

**Wimborne Orienteers
Committee Meeting
Thursday, 15th January 2026 19:45
Verwood, Dorset**

Minutes of Meeting

Revision History

Rev	Date	Details
0	15/01/2026	Draft
1	08/04/2026	
2	16/04/2026	Approved with minor revisions in Committee meeting.

Distributed by email to

Andy French, Karen French, Debs Mays, Rob Mills, Kevin Pickering, Kath Pike

Posted on website

Present

Kath Pike	(Chair)	KaP
Karen French	(Treasurer)	KF
Tom Alcock	(Secretary)	TA
Andy French		AF
Debs Mays		DM
Rob Mills		RM

Apologies

Kevin Pickering (**KeP**).

The meeting was called to order at 19:55.

1 Minutes of last meeting – Thursday 13th November 2025

1.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by the Committee with no further comments or revisions.

2 Notices

There are no notices.

3 Treasurer's Report

3.1 Current Account balance £10,849.75.

3.2 Recent Events (see also 7):

3.2.1 WRNL Wimborne (15/12/25): +£95 surplus minus cost of hall.

3.2.2 Boxing Day Canter (26/12/25): +£1000 surplus minus Forest England invoice (not received yet) – projected surplus of +£750.

4 Juniors' Report

4.1 Alice F selected to compete for England on 11 March in Calais.

4.2 Selection race(s) for Alice F and Monty B-H coming up including JK in Scotland for both summer camps and the JHI.

5 Equipment & Website

5.1 We have regained some yellow stakes from WSX.

5.2 **Action: KeP** to buy gripple removers.

6 Welfare

6.1 **Action: KaP** to do BOF 3 hour welfare training course.

7 Past Events

7.1 Mon 15th December 2025: Wessex Night League – Wimborne

7.2 Fri 26th December 2025: Boxing Day Canter – Moors Valley

7.2.1 Due to the earlier closing date this year (previous years it has been left open until Xmas night) there were lots more spare maps than usual. Better messaging re entries closing date suggested to avoid this.

8 Future Events

8.1 Sat 14th February 2026: Purbeck Hill Challenge

Planner: Chris Turner; Organisers: **RM**, Bruno Smith; Controller: Ian Sayer

8.1.1 58 entries so far. We have plenty of maps (~100) so we can leave entries open indefinitely.

8.1.2 Volunteers are all sorted – great!

8.2 Sun 22nd February 2026: Compass Sport Qualifier – Bovington

Planner: Andrew Howard; Organiser: **AF**; Controller: Terry Smith

8.2.1 **Action: TA** to send email via Mailchimp to drum up participation and

volunteering of WIM members.

- 8.2.2 AF has sent out start times to SWOA club captains. **Action: TA** to allocate volunteers/start times (once responses for the above received).
 - 8.2.3 Do we need level B controllers for the jury? Note, we can't use own club members! **Action: KF** to canvas club captains for jury members.
 - 8.2.4 **Action: KaP** to gather details for colour coded courses and set up Racesignup page. The colours are red, yellow and blue. The prices are £14 senior / £7 junior. Note, the cut off day for these courses is Sunday 15th Feb.
 - 8.2.5 For the main competition, the entry fees are the same as above (£14/£7), regardless of competitive status.
 - 8.2.6 **Action: KaP** to configure discount code on Racesignup for Babcock employees - who are giving us free parking on their grounds.
 - 8.2.7 We are also running a "Come and Try It" course. **Action: KF** to plan yellow/score courses and sort parking spaces.
- 8.3 Thurs 26th February 2026: Wessex Night League – Alderholt
Planner/Organiser: **KeP**
- 8.4 April – September 2026: WIM/WSX Summer Series
Officials TBC
- 8.4.1 Please refer to previous minutes (13/11/25) for proposed list of fixtures.
 - 8.4.2 Entry fees will be £15 for Maprun season; £7 senior / £3 junior per event for physical events.
- 8.5 World Orienteering Week
- 8.5.1 WOW is held on 16th – 24th May 2026.
- 8.6 Sat 20th June 2026: Tidworth Urban
Planner: Chris Branford; Organiser/Controller TBC
- 8.7 Sun 13th December 2026: South West League – Godshill
Planner: Phil Harvey; Organiser TBC
- 8.7.1 The event is confirmed to be held on Sunday 13th December 2026.
 - 8.7.2 Godshill map should be updated before the event takes place. Phil Harvey is to remap the area for this event. Committee approval will be required once he provides a quote.

9 Mapping Updates

- 9.1 see 8.7.2.

10 AOB

10.1 Come and Try It events run by Dorset Council coming up in the Spring/Summer.

10.1.1 Saturday 11th April – Weymouth

10.1.2 Saturday 6th June – Durlston Country Park

10.1.3 Saturday 12th September – Poundbury

The meeting was adjourned at 21.30.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16th April 2026 at 19.45 in Verwood.

Tom Alcock – Secretary
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