

## **TVOC Strategy Meeting – Dec 2024 – report back to TVOC Chairman**

### **Background:**

As requested by the chairman, Peter Riches, a small team consisting of Bob Beresford, Mark Thompson, Paul Eaton and Neville Baker met to discuss the best way of setting out a long-term plan (say 3 years) for TVOC events, and how these can be scheduled and managed in terms of mapping.

### **Process and conclusions;**

The team reviewed the current TVOC area list and did a wide-ranging survey of all areas within the TVOC boundary, and some just in other neighbouring club areas, where the forest/parkland has not been used before.

TVOC currently only has 2 areas suitable for a level A event (Hambleton and Bradenham etc). There are no level A events planned for SCOA in the short term, so these 2 areas should be utilised for level B events.

Use of Level A (above) and level B areas (Christmas Common, Nettlebed, Penn Wood etc, Wendover, Checkenden/Woodcote) should be managed carefully. These areas should be a priority for mapping and should be set aside and not overused by lower level events. This should ensure a high level of attendance when these events are planned.

Once a level A/B event has taken place the area can be used for level C events the year after, and perhaps a level D event the year after that. This ensures that mapping resources are fully optimised. Thereafter the area should not be used for 3 years, so they would have a 4 or 5 year cycle.

Smaller areas are assigned to the Level D (Saturday Series) and will be split between Forest and Parkland. The courses offered will be commensurate with the terrain (no TD5 courses on Parkland). As these Level D events are more frequent, new areas, identified in the survey, should be added at the rate of at least 1 every year. Mapping these smaller areas could be a springboard for new mappers to learn and improve their expertise with OCAD (which is the only software to be used by TVOC mappers).

The team set out a plan for future events from 2025-2027 based on the above criteria, with some possible options for 2028. Many of the events for 2025 were already in place. Beyond 2025 there is significant uncertainty in the Level D calendar. It is hoped that a few new areas may be available for use. Which new areas become available will depend upon permissions progress, mapping resource, constraints, and somebody willing to champion certain areas.

The forward plan is shown in the Appendix.

It is proposed that a similar strategic team should meet on an annual basis to provide a rolling 3-year plan of events.

### **Next Steps:**

1. Once agreed with the Chairman, the plan should be shared with TVOC members, potentially in TVOC e-news. Any feedback can be reviewed by the team and amendments made to the plan if appropriate.
2. Outstanding actions in the Appendix will be progressed by the team.
3. A mapping meeting (with all current mappers) will be held early in 2025 to discuss how mapping for the planned events can be achieved in good time for each event.
4. The plans will be put into action, finding organisers/planners etc where not already found. In particular, appropriate car parking for the size of the event is a key requirement.

**RAB 31/12/24**

## Appendix:

Key for Mappers Initials: Bob Beresford – BB; Mark Thompson- MT; Andrew Chalmers – AC; Rosie Walklin- RW; John Farren – JF; Robin Bishop – RB; Mike Shires – MS; BG – Ben Green

### Proposed Level B/C Event Plan: 2025-2028

Except for 2025, it is proposed that per year TVOC put on one Level B, two Level C (forest), two level C (urban).

#### 1. Event Plan 2025: Level B/C

Area	Event Level	Event Date	Mapping Schedule	Mapper	Comment
Thame (urban)	C	5 Jan 2025	Completed	BB + PB	Postponed from Oct (ISSprOM 2019-2)
Hambleden	B	April 6 <sup>th</sup> 2025 (for Level B)	Feb/Mar 2025 update	MT	In good shape. Use for CC in 2025
Wantage (urban)	C	28 Sep 2025	Winter 2024 /2025 ongoing	BB + PB	New Area 1:4000 ISSprOM 2019-2
Common Wood	C	21 Dec 2025	Autumn 2025	BB+RW	Common Wood only, park in Penn Ind. Estate Bring date forward? Nev

#### 2. Event Plan 2026: Level B/C – not confirmed

Area	Event Level	Event Date	Mapping Schedule	Mapper	Comment
Witney/Cogges-extended (urban)	C	1 Feb 2026	Late 2025	BB	Needs updating to ISSprOM 2019-2
Christmas Common	B	CC 22 Mar 26	Winter 2025? (shooting tbc)	MT	Tree Barn parking too small? MT-LiDAR update
Shotover	C	May 2026?	TBC	MT/BB/RW?	Used Mar24 for Sat Series. Needs a remap.
RAF Halton	C	Sep 2026	Spring 2025	BB?	Open until at least 2027. Access - RAF clearance Use after 2025 SS.
Didcot/Ladygrove extended (urban)	C	6 Dec 2026	Early 2026	BB	Nev is confirming date

### 3. Event Plan 2027: Level B/C – possible options

Area	Event Level	Event Date	Mapping Schedule	Mapper	Comment
Nettlebed (preferred plan)	B	Feb 2027?	TBC	MT/BB(tbc)	Parking/Bussing?
Christmas Common	C	2027	Minor updates	TBC	Proposed C for 2027, after Level B in 2026
Bicester N West & East (urban)	C	2027	2026	Mike Hampton (OD)? TBC	New Map- ISSprOM 2019-2. Proposal to outsource mapping.
Abingdon – full map (urban)	C	2027	2026	BB/PB to check	Should be minor updates
Cornbury Park+ Wychwood	B/C	2027	2026	TBC	BB to check LiDAR if suitable for B or C
Marlow (urban)	C/D	2027	TBC	BB	New area–BKO happy. Permission/map.
Wendover	C	2027	Map needs update - TBC	TBC	Sat series in Nov 2025 cancelled.
Great Hampden, Whiteleaf	B to C?	2027 earliest	Winter 2026? (shooting)	MT/BB	MT to contact re Ash dieback –Whiteleaf. Car Park? UNLIKELY

### 4. Event Plan 2028: Level B/C – possible options (speculative)

Area	Event Level	Event Date	Mapping Schedule	Mapper	Comment
Park Wood, Bradenham, Naphill, Downley, Hughenden	B	2028	Early 2027	MT/BB	Hughenden/Downley remap. Permission for these needed too.
Watlington Hill & Shirburn Wood	C?	2028	TBC	TBC	New Area – need permission/parking/map. Speculative.
Hodgemoor	C	2028	Completed	MT updated	Just used Oct 24. Parking issues – Caravan Park?
Coombe Hill N&S	C	2028	2027- minor	MT/RW/AC	Used separately 2024/5. Can be combined.
Nettlebed	C	2028	TBC	MT/BB(tbc)	Proposed C after level B in 2027?
Thame (urban)	C	2028	Minor update	BB	Used 2025
Wantage (urban)	C	2028	Minor update	BB	Used 2025

### 5. Further to the above, other areas that may be suitable for level B/C events

Checkenden, Woodcote	B	TBC	Complete remap needed	TBC	Parking issues. Last used 1992/1999.Uncertain?
Grove(urban)	C	TBC	TBC	BB	Previously used 2016. update required.
Aylesbury (urban)	C	TBC	TBC	MS?	New map
Carterton (urban)	C	TBC	TBC	TBC	New map

## Proposed Level D Event Plan: 2025

### 6. Event Plan 2025: Level D – Sat Series/Park O

Area	Event Level	Event Date	Mapping Schedule	Mapper	Comment
Coombe Hill N	Sat	11 Jan 2025	Complete	MT/RW	Ash dieback in the N with OOB areas
Kingswood	Sat	1 Mar 2025	TBC	RB	Used Nov 2023
Hill End	Sat/Park	22 Mar 2025	2019 updated	JF	Used 18 Jan 2020
Cuttleslowe	Sat/Park	17 May 2025	TBC	BG/BB	Convert to OCAD. Used May 2024
Uni Parks	Sat/Park	14 Jun 2025	Apr 2025	BB	Minor Updates - Used Oct 2024 for City Race
Wittenham Clumps	Park	12 Jul 2025	Spring 2025	MT/RW?	Only path access allowed in woods
Waddesdon Manor	Sat/Park	13 Sep 2025	TBC	AC	Minor map updates?
Deangarden and Keep Hill	Sat	4 Oct 2025	TBC	TBC	Assumes Wycombe Abbey not available
RAF Halton+ nearby Wood	Sat	15 Nov 2025	Spring 2025	BB?	Assumes access is OK and map updated
Brill Common	Sat	13 Dec 2025	TBC	MT	BB to do contours

### 7. Potential areas for future Level D - Saturday Series/Park O events after 2025. (Listed in order of likelihood)

Area	Event Level	Event Date	Mapping Schedule	Mapper	Comment
Abingdon South Park or Abbey Meadows	Sat/park	2026	2026	BB/PB (A4 size)	Start in south. Map used Sep 23. Minor updates
Oxford Brookes	Sat/park	2026	2026?	MS	Building Work – until 2025
Bagley Wood	Sat	2026?	TBC	BG?	BG written to St Johns with informal enquiry.
Uffington White Horse Hill	Sat	2026?	TBC	TBC	New Area – need permission (PE) /parking/map
Downley Common + Hughenden	Sat	2026?	2026	BB/MT	S end of Bradenham. Remap needed. Several permissions needed.
Bedgrove (Aylesbury)	Sat/park	TBC	TBC	MS?	MS says feasible New area – Permission/map.
Buckingham Park (Aylesbury)	Sat/park	TBC	TBC	MS?	MS says feasible New area – Permission/map.
Watermead (Aylesbury)	Sat/Park	TBC	TBC	MS?	MS says feasible New area – Permission/map.

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 (Listed in order of likelihood) **(Continued)**

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Henley/Marsh Meadows	Sat/Park	TBC	TBC	TBC	New area – Permission/map.
Bury Knowle Park	Sat/Park	TBC	TBC	PE	New Map – extended from Oxford City map (proposed 1:2000 with ultrasprint)
Harcourt Arboretum	Sat/Park	TBC	TBC	TBC	Possibility that previously approached TVOC?
Port Meadow - Oxford (Nature Reserve – check)	Sat/Park	TBC	TBC	TBC	Old OUOC 2004 map
Bernwood	Sat	TBC	TBC	TBC	Needs major remap. Last used 2013 for SS. Limited car parking. Previously parked c40 cars on forest track.
Wallingford+ Castle	Sat/Park	TBC	TBC	TBC	Permission & Cattle? PE to follow up
Tring Park	Park	TBC	TBC	TBC	PE to follow up
Hawridge and Cholesbury	Sat	TBC	TBC	AC?	Low Priority. Extensive brambles? AC to check
Ivinghoe Beacon	Park	TBC	TBC	TBC	On HH map so unlikely?
Blenheim	Sat	TBC	TBC	TBC	Cost /access. PE to check. Low priority

**8. Other areas considered**

The following areas were considered and discounted for various reasons:

Big Wood; Kilkenny Lane Country Park; Chesham- Lowndes Park; Gerrards Cross Common; Green Park; Aston and Crowell; Wormsley; Chilterns Open Air Museum +Newnham