



TVOC Club Meeting: Minutes Tuesday 19th May 2026

Meeting held online at 7:30pm.

Present:

Apologies for absence: John Dalton (Secretary), Janusz Holender (Treasurer), Bob Berestord, Pattie Beresford, Adam Poole, Marie-Anne Fischer

1. Matters Arising from previous Club Meeting

- a) Development Officer: TVOC WhatsApp community group

Idea: To create a WhatsApp TVOC Community within which other more specific groups can be created to allow for specific event/interest.

Action Complete: Closed

- b) Development Officer: Autumn night series on golf courses (Golf-O!)

Idea: To have a level D weekday evening night orienteering series in Autumn (after the clocks change) on golf clubs around the Thames Valley. Night orienteering events are put on at many golf courses around the country. Hannah and Paul want permission to contact golf clubs to investigate the possibility of having the event on their grounds.

This proposal is being progressed by Paul.

Ongoing

- c) Development Officer: TVOC Officers and Team Leaders

Hannah Redrup is planning to provide more information about the TVOC officers and team leaders (including photographs), either through the WhatsApp Group, or eNews. This should help to ensure that all club members recognise TVOC's officers and team leaders.

Ongoing

- d) Controller Course (Peter Riches)

Peter believes another Controllers Course would be helpful.

ACTION: Peter will discuss with Katy Stubbs.

Ongoing

- e) Organiser Course (Peter Riches)

Peter believes that an Organiser Course may help support club members to feel confident taking on the role of Organiser. **This will be within club activity.**

Ongoing

Peter also intends to take the responsibility for permissions from Organisers. However, he hasn't been able to find a volunteer to take such a role on.

ACTION: Peter to progress. This will be within club activity.

Ongoing



2. AGM Wednesday 17th June: Note change of date

Arrangements for the forthcoming AGM

The Agenda has been published to members in each edition of eNews since the 1st of May 2026.

Planning is ongoing to hold the meeting in Thame at The James Figg following the Summer Series Event (Adam Poole).

The event will be a 45 minute score commencing at 18:30, with the aim of all runners having completed by 19:45, they will then be able to order food and the AGM can commence as soon as possible after runners are back.

Action: Adam Poole to confirm venue.

Action: Paul Eaton to update event sign up.

3. Proposal - free entries for juniors for TVOC events (Alun Jones)

Background

We want to encourage juniors to join TVOC and to come to our events. They are the future lifeblood of the sport, and we need them if we want the club to perform well at YBT and CSC matches. Juniors will also bring their parents to events, many of whom will also then contribute to the club.

Proposal

That we offer free entry to our events for juniors who are members of TVOC. (Juniors for this purpose defined as anyone aged 18 or younger on 31st December of the year of the event, so for this year's events, born in 2008 or later). Ideally this will include free SiAC hire.

Robin Bishop is currently determining the best way to implement this in SiEntries, whether by a special code or other means.

Cost

Taking the Cutteslowe Saturday Series as an example, there were six TVOC members who would have qualified for free entry. One of those was a helper so had free entry, one had their own dibber and two entered after the price rise. So total entry cost is £18, equivalent to about 25p on a senior entry. And at the Chiltern Challenge, there were 11 TVOC members who would have qualified for free entry, one of whom was a helper.

Discussion.

Would such an option cease to encourage youngsters to help, as this has been a good route for other juniors to subsequently get volunteer awards from BOF.

Could juniors over 10 only get a free run if they help to overcome the above.

It was debated that a simple process is required, but issues of SiAC hire and mapping costs need to be considered.

Decision:

Free entries for TVOC juniors at TVOC events.

Proposed: Peter Riches

Seconded: Jon Wheatcroft

Carried

Action: Robin Bishop to look at how this is to be achieved.

4. Recent Club Successes

Junior success in Yvette Baker Trophy (see below)



5. Juniors Update (Paul Taylor)

The TVOC Junior Squad has successfully qualified for the National Final of the inter-club Yvette Baker Trophy (YBT) for juniors for the sixth year in a row, as a result of competing in a regional heat at Castle Hill Country Park, on the northern outskirts of Leicester, on the 26th April.

Thirteen TVOC juniors (and their families) made the journey north to Leicester on Sunday to compete on the Yellow, Orange, Light Green and Green courses for the YBT qualifying heat. For six of our juniors this was the first time competing for the Junior Squad. They all did really well, with everyone successfully finishing; and no mis-punches.

The YBT Final will be hosted by Swansea Bay Orienteering Club (SBOC) at Penllergaer Valley Woods, on the northern outskirts of Swansea, South Wales, on Saturday 4th July. This will be a great opportunity for all juniors in the club who can undertake at least a Yellow course on their own to have a go and represent TVOC.

I am now in contact with parents to understand which juniors will be able to participate, and will complete the entries in the third week of June.

Chair Comments:

The Chair on behalf of the club wishes to thank all those involved in making this work, from Paul Taylor bringing it all together, the parents for their help and support and the juniors themselves for an outstanding result

6. Past Events

a) Chiltern Challenge, Christmas Common, Sunday 22nd March

Event went exceedingly well, all seemed to enjoy the experience.

Excellent mapping work by Mark Thompson, Bob and Pattie Berrisford.

Mr A Ingram and his farm manager were exceptionally helpful.

b) Level C and Saturday Series event, Shotover, Saturday 11th April

Attendance was disappointing but may be due to being a Saturday event.

Courses and maps were well received. Well done to Rosie Walkin on her map.

c) Saturday Series, Cutteslowe, Saturday 9th May

Well attended event.

A control was lost, but gripples should be considered particularly for Sunnymead in future. A replacement is to be procured.

Action: Neville Baker to purchase replacement control.

d) Thames Valley Street Series (TVSS)



Positive series so far.

7. `Event Diary for 2025, 2026 and into 2027:

See the TVOC web site for all events being publicised by TVOC:

<https://tvoc.org.uk/events/>

See the following new document for a list of all TVOC events planned:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yE9dOTLr5WVte8rTLBBYIaKaPkAhkG57SiN7TguBd2s>

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

Peter started by commenting that the 2026 programme is now very largely complete. The Mapping and Event Planning group will focus on 2027 at their next meeting. Peter said that he has had some welcome offers of help for planning and organising.

See below that the events tabled for RAF Halton have now been cancelled through failure to get landowner permission.

a) Any concerns or comments about the current TVOC Event Diary?

Alun Jones provided the following input into the meeting:

The following events are at risk (**events in bold** at severe risk) of cancellation:

- **Didcot Ladygrove Urban** on Sunday 27 September 2026 - no Controller, no land permission
- **Witney Cogges Urban** on Sunday 15 November 2026 - no Organiser, no Controller
- Shotover on Sunday 7 March 2027 - OUOC organiser, no Controller, no land permission or parking (though these latter two issues should not be problems)
- **Hodgemoor** on Sunday 23 May 2027 - no Officials at all, no land permission, no car park
- Bicester Urban on Saturday 16 October 2027 - No Organiser, no Controller, no land permission
- CompassSport Cup Final on Sunday 17 October 2027 - No Officials, no land permission or car park (though the latter two issues should not be problems)
- Chiltern Challenge on Sunday 20 February 2028 - No Officials, no land permissions or car park

Please give additional feedback **DIRECTLY** to Peter Riches.

b) Feedback from Mapping and Event Planning Group (Peter Riches)

c) Update on status of Mapping (Bob Beresford)

Recent past events:

- Christmas Common – updated and new (NT) areas (Mark Thompson)
- Shotover- complete remap (Rosie Walklin)
- Cutteslowe- complete remap (Ben Green)

Future events 2026:

Level B/C:

- 27Sep26: Didcot/Ladygrove – extend if time permits (Bob Beresford)



- 8Nov26: Witney/Cogges being extended – desktop at present. (Bob Beresford)

Sat series:

- 13Jun26-Uni Parks – using OUOC/TVOC map with maybe a few updates (Bob Beresford)
- 11Jul26- Oxford Brookes – using OUOC/TVOC map with some updates (Bob Beresford)
- 12Sep26- Waddesdon – Remapping underway (Andrew Chalmers)
- 10Oct26- Wittenham Clumps – Minor check (Rosie Walklin)
- 21Nov26- Brill Common- Minor check (Mark Thompson)
- 12 Dec26- Hill End – done - used in Mar26

[Note: Limited updates (made by BB, MT, RW) to Wendover map for British Squad selection race on 21Jun26, which has caused several issues for our CSC Final in October 2027]

Future events in 2027

Level B/C:

- 7Mar27- Shotover – map minor check, used in April 26 (Rosie Walklin)
- 21Mar27: Nettlebed/Bix major update completed this year with checks to be done in Feb/Mar2027 (Bob Beresford/Mark Thompson)

8. Treasurer's Report (Janusz Holender)

Finances are under control, no concerns

Our annual financial report is being reviewed by an independent auditor.

9. Other Officers' Reports

- a) Chairman:
- b) Secretary:
- c) Captain:
- d) Clothing Officer: (Rachel Banham is stepping in as Clothing Officer on an interim basis)

10. SCOA (Peter Riches)

No meeting has taken place.

11. Any Other Business

Motor Mileage (Peter Riches)

Proposal that our mileage rate for volunteers including guest controllers etc should be increased to 45p.



Proposed: Chris Poole

Seconded: Jon Wheatcroft

Carried

Date of next meeting:

Meeting to be confirmed as 7:30pm on Tuesday 21st July 2026.

The meeting will be online. Login to be provided later.

Note that the meeting is open to all TVOC members.