ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2025/26

of the Leicestershire Orienteering Club

Amateur Sports Club

Registered Community Amateur Sports Club

I am pleased to provide the Chair's Annual Report 2025/2026 of Leicestershire Orienteering Club.

As a club we are required by Community Amateur Sports club status to make this a formal report so there is a certain structure to the report but I will try to be as brief as possible.

Over overview

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: Chris Phillips, 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. But we are gradually moving to more face to face meetings.

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 committee and the sub committees for their continued excellent work this year.

3. **Overview of Year**

Membership
As the membership secretary has reported the membership has dropped sightly in the last year. This is partly due to people who joined the club but never partcipated. 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. The most successful recruiting method is to bring your friends.

Communications
We have four main methods of communicating both with our members and the general public.
Firstly there is a club web site maintained by Chris Bosley and is the number one location for event information and results.
Roger Edwards looks after our fortnightly mailchip mailing which go out to a very wide range of folk.
Our facebook pages are an excellect way for us to ge information to our members in a hurry and thank you to Roger Phillips for looking after that. Area.
Our fourth channel of communication is our three times a year newsletter editiored by Ursula and myself. It does give the chance to cover a wider range of topics than the other three channels. One of regular contibuters is Peter Chick. Peter has recently become a international journlaist as we have had a request from a Belgian O Club to publish his articles.

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 at Tunnel Wood and followed by presentation on the Summer League and Score Cup Certificates, an Autumn Club Championship in Nailstone followed by the presentations. There were two urban level C events and four forest Level C events. 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
Our Compass Sport Trophy Heat at Sutton Park did not, unfortunattly produce the quaity results of the last two years, meaning we did not qualify for the final. However it was, I think, a good day out and thank you to all those who competed for the club.

Individual performances
We have had a number of club members who have achieved first place in both club events and those at national level.

Congratulations to:
Andy Nicholls, Surrane Tolly, Cara Tolly Jacob Miles, David Bray, Sue Bicknell, Roger Edwards, John Marriott, Eion Simpson, Ellie Simpson, Carol Stynes Martin, Imogen Wilson ,Roger Phillips and Daniel Stothard.

I should point out that a number of these talented orienteers have been multiple winners in the last year.

Club Dinner and Awards Evening

For the 2926 Dinner we moved to a new venue, The Lingfield Gold Club. Excellent food and good chat and a chance to congratulate not only the winners of our competitions but those who have given the club excellent service over many years. Congratulations and thank you to Steve Chafer, Jane Dring Morris and Irene Marriott for their service to the club.

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.

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

4. Governance

The Committees typically meet every month in rotation; most Committee members attended every meeting. We have made no changes to the constitution.

5. Overview of Finance.

The club has reserves of just over £19,811 at the 2026 year-end with a surplus in the year of £4,245 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 and we will in the coming months be spending money on replacement radios and computers for the download.. We have provided free of charge buffets at both summer league and club championship events.

6. Accounts for the year ending 31st July 2026

See Treasurers report

Grants
We have made on grant during the year for a junior training camp.

General overview
Firstly may thanks to all the club members who have supported the club over the last year as event officials and helpers. You are very much at the heart of the sport and without you help we would not be able to punch very much above our weight as a small club. By all the metrics that BOF measure club success we are always in the top 10 out of the 90 clubs in the Federation.

One encouraging sign over the last year has been the increase in numbers at events. In deed at some summer league events it has been overwhelming. We have always operated the Summer League on minimal volunteer help, the proverbial one man and a Dog. I believe we have now reach a situation we have to invest in more help for the dog!

Chris Phillips
Chair.
October

Leicestershire Orienteering Club

Community Amateur Sports Club

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 July 2026.

	2026	2026	2025	2025
Events	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Event Income				
Entry Fees	18,799		14,669	
JK Share			3,000	
Parking	192			
		18,991		**17,669**
Less **Expenses**				
Clothing				
Entry Commission	1,093		872	
Event expenses OD	1,365			
JK Volunteer incentive (Note 2)			428	
Land Access	319		313	
Levy (BOF & EMOA £263)	5,098		4,125	
Map Licence fees	37			
Map Printing	472		465	
Mapping Surveys	1,187		242	
Officials Expenses	1,364		2,792	
Parking	750			
Refreshments	321			
Room Hire	1,368		1,364	
Toilet Hire	480			
Trophy	100	**13,954**	23	**10,624**
Less **Expenses not attributable to a specific event**				
Equipment	44			
Equipment Timing	505		1,009	
First Aid	18		126	
Insurance (Note 3)	462		455	
Map Printing	2,830		504	
Map Surveys	99			
Storage Rent	1,018		1,008	
Trophies		**4,977**		**3,102**
Total Expenses		**18,931**		**13,726**

Other Activities	**2026**	**2026**	**2025**	**2025**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
INCOME				
Awards Evening	1,210		1,008	
Club Night Fees (Note 4)	684		692	
Club Shop Sales	208		117	
Donations Received	19,972		14,668	
Gift Aid	5,378		3,349	
Interest Received	269		218	
HMRC Credit			100	
Sales -Mapping	338		375	
Sales -Maps	118		60	
Sales -POC maps (BOF)	29		23	
Sales -POC Plaques	872			
Team Entry Fees and Travel	305		712	
Training of Members		**29,382**	535	**21,857**

Less Expenses	**2026**	**2026**	**2025**	**2025**
Awards Evening	1,374		1,118	
Bank charges	45			
Club Night Expenses	540		428	
Club shop Purchase	615			
First Aid			132	
Grants Made	344		410	
Meeting Room Hire	83		238	
Memberships	128		123	
Newsletter	459		504	
Officers Expenses	222		1,116	
Refreshments	47		72	
Sales – Mapping expenses	300		550	
Sales -POC Expenses	71		708	
Software & Licences	157		435	
Team Entry Fees and Travel	1,139		916	
Training of Members			925	
Travel Support	19,672		14,735	
		25,196		**22,410**
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Surplus / (loss) for the period	**4,245**		**3,390**	
Accumulated fund brought forward	15,566		12,176	
Accumulated fund carried forward	19,811		15,566	

Balance Sheet for the year ending 31 July 2026

	2026	2026	2025
CURRENT ASSETS	£		£
Bank	19,631		15,386
Cash floats	180		180
	19,811		15,566
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors			
NET CURRENT ASSETS	19,811		15,566
Represented by:			
ACCUMULATED FUND	19,811		15,566

Notes

Note 1. Event analysis

Event	**Income**	**Spend**	**Net**
C Aylestone Meadows	1,425	-1,197	**228**
C Beacon Hill	1,434	-561	**873**
C Burbage Common	1,003	-723	**280**
C Cademan	1,645	-2,077	**-432**
C Castle Hill	1,631	-927	**704**
C Grey Lodge	1,285	-650	**635**
C Hamilton	783	-766	**17**
C Hinckley Urban	1,786	-1,528	**258**
C Irchester		-21	**-21**
C Lutterworth	994	-552	**442**
C Wellingborough (August 2026)		-238	**-238**
Total	**11,986**	**-9,240**	**2,746**
Minor Events			
Club Champs	242	-520	-278
Melton Schools	141	-95	45
NW Schools	667	-405	262
Score Cup QEDJ	221	-652	-431
Summer League	4,086	-2,190	1,896
Winter League	1,650	-853	797
Total	**7,005**	**-4,715**	**2,290**
ALL EVENTS	**18,991**	**-13,955**	**5,036**
Other Event expenses		**-4,977**	**59**

Note 2. Residual voucher payments are now reflected within the individual event costs.

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 31st July 2026 are consistent with the underlying accounting records of the club.

I. A. Chafer

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Ian Chafer **22 September 2026**