

**Development Committee
Minutes
Saturday 30 January 2010**



The Board is asked to note:

**Item 6.2: Development Fund grants have been awarded to the following clubs:
CLYDE £4,100; LOC £1,500; MOR £2,000; POTOC £2,500; SELOC £2,000; TAY £2,465 and WOA £2,150**
For more details see below

Item 6.3: Development Committee intends to improve the application form for Development Fund grants so that clearer guidance is given on what will and will not be funded. In future, applications will be judged on how the project meets the development aims of the club in terms of increasing participation in the sport and the workforce which is needed to do this.

Item 7.1: There will be more Service to Orienteering awards before Easter. It is suggested that unsuccessful nominations for the annual Silva Award should be considered for Development Committee's Service to Orienteering awards in the future.

Attendance:

Ed Nicholas, Chair	Steve Buckley, NWOA
Arthur Vince, SWOA	Ian Webb, SCOA
Roger Scrutton, SOA	Derek Gale, EMOA
Peter Bylett, BSOA	Helena Burrows, WOA
Hilary Palmer, Development Manager	Mike Hamilton, Chief Executive
Richard Barrett, Participation Manager	Caroline Povey, Marketing Manager

Action

Apologies were received from the representatives of the following associations: NIOA, SEOA, NEOA, EAOA, WMOA, YHOA and from Scott Collier (SWOA) and Steve Vernon.

1 Opening remarks

EN welcomed everyone to the Development Committee, especially a new representative from EMOA and a substitute rep for Scott Collier (SWOA).

2 Declaration of Interest

Any outstanding forms should be completed and sent to the office.

All reps

EN, SB and DG (members of clubs concerned) and HB (as a potential, paid coach educator in Wales) declared that they had an interest in item 6 about the Development Fund grant applications

3 Minutes of previous meeting

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2009 were accepted as a true record.

3.2 All the Actions are all completed or in this meeting's agenda.

3.3 Matters arising: None which are not already on the agenda

4 Regional Input:

4.1 Good development news stories from the regions: See Appendix A

5 Board and Committees/Groups Conference Sept 2009: discussion on main points raised re this committee:

To improve communications – among committee and between committee and members:

- Possible discussions between meetings in sub groups which would then report back to main committee
- Use of google docs / google groups / BOF sharepoint to open up discussions
- Use of summary sheet of main committee decisions in news flash on BOF web site so as to draw attention of members to work and decisions of committee

To improve / focus strategic thinking of this committee:

- Possibility of setting aside certain committee meetings for longer discussions of strategic importance
- Direction from Board on generic ideas then developed by this committee
- It was suggested that Development Committee would find it helpful to hear of general issues re RDO team work in addition to actual work undertaken

Specific need for committee to have accounts for Development Fund; income and expenditure – to inform size of grants allocated. HP to talk to the Finance Manager / Treasurer about this.

HP / JB

6 Development Fund applications

6.1 Reports on previous grants: Reports were received from Mid Wales (POW) and West Anglian (WAOC). See Appendix B. It was accepted that WAOC were transferring their project from Huntingdon to Cambridge due to a mis-match in expectations between the club and the local partner.

6.2 New grant applications:

9 applications were received and there was considerable discussion on the merits of each application. Decisions were made as follows. In some cases the amount granted is less than was claimed:

- CLYDE: Granted £4,100. RS to support the club so that the grant will be focused on increasing participation in a definite part of the club's area rather than just providing SI kit and maps for events.
- DVO: application for grant towards replacement computer equipment rejected. It was felt that clubs must make provision for such items themselves.
- LOC: £1,500 grant as 'phase 1' of project towards the training of new mappers and the mapping of small areas in and very close to Kendal so as to enhance the weekly participation activities. Club to report back in 12 months. Any further grant will depend on results achieved. It was felt that the club should put some of their own funds towards this project as well.
- MOR: £2,000 towards electronic kit (emit) for increasing local school / club links activities. A very good

HP to contact all clubs re decisions and arrange for cheques to be sent to successful applicants

application but the committee will not fund transport for a one – off event.

- NOR: It was suggested that this application needs more detail re how/where/when the project will take place and will result in increasing participation. Possible resubmission with this detail for next round of applications.
- POTO: Good application with clear links to simple club development plan to increase participation. £2,500 grant awarded for mapping small areas for low key activities in the Stoke on Trent urban area.
- SELOC: £2,000 for SI kit linked to localised, regular activity sessions rather than ‘events’ – this is in line with strategic targets to increase participation.
- TAY: £2,465 grant awarded for school / club links targeted project linked to Park World Tour sprint race in September. RS to advise and support so that grant will be spent to meet increasing participation targets for the club not for ‘in school curriculum’ equipment.
- WOA: Grant £2,150 towards costs for volunteer training of new coaches, planners and controllers. NB WOA receives no sports council funding and has decided to put funds towards development projects in part of mid Wales where Croeso 2012 will take place.

6.3 Need for clearer criteria for Development Funds grants in future and for improved application form:

It was noted that there is little guidance to clubs on the nature of projects suitable for Development Grant applications, and that the criteria on which decisions will be made about grants are unclear. It was agreed that the application form needs changes to make clubs aware of what is required of their applications and how they will be assessed:

- the need for a project and its specific targets to fit into the club development plan.
- Clubs should also be advised that more of their own funds may need to be used as match funding for projects.

Committee discussion to take place via email or sharepoint in order to make these changes

7 Incentive Schemes

7.1 Service to Orienteering awards:

A new set of awards is almost ready to be announced. There was agreement that the committee would like to be able to give these awards to people who had been unsuccessfully nominated for the British

Orienteering Silva Award. HP to discuss logistics of this at the office.

The Board to be asked if unsuccessful Silva Award nominees may be added to Service to Orienteering nomination lists in future. EN

7.2 Event / Course Incentive Schemes:

CP is working on the design of downloadable certificates for the Navigation and Racing Challenges. As the web based results system is populated by club results members will automatically be notified on their individual log in that they have achieved an award. CP

7.3 Web Results: MH reported that the system has been set up and results which had been entered in 2009 by clubs into the ranking scheme have been reformatted and moved into the new results database.

7.4 Ranking System: SC reported that the new ranking system is now working on the web site. Information and all supporting documents about the Single Scale Ranking Scheme are available on the web site via the 'News' button > Major Topics.

7.5 Hilary Quick's suggested skills star awards: The committee had reviewed the suggestion from Hilary Quick (SOA) on a skills based star award scheme. It was felt that there could be confusion with the Navigation Award over the term 'stars'. As it is suggested that these would be awarded by coaches the committee decided that this should go to Coaching Committee for discussion re possible use.

8 Participation Project (England) Report from Richard Barrett & Steve Vernon

A detailed report re 2009 and 2010 Participation clubs is attached as Appendix C

RB reported that he and Steve are supporting the 2010 Participation clubs to set up their weekly activity sessions. Some are part of the Sport England 'Club & Coach' programme grant.

Other clubs had applied to be Participation clubs but were not included in the programme as they were 'events' rather than 'activity' focused.

The committee asked that the HE DO report(s) should be included in future meeting papers

9 Promoting Orienteering – publicity developments

CP reported that the BBC has launched an initiative called 'Thrillseeker'. Affiliated clubs can register their activities / events and all club fixtures and publicity officers have been set details of how to register. Alastair Mackenzie of CLOK has offered to maintain the database. Countryfile and Ceebeebies (string courses) will be involved in the campaign to get people out doing exciting activities, including orienteering.

10 Club of the Year Competition:

HP reported that 5 open clubs and 3 university clubs had entered and that the voting panels were now doing the scoring. Results would be known by February 12 and the top three clubs in each category will go forward into the CCPR's national Sports Club and University Sports Club of the Year competitions.

HP

11 Reporting and Actions:

Report to the Board – see front page of minutes

EN

Actions: see list below

12 Date and Venue of next meetings

The next meetings will be in Birmingham on 5th June 2010 and in Derby on 25th September.

All to note

13 Chairman's closing remarks

The Chair closed the meeting at 4.20pm by thanking everyone for attending and contributing to the discussions in such a positive way.

Action List

Item No.	Action	Person responsible	Status
2	Declaration of Interest forms should be returned to the office	All	
5	Ask JB to provide accounts for Development Fund	HP	JB will ask Treasurer to approve
6.2	Clubs to be notified re Development Fund applications JB to be asked to send cheques	HP	HP notified clubs.
6.3	Development Fund application form to be revised	HP and all	

7.1	Service to Orienteering awards – EN to ask the Board if unsuccessful Silva Award nominees may be added to Service to O nomination list later in the year.	EN	
7.2	Navigation & Racing Challenge certificates to be designed and available for downloading	CP	
11	EN to hold further discussions on Tony Carlyle’s paper re junior coaching camps.	EN	
12	EN to report to the Board	EN	
13	EN to check calendar and set September meeting date and notify committee	EN All to note dates	

Appendix A: Regional good news development stories:

BSOA:

1. British Orienteering and the BSOA are having discussions with the objective of working together to achieve a single schools vision

Both organisations wish to see faster and more comprehensive orienteering development in schools and beyond.

How can this be achieved?

- Improved recording of school/junior related enquiries via a database accessible to both organisations
- Reviewing the BSOA membership system
- By providing prompt and appropriate responses to enquiries including informing RDO’s, Regions, Clubs, as appropriate
- Looking at information sources available to schools and juniors including web based information.
- Reviewing BSOA’s current resources service to schools. Looking at what is offered, how it can be improved and how it can be better marketed in the future.

Both organisations recognise the need to discuss proposals with home nations, as appropriate.

BSOA will also need to inform its current members of any changes including any membership fee changes

This process will result in a new partnership agreement between BSOA and BOF

2. Orienteering control development

It has been evident from talking to schools, RDO’s and coaches that the orienteering controls available for work within schools and close areas are not really appropriate. Peter Bylett is developing alternatives including a small flat, multi purpose control that can be fastened to objects or secured on the ground. The controls are light, durable, can fold flat for storing and posting and can be marked using permanent marker pens. Samples available for discussion at the meeting.

EMOA:

Training Day 7th November 2009

The original request had been for a Planners and Grade 2 Controllers course but a decision was taken to offer several more courses on the same day, Grade 3 Planner, Organiser, Controller, Grade 2 Controller, Mapping, together with the first day of UK level 1 coaching course.

The only disadvantage the region found was that a couple of people wanted to attend more than one course but this was heavily outweighed by the advantages. Clubs were much more proactive as they were able to promote a range of courses and let members choose which course they went on. At least one club specifically targeted members and the chair wrote to people to ask them to attend; several members responded very positively to that request. There were a total of 44 participants on the day which was really good for such a small region.

The courses were staffed by members from most clubs in the region, sharing the expertise and the effort of organising the courses. This had the benefit of having to make only one venue booking, sharing of the controls in the forest by the planners and controllers, hence made less work for the course leaders.

The feedback was all positive, comments like 'gave me confidence', 'very informative – good to have a mix of theory and practical', 'practical exercises simple but effective', through to 'nice lunch'. A successful day was summed up by one club chairman, "this is what regions should be doing together, the day worked really well, sharing our knowledge and expertise for the benefit of our members".

Satellite Clubs

Three satellite clubs are up and running with the Buxton Hub now in its second year. Plans are well advanced for the remaining three satellite clubs to be established around Easter in Derby, Chesterfield and Bramcote (Nottingham).

Attendance at the three existing clubs Buxton, West Notts and Bassetlaw remains steady but further efforts will be needed to attract more members.

Other News

LEI continuing to do Grow projects, concentrating on parent and child. Many more seasonal mini leagues are being set up, particularly by LEI, but with the other clubs also setting up their own series. The use of SI kit has helped enormously in the volunteer manpower required for these as well as improving the enjoyment for the participants. Pressure is very high on our stock of SI kit for all these events so the clubs are looking for grants to expand the stock.

All these extra events and training sessions seem to be paying off as LOG got through to the Compass Sport Trophy final for the first time.

NWOA:

- **WCOC continues with weekly Tuesday evening activity sessions attended by approx 40 people each week out of a pool of 80 usual attendees**
- **BL – one of the local primary schools which attends BL sessions/events won a class at BSOC in November**
- **LOC: 2 centres of development – in Kendal and Ulverston. Coaches in the Ulverston area put on exercises for young people on a Wednesday which are repeated on a Saturday for other LOC members. Older school student Young Leaders are putting on sessions for primary schools in the Ulverston cluster of schools, mentored by local coaches.**

SCOA:

Katy Stubbs organised a Level 2 controllers course with 7 attendees

With their four newly-qualified Level 1 coaches, Thames Valley OC have been running a regular series of Saturday coaching events, primarily in the University Parks, Oxford. Coaching has also been offered at two local Saturday events. There has been a regular attendance of 10 participants at the Parks sessions, advertised as "Beginners Coaching" and over 40 non-club members attended the first of the Saturday events, many brought along as friends or groups by club members. Some newcomers from the university have also come along and since become more involved with the University Club.

The far larger numbers at the Saturday event caught our eye - it is thought that newcomers felt more comfortable attending the event with an existing club member, but this has only happened at the event as there was an opportunity for the club member to also go orienteering as well.

SWOA:

SWOA CLUB DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE November 2010 - CONCLUSIONS

[All SWOA open clubs represented except WSX, a Participation Scheme club.]

- Regular low key orienteering in urban areas is attractive to newcomers and will help increase club membership.
- Mountain Bike Orienteering is a growing sport. Nigel Benham (SARUM; BML Printers Ltd) can advise clubs interested in staging events.
- Identify volunteer roles and seek out new volunteers including people outside of orienteering to fill these roles. Appoint a Club Volunteer Co-ordinator.

QUANTOCK ORIENTEERS obtained a grant from Awards For All to develop their Junior Orienteering Group. The club was working with the local athletics club to give members (adult and junior) the opportunity of regular weekly sessions, integrated with QO club events. The grant enabled QO to run six local weekly events (leading into regular club events). These were staged at local schools, attracting a significant number of families (as compared to adults only), advertised via local press, schools and by word of mouth. The result was a significant increase in the number of families who have become regular attendees at club events.

A YOUNG LEADERS COURSE was held as a continuation of the Wavering Down Youth Orienteering Project. A final introductory day for North Somerset year 7/8/9 children will be held in March 2010.

LOCAL EVENTS held by WSX, WIM, SARUM cover all Saturdays in a month. Attendance is large enough to not drain club finances. Some events combined with Dorset Schools League (3 events per term). WIM has initiated summer fixtures used Sprint-O maps. WIM is also running a monthly "Learn to Orienteer" session based on a permanent course (helped by BOF Grow Participation grant). Participants are offered mentoring, free entry to a local event and fixtures information. Further grant from BOF will cover two further courses in summer 2010.

SOA:

- The National Centre at Glenmore has a full programme of courses for coaches, mappers, planners and controllers.
- A coaching workforce audit has been paid for by Sport Scotland – report recently received but not yet digested.
- SOA has been successful in renewing their Sport Scotland grant.
- Overall membership was up by 10% in 2009 with almost all clubs seeing an increase.

WOA: 3 of the 4 Welsh clubs are seeing increasing numbers of members. TROT has rejoined BOF and being supported by SBOC. Plans leading up to Croeso 2012 and going well and WOA intends to employ a development officer to work in the area close to where Croeso 2012 will be staged. WOA has applied to the Welsh Sports Council for funding – no response yet.

Appendix B: Reports from POW and WAOC:

POW Report for British Orienteering on Development Funding (awarded March 2009).

We were awarded the generous amount of £4000 in March 2009 following our plan for "**PDE**" (**POW Development and Expansion**). This was to purchase additional SI equipment and a laptop computer, following a Sports Council for Wales grant of £5000 earlier in the year.

We started 2009 with a total Membership of below 60. Following our most recent event last Sunday (17th January 2010) in Tal Y Bont, near Aberystwyth we are now up to 100 members. How has this happened?

2009 started with a "Development Day" run by WOA Chairman, Helena Burrows. Whilst I already had a vision for expansion, this day gave those that attended the inspiration and motivation to follow up the ideas put forward at the meeting. Following this, Club Chairman, Dave Brodie, formulated a Development Plan for the Club. Three of us organised three one-day Festivals for the Bro-Dyfi Primary Schools' cluster (60 attended); Llanfyllin Primary Schools' cluster (100 attended) and Llanfair Caerinion Primary Schools' cluster (100 attended) between March and early May. These Festivals were based at the respective local High school grounds (unfamiliar territory for the primary school children). Another of our members put on a 6-week course for pupils at Penglais High School, Aberystwyth prior to our CATI as well as a one-day (last week of term) event for years 7-9 at Ysgol Bro Ddyfi HS, Machynlleth.

With the SI equipment bought (in May/June) we undoubtedly moved (and long overdue) into the 21st Century.

We put on three CATIs during the year, one in each of the three counties we cover, i.e. at Gregynog in Montgomeryshire in March (before the equipment was available); the second at The Groe, Builth Wells (Radnorshire), the first time we used the SI hardware/software – met with brilliant enthusiasm from the pupils attending; and finally at Penglais Wood in Aberystwyth, N. Ceredigion. We ensured that we had a larger (more courses on offer) follow-up event close by a couple of weeks after each CATI. Publicity: The Gregynog CATI featured two weeks running in the County Times, The Groe featured an article before and a photograph afterwards in the Brecon & Radnorshire paper as did Penglais Wood in the Cambrian News.

Permanent Course: I have recently set up four courses (White to Light Green) around the grounds of the Broneirion Girl Guiding Cymru HQ at Llandinam, near Newtown. This will shortly be going on the BO Database and is to be made known to all the "local" schools as well as going on the Broneirion website. On each course information/details sheet the POW website is featured.

Two of our Members attended the BO Coaching Course (UKC Level 1) in the Summer and are now qualified. Coaching is now available at all our events.

Recognising the fact that many of our recently joined members are young families we have changed what courses we offer at our "Local" events. In 2009 we offered a Short (TD2/3), a Medium (TD4/5) and a Long (TD5). So in 2010 in order to provide a progressive development of our newer members, we are putting on a Yellow (TD2), Orange (TD3), Lt. Green (TD4) and a Blue (TD5). We will be holding ten Local events throughout the year (two of which will be Score events). In a similar vein we want to encourage newer members to begin to Plan (using the buddy system) and eventually take over from us "older" ones and so put on a Planners Course in September 2009 under the David May's (WOA Technical Officer) direction.

The SI equipment is enthusiastically received by the Planners and particularly the young family members we have. We have used the SI equipment at all our events since the start of June 2009. Consequently, I would like to take this opportunity to thank British Orienteering for its help and financial support and hope you feel that it has been a worthwhile investment.

Socials – apart from organised Social gatherings (mainly dinners) there are at most of our events the opportunity, for those that want to, to meet at the "local" pub afterwards.

What of the future? POW is hosting the Welsh Championship week-end (providing the Planners, Organisers and Helpers) to be held in the Aberystwyth area on 6th/7th March and are instigating the Welsh Middle Course Champs on the first day. On 16th March I am Organising & Planning the inaugural North Powys Schools Championships to be held at Gregynog (ideal with its path network, parkland and woods for putting on White to Green courses). I submitted a Community Chest application and am getting a generator and more SI cards in return for putting on the Schools Champs. Another application I submitted (Co-operative Community Fund) has funded a new Start Clock and Micro Banner for the Club. Recognising the need for future development, another Club member has put in an application to the Ceredigion Community Chest for funding for training for First Aid and Coaching - planning to offer small training events allied to our existing events for younger /new participants. Finally, I hope to put on a SI workshop for Club Members in the future on its many functions.

Bill Marlow
SI Co-ordinator

West Anglian Orienteering Club: Huntingdon Participation Project

The purpose of this note is to report to British Orienteering about progress to date on the Huntingdon Participation Project, which began in May 2009 with substantial financial support, namely £3,000 each from Living Sport, the organisation for promoting sport in Cambridgeshire, and the BOF Development Fund.

The project involved two series of evening training sessions in Huntingdon culminating in events; high-quality mapping for two major events in Huntingdon (one urban, one in a country park); and a follow-up series of low-key events with coaching; plus associated equipment, publicity etc.

Progress to date

In summary:

- one excellent map has been made and will be used for a Town Race in Huntingdon on Saturday 20th March 2010, in the Nopesport League;
- one series of evening sessions has been held, with good attendance at the introductory and culminating events but disappointing numbers at the evening sessions (despite advertising);
- events have been held as promised within 45 minutes drive of Huntingdon, but only one of these was additional to our normal list;
- some liaison with schools has occurred, but no formal links – and as yet no satellite club;
- some progress has been made in providing introduction to orienteering in local schools, but this was really peripheral to the main Project, and little progress has been made with coaching within the Project itself.

Finance to date

Budgeted and actual expenditure so far on the BO component of the Project are as follows:

	Budget £	Expend so far, £
Evening training sessions		
Coach	500	450
Premises	380	142
Consumables	100	-
Low key and local events		
Plan and organise	900	[committed +150] 49
Coaching	500	-

Training kites, punches	160	145
Training wands for SI	497	523
Total	£ 3,037	£1,309

Receipts for the various expenditure can be provided if required.

Outlook

The ISSOM map of Huntingdon centre, made by Graham Gristwood after a tendering process, proved dearer than expected, so there is simply not enough money remaining from the Living Sport grant (not all yet received) to pay for the proposed new map of the Country Park and adjacent School – and liaison with the School is not yet fully established.

In view of the disappointing attendance at the evening sessions, there is very little enthusiasm within WAOC for continuing in Huntingdon – so it is proposed not to put on the second series of evening sessions in Huntingdon, but to try something similar elsewhere, probably in Cambridge where the majority of WAOC members live. We would continue to provide events in Huntingdon as the culmination of any further coaching sessions in schools provided by Josh Jenner or others.

We are in discussion with Richard Barrett of BOF about a 'Club and Coach' initiative in Cambridge, and it seems likely that the Club's energies will be devoted to that over the next year or two. This initiative might well be combined with the second evening-session series re-located from Huntingdon.

22 January 2010

Chris Morley, Chairman WAOC

Appendix C: Participation Managers' report:

We are now starting our third year of Club Participation Projects and most of the 'participation clubs' from the previous 2 years now have a successful weekly satellite club up and running. All of the 2009 clubs have worked extremely hard in establishing their weekly satellite and yet again we have learnt a lot about what makes a successful satellite in terms of who, when, where and how?

Richard Barrett is now part of the British Orienteering staff team and is working with the clubs in the South of England. Steve Vernon continues to work with clubs in the North of England. Below are brief details on the 2009 projects (extensive detail in autumn 2009 addition of FOCUS):

Bristol Orienteering Klubb

BOK has developed a successful weekly satellite club at the Red Maids School in Bristol on Thursdays evenings from 7:30pm – 9pm. BOK were selected as both a 'Talent' and 'Participation Club' and have managed to include the two elements together well within the club night.

The club night is run by Jim Hayward and Jackie Hallett who have worked hard to encompass a variety of activities for a variety of abilities. BOK has regularly had over 25 people attend and is growing in popularity.

Lakeland Orienteering Club

LOC have an established club night base running from Ghylside Primary School in Kendal. Their club night runs from 6:30pm – 8pm on a Wednesday night. Ghylside were able to offer their sports hall, mapped grounds and community room with T.V, kitchen facilities, data projection unit and screen and seating area all for £15! The primary school is keen to work with the club to attract people from the local community into Ghylside for the club night. A series of 'come and try its' have been planned for the Kendal area in the spring to attract local families.

Pendle Forest Orienteering Club

PFO's initial Club Night in Accrington was unsuccessful despite extensive work with the School Sports Partnership in the area. PFO has decided to change the location of the Club Night and that now runs on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm - 8pm at St James the Less Primary School in Rawtenstall. The new club night, with Cath Wilson as lead coach, starts on Weds 3rd February 2010 and the club feels that this new location will be a lot more productive and well attended.

South East Lancashire Orienteering Club

SELOC now has a thriving weekly club night running from Eagley Junior School, Bolton on Mondays from 6:30pm – 8pm. Cath Wilson is also the lead coach for this club night and has had great support from the SELOC club members in setting the club night up, publicity and coaching support. They have now had 17 newcomers attend and the different indoor and outdoor activities and social (tea and biscuits!) element of the night has proved very popular with both regular orienteers and beginners of all ages.

South Yorkshire Orienteers

SYO has built on the success of their original club night and now has a great weekly base at Sheffield Hallam University (Pearson Building) on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm – 8pm. The club night has both a lead coach (Graham Gristwood) and an assistant coach (John Rocke) who organise the weekly activity sessions. SYO has also been selected as a 'Talent Club' which Graham is primarily responsible for and John is currently running the 'Participation' aspect of the club night. The club has worked extremely hard in publicising the night and over 20 people regularly attend each week. The club night has a very social feel to it and certainly adds to the attraction of the activities each week.

West Cumberland Orienteering Club

WCOC has followed on from their very successful Orient8 series in 2008 with an even more popular club night at Stainburn School, Workington. The club night takes place on Tuesday nights from 7pm – 9pm and is currently running for 10 weeks from the 6th October. The club intends to run another 10 week block after Christmas up until the Easter term. WCOC have had over 40 participants on some nights that include a mix of children and adult members and also some beginners that are completely new to the club.

East Midlands Satellite Projects

The East Midlands Orienteering Association was granted funding by the Sport England Community Investment Fund (CIF) in 2008 to develop satellite clubs in the Derbyshire and Nottingham area. The funding bid and proposal was developed by the East Midlands Development Officer Pauline Olivant and is an example of separate satellite centres being developed outside of the 'Participation Projects'. The clubs have been supported by both their Regional Development Manager and the Participation Manager in order to establish links with the SSP's and Local Authority Sports Development staff in each area.

The East Midland satellites centres are associated with Derwent Valley Orienteers and Nottinghamshire Orienteering Club. The first was the Buxton Satellite (Buxton and District Orienteers) that is now over 12 months old and since then 2 more satellites have been developed in Mansfield/Ashfield (West Notts Orienteers) and in Bassetlaw (Bassetlaw District Orienteers). These clubs are all supported by paid lead coaches who have worked hard to develop the club night through coaching and external publicity. Each club night runs on a weekly basis in term time using a combination of both indoor and outdoor activities. All 3 clubs have attracted newcomers and beginners and are aiming to reach a sustainable level in terms of finance, regular attendance and coaching support from the membership.

The second Derbyshire satellite is now being developed at Chesterfield and should be starting in the spring.

Buxton and District Orienteers, Gothic Hall, Buxton Community School, Tuesdays, 6:30pm – 8pm (Lead Coach - Dan Riley)

West Notts Orienteers, Sports Centre, West Notts College, Tuesdays, 6.30pm - 8pm (Lead Coach – Catherine Hughes)

Bassetlaw District Orienteering Club Night, Ranby House School Old Gym, Wednesday, 6.30pm - 8pm (Lead Coach – Robert Parkinson)

2010 Participation Clubs

North

- Humberside and Lincolnshire Orienteering Club
- Leicestershire Orienteering Club
- Merseyside Orienteering Club

South

- Hertfordshire Orienteering Club
- North Gloucestershire Orienteering Club
- West Anglian Orienteering Club

Additional Work

Richard and Steve will provide support and manage the 'Club and Coach' projects in West Anglia (WAOOC, SOS?), Yorkshire (SYO, EBOR), and Lancashire (PFO, SELOC).

The Participation Managers will be working with the '2010 Participation Clubs' to establish a more regular training/meeting venue and deliver more frequent local orienteering activities that cater for both the accomplished orienteer and newcomers to the sport. In addition to increasing participation, Steve and Richard also aim to assist clubs in their volunteer recruitment and development.

StreetGames

'StreetGames is a groundbreaking national charity which develops sport with disadvantaged communities and makes sport accessible to young people regardless of their social circumstances'. British Orienteering is now an official partner of StreetGames along with 5 other NGB's. We will be piloting projects in the North West initially. The focus will be to deliver Orienteering as part of their outdoor festivals in urban parks. StreetGames have provided British Orienteering with £3,000 to deliver this initiative at 4 festivals in the North West as well as delivering at their Regional and National conferences.

Regional Roadshows

The Participation Managers and Marketing Manager are planning regional roadshows for 2010 that will provide marketing and publicity information to our members. The focus will be on 'increasing participation' through 'Community O'.