

## **Bassetlaw District Orienteering Club**

### **Review of the First Seven Weeks**

Wednesday 3rd June Map Symbols, Micro O, Simple O Course  
Wednesday 10th June O Maps, Map Symbols, Micro O, Score Course  
Wednesday 17th June Basic Compass Work  
Wednesday 24th June Compass Work in Kings' Park  
Wednesday 1st July O Maps, Micro O, Odds/Evens Relay,  
Wednesday 8th July Ranby House School Event  
Wednesday 15th July Ordsall Street Score O Event

### Attendance

Over the seven sessions, we had a total of 30 different people attend. The maximum number at one session was 19. Which interestingly was when we held an event at Ranby House School. The average per session was 14.

### Strengths

Good publicity – local newspapers, TRAX FM Radio, Retford Life Magazine, Local Shops  
Good club/school link with Ranby House School  
Children from 10 different schools have attended  
Now members of the newly formed Bassetlaw Sports Club Group  
The welcome pack for new members is well received.  
This contains.. Programme for the next few weeks, times, location, cost  
List of local events  
Bassetlaw District Orienteering Club Fliers  
British Orienteering Publicity Material  
Map Symbols to learn  
Details about the Lead Coach  
Contact Numbers

We have good links and relations with Bassetlaw Sports Development Unit  
The Juniors like the tuck shop at the end of a session.  
The adults who attend are very friendly and keen.

### Concerns

Suitability of Retford Rugby Club as a winter base  
Need to start publicity again as we restart for the autumn  
How to encourage attendance by NOC members  
Lack of base O maps of local areas (now sorted)  
Attendance – sometimes encouraging and then disappointing, no consistence yet.  
Need to develop members of the group to be able to lead sessions and take on different jobs

### Opportunities

Starting to get interest from local schools. Asking for INSET, Micro O and festival type activities. Hope to build on this and get into schools to show what we offer. Start up a Bassetlaw Schools Orienteering Competition. (Building on the foundation set by the Youth Games Event)

### **Plans for the Autumn Term**

We restart on Wednesday 9th September, at East Retford Rugby Club.  
Focus for the Juniors will be score orienteering. This is because most of them will be competing in the British School Score Champs on 10th October. I hope that we will have children from 4 different schools attending this event.  
The Seniors will be developing their technique and confidence ready to go to local events.  
Start using the exercises shown on the BOF disc – warm up, conditioning.  
I also intend asking the adults what they would like to get from the indoor sessions that will start once the darker evenings arrive.

**Paperwork in Place**

Insurance Document  
Contract of Employment  
Risk Assessments  
Guidelines for dealing with an Incident/Accident  
Child Protection Statement  
Register of Attendance

**Equipment Required**

Set of small kites, about 12  
Equipment for indoor winter sessions  
Headlamps – depending on winter location  
Need update of Kings' Park map for Retford Charter Day (club aware knows)  
Orienteering maps of local areas – Bevercotes Pit Wood, Ollerton Pit Wood, Kings' Park,  
Walesby Forest, Hannah Park (Worksop), Perlethorpe, Rufford

**How to Involve NOC further**

Difficult to get members of NOC involved being in the north of the county and the session being in the middle of the week. I feel that we need to build up numbers before inviting committee members to come to a session.  
Possibility of getting NOC involved at Retford Charter Day. (May Bank Holiday)  
NOC to contact juniors to invite them to the Yvette Baker 1st Round  
Report of activities in NOC newsletter  
Attend our Awards Evening (some time away)