



## AGM 2022 Chairmans Report

Welcome everyone to the 2022 Wimborne Orienteers AGM

I have a difficult job following on from Andy's excellent chairman s report last year.

### First of all, the difficulties

We have been trying to find an area to host the 2025 British Championships. We had identified an area which had been mapped by Southampton O club which they were willing to lend us, only to find out the New Forest authorities would not grant permission for such a large event. We then explored the possibility of using Bovington Army Training Area, which for a time seemed possible, only to find we are so low on the priorities list of users that we could plan the event, with all the work and costs involved, and then have the event cancelled in the days leading up to the competition. A chance that was not worth pursuing.

We have also had problems trying to regain access to Ibsley, an area we have orienteered on for 40 years. The National Trust is now quoting reasons of HRA (Habitat Regulations Assessment) that is needed as it is an area of (SACs) Special Areas of Conservation and (SPAs) Special Protection Areas and they do not have the resources to carry this out. We will now have to look at further options.

As we all know we are still recovering from the pandemic. The committee is now back to meeting in person rather than the zoom meetings we previously had and events are now starting to get back to the level we used to run, although with more urban than forest.

### Looking forward

We have the traditional Boxing Day Canter at Ringwood North with a mass start to look forward to and then The British Night Orienteering Championships at Moors Valley on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February when we will need most of the club to help run the event. To encourage all our members to help we are looking at offering a free hot meal in the event centre as it is likely to be a cold night.

We are also looking at planning a Euro City Urban race in the centre of Bournemouth in early June on a brand-new map.

The WSX night league is in full swing with 18 events planned this winter, luckily not all by us and a Summer League is planned again for next year.

A Club Christmas dinner has also been arranged again. (Thanks to Trevor)

We also I am sure as a club like to send our best wishes to Mike Kite who fell while orienteering in the Quantocks and is now waiting for an operation on the tendons in his leg. We hope he recovers soon. Mike has been a member for many years, is the producer of the club Waffle on the website and has planned, organised and mapped many of are areas.

### Now to the successes

Due to the success of the Caddihoe event last year at Godshill we donated as you can see in the treasurer's report over £1000 to charities.

In 2021/22 club members achieved the following excellent results in very different competitions.

Grace French - winner of the British Schools Championships Class - year 9

Chris Branford - who won the Wimborne Orienteers 2021 Club Championships at the November Classic although It was a very tight competition at the top of the table with Kirsty Staunton missing out by effectively one second running on the same course as Chris.

Wimborne Orienteers - 11<sup>th</sup> in the UK Orienteering League. Our best result ever.

### **Southern Championships**

Grace - 1<sup>st</sup> in W14, Harry Bratcher-Howard 1st in M14,

Monty Bratcher-Howard 3<sup>rd</sup> in M12

### **Compass Cup**

We came a very acceptable 2<sup>nd</sup> in our qualifier with the final having just recently been held in Scotland.

Next year's Compass Cup event we have a qualifier at Holmsley on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January and the final close by in Coleford. We hope that we can get most of the club to run and we qualify and go on to win the final, something I believe we have never achieved, 2<sup>nd</sup> place being our best.

### **British O Champs**

Mike Christopher M65S (1st) Keith Henderson M80 (1st)

Alice French W12A (2nd) Elizabeth Horsler W20 (2nd)

Hilary Pickering W65S (3rd) Gillian Cross W70S (3rd)

Caroline Christopher W70S (5th)

### JK Results

Sprint

Chris Branford 1<sup>st</sup> M75      Keith Henderson 1<sup>st</sup> M80

Day 2: Middle

Alice French 1<sup>st</sup> W12A      Annie Pickering 2<sup>nd</sup> W21L

Day 3 Long

Keith Henderson 1<sup>st</sup> M80      Annie Pickering 2<sup>nd</sup> W21L

Relays

WIM Wanderers, (Paul Pickering, Tamsin Horsler & Jo Pickering) won the Mixed Ad Hoc class, 1st out of 48 teams.

PreO

Richard Keighley 1<sup>st</sup> PreO Elite P Class

### Caddihoe Weekend

The weekend of 17th/18th September saw the Caddihoe weekend host the 2022 Southern Champs, SW Long Distance Champs and SW Middle Distance Champs.

WIM had a good turnout, with plenty of runners in the top 3 places:

		Southern Champs	SW Long Distance Champs	SW Middle Distance Champs
Tristan McCreddie	M10	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Edward Harvey	M10	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Monty Bratcher-Howard	M14			2 <sup>nd</sup>
Harry Bratcher-Howard	M16		3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>

Robin Mills	M55			3 <sup>rd</sup>
Chris Branford	M75	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Keith Henderson	M80			1 <sup>st</sup>
Alice French	W12	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Grace French	W16	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Vicky McCreadie	W40	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Nicola Harvey	W50			3 <sup>rd</sup>
Karen French	W55	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Kath Pike	W55		3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Sue Hands	W70		3 <sup>rd</sup>	

WIM (Chris B, Lynn B & Jim Graham) won both the overall and veteran SWOA Summer Relay Series (potentially the last one ever!) with wins at both Furrow Hoppers & Hardy events

And last, and apologies to anyone I have missed in event success, I won an IOF Bronze medal at the World Masters Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships sprint event in Bulgaria recently.

Its really nice to see new names appearing in our list of successes, Congratulations to all, and Congratulations to all who have run in an event this year as we hope Orienteering is an all-inclusive sport and taking part and achieving is reward in itself.

Thank You to the Committee for the last year and for those continuing to be on the committee. One person who is standing down is Eamon Staunton as he feels that the committee should always be changing, a bit like No 10, as its good for new ideas so thank you to him for his involvement.

Also, I would like to say a special thank you to Kath Pike who has kept us up to date with all the things happening in the club through Mail Chimps.

Kevin Pickering

Chairman- Wimborne Orienteers 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022