

I am pleased to provide the Chair's annual report 2024/25 of Leicestershire Orienteering Club.

As agreed and in line with the constitution I will continue with the formal structure to the report, which will require a formal noting of the review on the night. But as is tradition I will aim to be brief and focus on the main points.

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2024/25 of the Leicestershire Orienteering Club Registered Community Amateur Sports Club

1. Overview of

The Leicestershire Orienteering Club was established in 1970; it is affiliated to the East Midlands Orienteering Association and the British Orienteering Federation. Nearly all our members live in Leicestershire but a couple of members live in Northamptonshire and a couple of members in Rutland.

LEI is a Registered Community Amateur Sports Club

The club's objectives and aims are:

- provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole community in the sport of Orienteering.
- to further the development of orienteering within Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire and to represent the interests of orienteers based within these areas, supporting their activities and encouraging participation within the sport.

2. Committee Structure and Members, and in-year Changes

In terms of the day to day running of the club there have been regular meetings of the club committee and sub committees. The Committee met four times during the year. The Officers at the year-end are Chairman: Stephen Chafer, Vice Chairman and Minor events coordinator Jane Dring-Morris, Treasurer Simon Ford, Secretary and Membership Secretary Roger Phillips.

The Committee is supported by two Sub- Committees: Events Committee led by the Events Co-ordinator Iain Phillips with other areas managed by the Development Committee led by Roger Edwards as Development Co-ordinator.

Most committee meetings are on zoom, which has continued to help keep travel costs and room hire rent down. Following the recent face to face events committee meeting I think it is a good time to review how and where we have our meetings moving forward. As for me it was quite nice to be in the room with everyone.

I would like to thank Roger Phillips for his continued excellent work as secretary, for the continued timely distribution of committee and AGM related minutes and other items. I would also like to thank other member of the executive board and wider committees for their continued excellent work this year.

3. Overview of Year

Membership

Membership rose slightly to a total of 113, up 5 from last year. To enable people to benefit from our club we have continued with a zero-club membership fee, which includes correspondence members. Recruitment of new members continues to be challenging.

Event Programme

As with recent years we carried on with a very active and varied event programme. We ran eight Winter League events. There were 16 summer league events, plus the Score Cup and presentation at Burbage, an Autumn club championship in Donisthorpe followed by the presentations. There were two urban level C events and four forest Level C events, plus the East Midland Championship at Martinshaw back in February. Thank you to all who contributed in any way to our events in the last year. We have continued to use Startkite for pre-entry.

Club performances

The club qualified 4th out of 8 in our heat of the Compass Sport Trophy at Clumber park in February. With Ellie Simpson, Cara Tolley and George Normand all contributing maximum points and helping us reach the final. I even managed to contribute points myself for the first time. The final was held on the complex sand dunes of South Gare, just west of Redcar on the NE coast of England. LEI came a respectable 13/22 clubs. Andy and Eoin Simpson providing the top scores. I think there are a few runners still scared from the run in.

Congratulations also to the Juniors for winning their regional YBT heat at Silverhill in March

We fielded the aptly named The One and OnLEI team in the JK Men's Short Relay, Alastair, Ed Chester and me making up the only LEI team at the event. Coming 32/49

We fielded 2 teams in the British Sprint relays, The Speed of LEIght in the Super Vet and Leading LEIghts in the Vets events. I won't mention the results

Well done and thank you to Club Captain David Cladingboel and everyone who contributed and supported the club teams last year.

Individual performances

The first championship event of the year was the LEI held East Midlands Champs at Martinshaw and Ratby. LEI winners were Eoin Simpson, Imogen Wilson, Roger Phillips Dave Denness Roger Edwards Sue Bicknell David Anderson and Don Moir.

The Midlands Champs was held in September at Chinley Churn, with Andy Simpson and Don Moir the clubs only winners.

The JK was held in South Yorkshire. Podium places were tough to come by with Don Moir 3rd in M90 being our best placed competitor.

Podium places were also hard to come by in the various British Champs, but congratulations to Don Moir 2nd in Long Distance, Peter Leake 2nd Sprint and Sue Bicknell 3rd in both Middle and Sprint disciplines.

There was also success for members in the East Midlands League in 2024, with wins for Hugh and Aidan Chester and Kevin Gallagher
Congratulation to all for some excellent individual performances in the last year.

We also have some international success this year with Iain Phillips 1st place in PreO sprint in Turku Finland, Kevin G, Matt W?

International representation

Congratulations to both Ellie and Eoin Simpson with their selections for the GB Talent squad.

Club Dinner and Awards Evening

Unfortunately, due to family commitments I was unable to attend the Club Dinner and Awards evening at Scraftoft Golf Club back in March. Thanks again to David Cladingboel for standing in for me.

The main club awards, were awarded to Kevin Gallagher Chair Tankard, Iain Phillips, the Presidents Salver and Steve Edgard the Tiger Trophy. Plans are already in hand for 2026. Congratulations to all our winners this year.

Coaching

Matt White has qualified as coach so we have 4 licenced coaches. Just a reminder to all the coaches and others to complete all the various safeguarding and first aid certificates needed for their positions

Club Nights

We continued to run a successful Maprun programme in the Autumn Term and Winter term club nights. Thanks to Roger Edwards for managing that and thanks to Derek and other coaches for the club nights and everyone who has contributed to the Mapruns.

Permanent Courses

We continue to support our Permanent Courses, or I should really say Roger Edwards continues to support the POCs. Thank you, Roger for all your efforts with these.

Mappers/Mapping

New Maps -
Hamilton (outsourced)
Aylestone
Battram

Donisthorpe (revised and extended)
Ratby/Martinshaw (corrections and extensions)
Beacon (partial update)
Whitwick & Coalville Leisure Centre (schools)
Leicester Outdoor Pursuit Centre
We need more mappers as these numbers are too small

Schools

We continued to Support the NW Leicestershire Schools Primary Competition and Melton & Belvoir Schools with 2well attended events in June.

4. Governance

The Committees typically meet every month in rotation; most Committee members attended every meeting.

We made no changes to the constitution and only minor changes to the standing orders, extending the financial support to Compass Sport Trophy events as well as team relay events.

5. Overview of Finance

The club has reserves of just over £15,500 at the 2024 year-end with a surplus in the year of £3,390. The club accounts have been published on the club website. I will leave our Treasurer to cover the details in his report.

We have continued to invest in the club's kit and equipment (especially locks). We have provided free of charge buffets at both summer league and club championship events.

6. Accounts for the year ending 31st July 2025

See Treasurers report

Grants

The club made grants supporting juniors attending the JROS tour

General overview

There never seems to be a quiet year for LEI, despite no JK to deal with this year, we continued to put out a wide-ranging program of events. I started to work out exactly how many individual runs we accommodated in the 12 months since the last AGM. I gave up quite quickly as it was far too complicated, but estimate it is well in excess of 3000. This figure does include several hundred children at the 2 schools events and 35 lost squaddies in the snow at the night event at Oakham tops.

Being a club of our size we should be really proud of the effort and excellent level of events that we continue to provide. We definitely punch above our weight as a club.

As we all know the club functions solely on the back of volunteers and all the time and effort that is put in to the club on so many levels. I thank you all and especially the Exec and wider committee for your continued support throughout the year and indeed the last 6 years that I have held the Chairs position.

As I mentioned last year, I had decided that it was time for a rest and to give someone else to opportunity to have ago. I had hoped to inundated with offers to take on the role but

with no one new stepping forward, I am really pleased/ relieved that Chris Phillips has offered to take on the position for a limited period, on the understanding that we will find a replacement in the next 2 years. Thank you very much Chris.

There are a number of key roles in the club that take a lot of time and commitment. We do not put on over 30 events each year without a significant amount of work not only on the day but also in the weeks, months and indeed years running up to some events, as well as days and weeks following the events.

We have a very committed core team of volunteers several sitting on both subcommittees and main committee and we really need to support this team. I am concerned that we face the potential of imploding unless we spread the load. I can only reach out to the wider club membership and encourage all members to ask what can I do to help the club and others in their roles.

If you have some time to help the club in any capacity please come and find me, Chris or other members of the committee.

Having said all that we do have a lot to look forward to, with discussions already underway for events well in to the next 3-4 years. More on that I am sure in the Chairs look forward to the coming year

I personally hope that I can start to attend some more events. Although I am stepping down as Chair I will be continuing on the committee and in my role as Permissions Secretary, I also currently find myself in the role as the club Safeguarding officer following Alison Hardy's decision to step down, so any volunteers to take that role on would be great start.

Ladies and Gentlemen that concludes my report.

Stephen Chafer
Chairman
3rd November 2025

Simon Ford
Treasurer

LEICESTERSHIRE ORIENTEERING CLUB

Community Amateur Sports Club

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

	2025	2025	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£
Events				
Event Income				
Entry Fees	14,669		14,239	
JK Share	3,000		590	
		17,669		14,829
 <u>Less Expenses</u>				
Clothing			1,354	
Entry Commission	872		794	
Equipment			222	
JK Volunteer incentive	428			
Land Access	313		327	
Levy (BOF & EMOA £286)	4,125		3,727	
Map Printing	465		184	
Mapping Surveys	242		0	
Officials Expenses	2,792		1,898	
Refreshments			660	
Room Hire	1,364		639	
Toilet Hire			288	
Trophy	23	10,624	70	10,163
 <u>Less Expenses not attributable to a specific event</u>				
Equipment			1,736	
Equipment Timing	1,009	Note 3	9,278	
First Aid	126			
Insurance	455		434	
Map Printing	504		1,936	
Map Surveys			94	
Software & Licences			1,640	
Storage Rent	1,008		994	
Trophies		3,102	125	16,237
Total Expenses		13,726		26,400

Other Activities

	2025	2025	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Awards Evening	1,008		1,073	
Club Night Fees	692	Note 4	308	
Club Shop Sales	117		833	
Donations Received	14,668		16,912	
Gift Aid	3,349		3,659	
Interest Received	218		328	
HMRC Credit	100			
Sales -Mapping	375		1,486	
Sales -Maps	60		116	
Sales -POC maps (BOF)	23		18	
Sales -POC Plaques			563	
Team Entry Fees and Travel	712			
Training of Members	535	21,857	672	25,968
<u>Less Expenses</u>				
Awards Evening	1,118		1,100	
Club Night Expenses	428		569	
Club shop Purchase			1,187	
First Aid	132			
Grants Made	410		93	
Meeting Room Hire	238		32	
Memberships	123		188	
Newsletter	504		473	
Officers Expenses	1,116		147	
Refreshments	72			
Sales – Mapping expenses	550		200	
Sales -POC Expenses	708		374	
Software & Licences	435			
Sundry			102	
Team Entry Fees and Travel	916		1,272	
Training of Members	925		38	
Travel Support	14,735		16,863	
		22,410		22,637
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Surplus / (loss) for the period		3,390		-8,240
Accumulated fund brought forward		12,176		20,416
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Accumulated fund carried forward		15,566		12,176

Balance Sheet for the year ending 31 JULY 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank	15,386	11,996
Cash floats	<u>180</u>	<u>180</u>
	15,566	12,176
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors		
NET CURRENT ASSETS	15,566	12,176
Represented by:		
ACCUMULATED FUND	15,566	12,176

Notes

Note 1. Event analysis

Events

	Income	Spend	Net
A JK	3,000	-408	2,592
B E Mid Champs	2,145	-1,373	772
C Boothorpe	1,164	-485	680
C Cademan	1,017	-1,011	6
C Coalville	935	-553	382
C Hamilton (September 2025)		-192	-192
C Irchester	809	-983	-174
C Lutterworth (August 2025)		-176	-176
C Outwoods	1,514	-528	986
Total	10,584	-5,708	4,876

Minor Events

Club Champs	250	-482	-232
Melton Schools	158	-302	-144
NW Schools	337	-359	-22
Score Cup QEDJ	209	-536	-327
Summer League	4,427	-2,324	2,102
Winter League	1,705	-914	791
Total	7,085	-4,916	2,169

ALL EVENTS	17,669	-10,624	7,044
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Other Event expenses		-3,102	3,942
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Note 2. JK figures should be read in conjunction with the 2023/24 accounts.

Expenditure represents the value of helper vouchers redeemed to date.

Note 3. Equipment is insured for £36k.

Note 4. Club night income is as recorded by the officials.

I confirm that the accounts for the year ending
30th July 2025 are consistent with the underlying
accounting records of the club.

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08 October 2025