

WIMBORNE ORIENTEERING MINUTES OF THE 57th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 10 October 2025

HELD AT: Holt Village Hall

Present

Kath Pike (Chair), Karen French (Treasurer), Vicky McCreadie (Secretary), Dick Keighley, Rob Mills, Chris Branford, Lynn Branford, Grace French, Tom Alcock, Hilary Pickering, Trevor Bridle, Madeleine Bridle, Keith Henderson, Pete Akers, Kirsty Staunton, Di Tilsley, Andy French, LJ Evans, Justin Aspland-Monger, Debs Mays

Apologies for Absence

Tamsin and Steve Horsler; Jo and Lawrence Shaw, Mike and Mary Kite, Paul and Annie Pickering, Simon Branford, Stu McCreadie, Linda Pakuls, Nicola Harvey, Philip Harvey, Eamon Staunton, Kevin Pickering, Keith Henderson, Becca Ewing, Alice French, John Tilsey, Russell McCreadie

The minutes of the 56th AGM were accepted and signed as a true and accurate reflection.

Approved Dick Keighley 2nd Justin A-M

1. Chair's Report

Dedication to one of our longest serving members, John Warren, who passed away in Mar 25 and a 1-minute silence was held to remember him.

The Chair gave an overview of the past year with her full report in Appendix A.

Summary: Successes of clubs inc juniors up to England level and talent squads; held different styles of events including Purbeck Challenge and MTBO Champs, and various club members successes.

Thank you to all those who organised events throughout the year.

Summer League format was very successful, and results were read out.

Thank you to Mike Kite for running Waffle on the website which is about to be archived.

Special thanks to Vicky McCreadie as she steps down from the committee as Secretary.

2. Treasurer's Report

The income and expenditure can be found in Appendix B.

The club's current bank account holding is £8174.86

Income: 11994.74

Outgoing: £13692.15

Largest expenditure: Affpuddle Mapping

Pay for club members insurance of £502.75

Maprun has a fee and levies so don't make any profit on the summer league so break even and will retain cost for next years league. Keeping fees low to encourage more people to come.

Biggest income is club membership.

Paid for 1 coaching course.

Open to suggestions on how to spend the money in the future.

Proposal for Committee from the floor:

3. Election of Officers

Chairperson: Kath Pike. Nominated Vicky McCreadie; Seconded Andy French. Nomination uncontested, unanimously carried.

Treasurer: Karen French agreed to continue as Club Treasurer, nominated by Justin A-M seconded by Tom Alcock. Nomination uncontested, unanimously carried.

Secretary: Tom Alcock. Nominated Lynn Branford, 2nd Rob Mills. Nomination uncontested, unanimously carried.

Club Captain: Tom Alcock. Nominated by Vicky McCreadie; Seconded by Rob Mills. Nomination uncontested, unanimously carried.

IT and Equipment manager: Andy French.

Safeguarding officer. Kath Pike.

Fixtures: Rob Mills

Committee members:

Kevin Pickering

Debs Mays

Junior rep: Grace French

Life member –Trevor Bridle, Emily Kale, Helen Bridle, Chris Branford, Richard Keighley

All members unanimously voted in. There are 2 spaces on the committee if other club member are willing to volunteer.

4. Club Fees for 2026

It is recommended that club fees remain as they are. £5 for adults and £1 for juniors.

Unanimously agreed.

5. AOB

Archives found in John Warrens house and would like to be transferred to store.

Wimborne shirts are available

Christmas Meal: TBC

SWOA AGM on Tues 21st Oct via Zoom

AGM closed at 2020hrs Friday 10 Oct 2025

Meeting was followed by a buffet and a talk from Rob Mills about the struggles of access and permissions.

Chair's Statement

WIM AGM 2025 Chair's Report

I would like to begin with a short tribute to one of our longest serving members, John Warren, who sadly died in March.

John Warren was a member of WIM orienteers for many years, first taking part in the Boxing Day Canter in 1976 and continuing to participate in orienteering for as long as he was able. He was a long-standing committee member, both in WIM and in SWOA, and was a mapper for WIM for many years. John took on many official roles at events, he was a Grade one controller and controlled several regional events and day 1 of JK 2013.

John was made a life member of WIM in 2016 and awarded the British Orienteering Silva Award in 2018 for his significant contribution to the development of orienteering. His obituary was published in the June 2025 edition of CompassSport and I would like to quote from that some of John's words after receiving his Silva award:

'Volunteering hasn't been so much of an effort, it has mostly been a real sense of satisfaction and I hope that in a small way our volunteering has contributed to a lot of people having enjoyable experiences , taking part in a sport we love.

I would ask you, if you are able, to stand for 1 minute's silence to remember John.

Thank you

One of the most important aims of our club is to offer competitive opportunities in Orienteering, and I would like to thank all the members who have volunteered in order that we could host a range of events including a SWOL event at Godshill, the Gillingham urban (UKUL, UKOL, SEUOL), the SW Sprint Championships as well as various events for the WRNL and our WIM/WSX Summer league, some of which were also 'come and try O' opportunities.

This year, as well as our more traditional orienteering events, we have also hosted a couple of events in less familiar formats:

Saturday 15th Feb saw the inaugural Purbeck Hill Challenge take place. Co-organised by Rob Mills and Bruno Smith of WSX and planned by Chris Turner, the format of the event was a long distance walk/run navigating on a 1:25,000 map between checkpoints. At various points during the event, competitors had to swap to detailed orienteering on a 1:10,000 or 1:7,500 map, including orienteering around Studland Dunes. There was an excellent report of the event in the April edition of CompassSport, which will hopefully inspire even more people to take part in the 2nd Purbeck Challenge on Feb 14th 2026.

More recently, WIM members assisted with the MTBO Champs in Moors valley. Organised by Kevin Pickering, the event was very successful with competitors from Australia, New Zealand, Belgium, Portugal, Latvia and Sweden attending with others

from across the UK. There were around 60 riders out at each race competing for the British Championships and racing in the World Masters League. All riders seemed to enjoy the terrain, courses and the challenges these gave.

Now to have a look back at some of the achievements of club members since the last AGM.

Starting with the Juniors: As members of the SW Junior Regional Orienteering Squad, and thanks to their successes in the selection races, some of our juniors have attended training camps:

Monty – Hawkshead, Alice – Lagganlia, Grace + Harry - Gothenburg

Grace and Harry were reselected to the GBR Talent Squad and attended training for 4 days in the Lake District.

In competition, at the Interland Cup in March, England won with a team that included Alice, Harry and Michelle Spillar. Monty, Alice and Grace were part of the 3rd placed SWOA team at the JIRCS and Alice is running in the England team at the Junior Home Internationals tomorrow.

Also, in some very good news for the club, Harry has qualified as a coach.

Moving on to other, major, events. Apologies if I have missed anyone out.

Starting with the British Champs:

In the British Relay Champs the Dorset Delights comprising Alice and Grace French and Esk Medlock were 3rd in W18.

In the British Middle Champs, Mike Christopher and Sue Hands both came 3rd in M70 and W75 respectively

In the British Sprint Champs Alice came 3rd in W14 and Vicky McCreadie came 3rd in W40.

At the Southern Championships, Alice and Grace both won their age classes. Harry Bratcher-Howard came 2nd in M18 and Becca Ewing was 2nd in W35

In the Southern England Orienteering Urban League for 2024,

Karen French 2nd WSV

Chris Branford 2nd MHV

Sue Hands 2nd WHV

We also have an impressive number of SW Champions :

Long distance champions are Sue Hands in W75 and Gillian Cross in W80.

Sprint Champions

M18 - Harry Bratcher-Howard

M21 - Harry Stuart

M50 - John Oakes

W14 - Alice French

W40 - Vicky McCreadie

W55 - Karen French

Kirsty Staunton W65

Sue Hands W75

The SW middle Championship will be held on day 2 of the Caddihoe later this month, so we'll have to wait and see if we get any more champions there.

The Founders' Trophy for 2024 was won by Mike Christopher and the winners of the WIM Club League were Mike Christopher, Karen French, Harry Bratcher-Howard and Alice French.

Kevin Pickering is currently in Denmark for the final event of the World masters MTBO series where he will be awarded first place in the M70 category for the 3rd year running.

In the ever-popular WRNL, Harry Bratcher-Howard and Vicky McCreadie were first and 3rd respectively in the open category whilst in the age-graded category Kirsty Staunton came 1st and Chris Branford came 3rd.

And finally, we have once more been running our Summer League in conjunction with Wessex and our club captain has the results:

Open league: Karen French (Maprun), Vicky McCreadie (Physical+combined)

Age-graded: Harry Bratcher-Howard (Maprun + combined), Linda Pakuls (Maprun), Helen Hodge (Physical)

Just a couple more things...

If you have been on the Wim website recently, you will have noticed that, after 13 years, the Waffle website will close, with as much content as possible being transferred to the main website. Our thanks go to Mike Kite for all his hard work in maintaining Waffle and for making sure that the transfer goes smoothly and that the archives (which are well worth a look) are still available.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their hard work this year. Special thanks to Vicky McCreadie as she steps down from the committee as secretary.

WIMBORNE ORIENTEERS

Income and Expenditure 1 September 2024 to 31 August 25

| Ref | EVENTS | INCOME | EXPENDITURE | SURPLUS |
|-----|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Blandford Summer League | 189.34 | 128.12 | 61.22 |
| 2 | Blandford WNL | 572.67 | 435.35 | 137.32 |
| 3 | Boxing Day Canter | 1550.62 | 988.95 | 561.67 |
| 4 | British Schools Score | | 25.00 | -25.00 |
| 5 | Ferndown Map Run | | 99.60 | -99.60 |
| 6 | Gillingham Urban | 1878.65 | 1053.26 | 825.39 |
| 7 | Godshill | 2104.80 | 1477.63 | 627.17 |
| 8 | Gore Heath | 237.98 | 212.24 | 25.74 |
| 9 | Poundbury Summer League | 184.86 | 136.67 | 48.19 |
| 10 | Puddletown Summer League | 278.07 | 209.48 | 68.59 |
| 11 | Purbeck Challenge | | 451.90 | -451.90 |
| 12 | Ringwood Map Run | | 112.05 | -112.05 |
| 13 | SW Sprints Tidworth | 1871.56 | 1055.01 | 816.55 |
| 14 | WNL Inside Park | 204.33 | 173.58 | 30.75 |
| 15 | WNL Wimborne | 550.81 | 493.00 | 57.81 |
| 16 | WSL 2024 Map Run | 53.25 | 101.50 | -48.25 |
| | Result of Events | 9676.94 | 7153.34 | 2523.60 |
| | GENERAL EXPENSES | INCOME | EXPENDITURE | |
| | Affpuddle Mapping | | 2262.50 | |
| | Bank Charges | | 60.00 | |
| | Batteries | | 180.62 | |
| | BOF Coaching | | 310.00 | |
| | BOF Membership | 435.00 | | |
| | Club AGM | | 119.25 | |
| | Club Insurance | | 502.75 | |
| | Club Renewal | | 90.00 | |
| | Donation | | 300.00 | |
| | Engraving | | 37.50 | |
| | Entry Fees | 22.50 | 392.50 | |
| | Equipment | | 325.58 | |
| | OCAD | | 260.00 | |
| | Relay Fees | | | |
| | Safety Course | | 10.00 | |
| | Summer League | 742.80 | | |
| | Website | | 417.39 | |
| | WNL Entry Fees | 120.00 | | |
| | WNL Expenses | | 300.72 | |
| | Xmas Meal | 997.50 | 970.00 | |
| | Totals - General Expenses | 2317.80 | 6538.81 | |
| | Totals - Events | 9676.94 | 7153.34 | |
| | Total Income and Expenditure | 11994.74 | 13692.15 | |
| | Excess of Expenditure | -1697.41 | | |
| | Balance as at 1 September 2024 | 9872.27 | | |
| | Excess of Expenditure | -1697.41 | | |
| | Balance in Hand | 8174.86 | | |
| | Represented by:- | | | |
| | Bank Current Account | 8174.86 | | |
| | | 8174.86 | | |

The above receipts and payments accounts were approved at the Wimborne AGM on 10 October 2025 and signed by:

Secretary[Vicky McCreadie]

Treasurer[Karen French] Auditor.....[Trevor Bridle]