishop	Map needs some legend updates.
Feb/March 2025	Hill End	Sat Series	Forest	Updated 2019?	John Farren	Small area - Sat Series only
6th April 2025	Hambleden	Level B	Forest	Mark has updated the map	Mark Thompson/John Farren	Event confirmed
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
End Dec 2025	Kingswood	Level C	Forest	Map to be used March 2025	Robin Bishop	Map will need to be rechecked
8th March 2026	Woodcote/Checkenden	Level C	Forest	Last updated 1999/1992. Major update needed	TBC	BotP LiDAR available
2026 earliest	Great Hampden	Level C	Forest	Completed 2023, but will need remap after forestry work	Mark Thompson/Bob Beresford	Parking needs to be confirmed before event commitment. Latest on Whiteleaf- no access until 2025/6 because of ash dieback