

## **Barrow Orienteering Club School Link provides practical support**

The liaison between schools and club is very important for the development of orienteering in the Barrow area. For a long time now help has been given to the Chetwynde School pupils who attend Barrow Orienteering Club (BARRO) by coaches Fran Stone and Caroline Arnold. The club meets every week throughout the year and attends the LOC (Lakeland Orienteering Club) summer league as part of their orienteering development. In order to attend the LOC events the club needed a mini bus to transport the children to the different venues for competition on Wednesday evenings through the summer and the school kindly offered the use of their minibus.

With more and more school orienteering activities taking place in the Barrow area it provides the perfect introduction for children. The local club BARRO, which meets weekly at a sports club, then offers the opportunity for children and adults to further develop their orienteering skills and get involved with events in the surrounding area.

Dot Bowe, Primary school teacher at Chetwynde sees the importance of the link:

'We held our first inter-house orienteering competition for the juniors on Friday. 72 children took part. It was run like a primary sprint. They all enjoyed it and the result was very close so that made it even more exciting. Hopefully it will encourage more to come to BARRO's Wednesday night activities.'