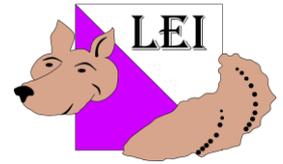


Leicestershire Orienteering Club



Minutes of Committee Meeting held at The Church Hall of Church of Our Lady and St Nicholas, Wanlip Monday 9th February 2026

Present: Steve Edgar, Roger Edwards, Simon Ford, Chris Phillips, Roger Phillips, Ernie Williams, Ursula Williamson.

1. Apologies for absence: Steve Chafer, David Cladingboel, Jane Dring-Morris, Derek Herd, Iain Phillips, Alastair Paterson

2. Minutes of the last Committee Meeting on Monday 17th November 2025

- These minutes were agreed to be a true record, with one amendment to a year from 2024 to 2025.

3. Items arising from the last MOM

- CP noted that he has yet to find a suitable volunteer to fill the role of Safeguarding Officer on a permanent basis.
- CP noted that the half-price helper discount scheme is still to be discussed by JDM & IP.
- CP noted that SC has not progressed permissions about using Lawn Wood.
- RE noted that he had yet to speak to Mike D about POC's.
- CP noted that he is still to speak to Steve B.
- RP reported that new club kit had been ordered and was awaiting dispatch notice from DHL.

4. Request for inclusion in 'Urgent and important items' on the agenda

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- RP suggested the date of the AGM should be Monday 26th October 2026 at Glenfield Parish Rooms. This was agreed.

Action Points

- RP to book Glenfield Parish Rooms for the AGM.

5. Treasurer's Report

Please refer to the Treasurer's Report February 2026 circulated prior to the meeting.

- SF reported that the club has £5,500 in the club's Santander current account and £9,000 in the club's Mansfield savings account.
- SF asked the committee for suggestions of future club expenses.
- CP noted that the club's download computers will need replacing soon.
- RE asked if the club needed to budget for new dibbers to replace the obsolete type 5 & 6's.
- UW noted that a set of toners costs around £700.
- UW noted that the club still needs to source a new supplier of waterproof paper.

6. Delegates' Reports

- UW reported that EMOA still needs a Vice-Chair.
- UW reported that EMOA intend to host a development conference in September.
- UW reported that EMOA had a long discussion on age class course combinations for the East Midland Championships.

7. Events Committee Report

Please refer to the Event Committee Report February 2026 circulated prior to the meeting.

- CP noted that an event report was circulated before the meeting.
- CP reported that Irchester will be having a terrain assessment to ensure it is suitable for the British Night Championships.
- CP reported that he would like the club to develop the next generation of Level A officials to ensure the club can continue to host large events.
- CP reported that as JDM was a little busy and he would be overseeing the summer league for the next couple of weeks.
- CP noted that the club has the opportunity to host the 2027 Compass Sport Cup final. This was a work in progress to see if it was feasible, as it was likely to involve bussing from a suitably large car park.
- RE asked about using out of club controllers and the issues and costs involved.

8. Development Team Report

Please refer to the Development Team Report February 2026 circulated prior to the meeting.

- RE asked the committee it's thoughts on schools' development and whether this could be outsourced to one of the BOF recognised delivery partners.
- RE reported that there is a possible a commercial mapper willing to do schools mapping.
- RE reported that the club will be hosting two school's events, which provide little direct return for the club.
- RE suggested that contacting Cross Curricular to see if they could improve the club's school's programme. This was agreed.
- UW suggested maybe a score or Map Active similar to NOC might be suitable alternative for school's events or for training.
- UW noted that SYO host a Saturday Schools series that attracts around 250 juniors, but very few are members of SYO.
- RE reported that finding suitable, self-contained areas for school's events is quite difficult.

Action Points

- RE to contact Cross Curricular to explore improving the club's schools' programme.

9. Safeguarding

- CP noted there are currently no club safeguarding concerns.
- CP reported that British Orienteering had updated their Safeguarding policy regarding low-level concerns.

Action Points

- **ALL** to read the updated BOF safeguarding policy.

10. Club Captain's Report

- CP reported that 43 members were entered in the CST heat at Sutton Park

11. Membership Secretary's Report

Please refer to the Membership Secretary's Report February 2026 circulated prior to the meeting.

- RP reported that 18 people had not renewed their membership.

12. Any Other Business

- CP reported that the club dinner is booked and that menu is available on the club website.
- CP noted that the parking for the Aylestone Meadows event will be at the County Cricket ground and a £2.00 charge for parking will be on Start Kite.

13. Date of future meetings:

- RP suggested the 11th May 2026, this was agreed.
- CP asked if this should be a Zoom meeting or an in-person meeting. It was agreed the next meeting should be Zoom.

Meeting Closed at 9:15pm

TREASURER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2026

Funds have slightly increased with the running of two level C events in January.

Bank balance is currently £5,500,
with £9,000 on deposit, totalling £14,500

The Bank Santander is now charging all customers a small monthly handling fee of £4,99 (£60 per year)
(I don't see a justification to seek an alternative banker as others do, or soon, will make a similar charge)

Not aware of any significant expense items (possibly mapping) on the horizon.

All payments/expenses up to date.

Simon Ford

EVENT COMMITTEE REPORT FEBRUARY 2026

There is nothing much to report. We have a full set of officials for the 2026 programme with three out of club controllers (Jane Kayley-Burges (DVO), Davey Averill (SMOC) and Dai Bedwell(DVO)) and two LEI controllers controlling out of club events (Roger Edwards and me).

We're beginning to consider the 2027 programme. We may be preparing for a Compass Sport Cup/Trophy Final in October that year. Presently Martinshaw/Ratby is the likely area. For EM League events we'll be looking to get permissions to map Lawn Wood and Wakerley Great Wood. I anticipate 6 Forest and 2 Urban events.

Plans for the BNC in 2028 are afoot. I'm more confident that we will be allowed to use Irchester, but have some work to do to persuade the E&CC. We'll also need a chat to the mapping group. If this happens then we'll use Cademan (which is now remapped by Dave Peel) for the Midlands Championships that year. Cademen is the backup area for the BNC; Wakerley will be a backup area for the Midlands.

All is going well. Thanks to everyone helps out either as officials or volunteers on the day.

Iain Phillips

DEVELOPMENT TEAM REPORT FEBRUARY 2026

1. Schools

Melton & Belvoir and South Charnwood Partnerships event to be held on Friday 12th June at Belvoir. NW Schools event is Tuesday 24th March 2026, at Whitwick Leisure Centre. Planner is Ian Buxton and he met school staff on site on 26th January. BSOA dibbers have been requested for both events. SI kit is booked with Chris Phillips. We are mapping Brockington College, Enderby and installing a POC, we will charge about £700.

2. POC

Some repairs were made to Castle Hill where we have had a report of missing plaques. Simon has been attempted to work with Forestry staff at Hicks Lodge. This has not been successful and the Yellow course has deteriorated so much that we will be removing all the remaining plaques, and the course has been removed from BOF website. Steve Bones reviewed the Irchester courses and we now need to sort out the repairs. We have not reviewed our existing provision to bring sites to a more manageable level.

3. VOC

We have paid Maprun and David Dixon for our usage in the autumn club nights.

4. Club night

We are using Markfield Community Centre from Mid January 2026 to Easter. The first week we had two newcomers plus two club members coming for the first time.

5. Mail chimp

I stalled as long as possible on setting up a standing order for the paid for subscription. Currently we are still on a free plan. This has some limitations, one editor, but it is working.

Our members database has regular attacks where about 20 addresses are added each month. I delete these when I notice the subscribers number has jumped up.

6. Website

We are poor at updating our site for changing practices.

Roger Edwards

Development BOF Recognised Delivery Partners (RDP) LEI we do ...

School event days

Services: Mapping, POC plaques, POC fitting & Staff training

Mapping: LEI currently provides POCs and mapping to any school that contacts us. Our plaques are the same as we use on permanent courses so basically very simple and not multi use. Our mapping is now all done by Peter Leake. In the past Peter Hornsby, John Marriott, Alastair Paterson (1 map), Simon Starkey, Ben Windsor, Don Moir, Caroline Louth (WAOC), Jeff Baker (LOG) have all done our school mapping. Caroline is the only person who does it for a living, she is also able to deliver coach training. We have 130 mapped schools on our list but some are 15 years old. 30 were from 2015 onwards. We have Charnwood 16, Leicester City 18, NW Leicestershire 17 and Oadby & Wigston 14.

Mapping fees are c£400 per school but commercially would be more like £800. (But see the Orienteering Company below).

POC: Roger Edwards does all the POC fitting, this provides an opportunity to validate the map. At Soar Valley College in 2025 we charged a day rate for fitting plaques. This involved quite a lot of drilling into bricks. Whereas fitting to fences with cable ties is quick. We just cover our costs (plaques and fittings and mileage) for this activity.

Staff training: Roger provided one lot of training after the school day to all staff at a City primary school in 2025. Pauline Olivant used to provide Introduction to Orienteering at the Leicester Outdoor pursuits centre. Peter Hornsby did something about 10 years ago in Whitwick.

School events: We provide North-west schools (c750 children) and Melton and South Charnwood schools (about 400 children) with their primary school competition. We make a small charge to cover equipment costs. We recharge levy, map printing and mileage at 45p per mile. Labour is provided free (Planner, Controller, Organiser 2 Downloaders 1 or 2 Extras.) Recruitment from these events is non-existent. We have three club members the most notable was Isaac Spencer. We did get Worthington to go to the YBT Final at Sandringham, but Peter and Roger did some on site training, the pupils did a colour coded at Calke.

We have an ageing volunteer group delivering all these. Recently we've added Matt White to provide Melton and Ian Buxton joined last year at the Whitwick and Coalville event. The guys who are doing the support would probably do no more for the club if these events stopped,

EMOA

John Hurley mentioned the BOF webinar at the recent EMOA meeting.

“Both of the partners detailed EE & CC said that they were keen to provide information to schools about local orienteering clubs and activities as part of their work, but I’m not aware of any contacts within the region at present. The partner

websites do not provide details of their school clients, apart from a few reference sites not in the East Midlands, and Kay Hawke said that British Orienteering did not have a central list but she would look into setting one up (which I don't expect any time soon"

He did not see any mileage in a Regional initiative, and he estimated 100 EM schools will have been involved

BOF

There are four recognised partners. The recent (Jan 2026) webinar promoted three of them and they explained their offer. The fourth one was busy but with a simpler offer. Funding: Primary schools have a PE sports premium, basic £11,000 plus so much per pupil. This amount seems to be sufficient to buy in a commercial packages. Whereas secondary now have to provide OAA don't have any special fund. Fairly impressive UK statistics for 2025

	Schools	Pupils	Teachers trained
Four providers	2000	435k	11K

Josh Jenner of the Outdoor Classroom

He provides permanent courses at schools and teacher support. They provide activities using very small spaces e.g. tiny primary schools. Their unique offering is the Big league which ran last year again. Its a competition to maximise activity. Seems a bit like Beat the street but I think its on site only.

Luke Vaudery "Enrich Education"

<https://enricheducationuk.com/>

Provides school mapping UK wide.

Permanent courses and the markers have much more text and numbers and images so they can be used cross curricular

Provides practical training

Accredited to the 1st4sport (Coaching Qualification assessment organisation)

the numbers involved are impressive

	Schools	Pupils	Teachers trained
Primary	675	200K	2630
Secondary	110	110K	205

An Event Day costs c£1000, seems much like our school event, but could be at one school.

Kelly Brooks "Cross Curricular"

<https://www.crosscurricularorienteering.co.uk/>

Have schools throughout England and a few in Wales and Scotland

All	Schools 2000	Pupils 40K	Teachers trained 2000
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She was supported by two teachers who explained their rationale. The Kent teacher went to a local event to see what experience pupils would get at a club event. Did get a few parents to take pupils to DFOC events.

Kirby Lonsdale teacher said they did a PTA fundraising using orienteering on site and some people go to local events.

On their website there are a range of packages

Joining/annual fee (for Lesson plans Work cards+)	£400
Control markers and map from aerial photo	£1,000
Mapper on site	£1,000
Mapper POC install and staff training	£1,700
comprehensive say	£4,000.
Experience day	£800 (like our school race day)
Plus travel costs	

Partner 4 (Not on the webinar) the Orienteering Company

<https://www.theorienteeringcompany.com/>

Husband and Wife team based in NW England, over 20 years involved in 600 schools.

Level	Service	Fees
Bronze	Mapping (think this is on site)	£300
Silver	School grounds mapped, 25 permanent markers, Scheme of work (20 sessions)	£650
Gold	School grounds mapped, 25 permanent markers, Installation of markers, Scheme of work (20 sessions), Teacher training session	£1200

These are more like our offer. They provided DVO “Buxton” race map.

I contacted Orienteering Company and they would be interested in any work we can put their way.

In the Question session of the webinar

Sometimes parents are invited to have a go but they are aware that junior parents are busy and few move forwards with this. Wessex OC provide free membership to these sort of parents.

Conclusion

I am thinking of contacting “Cross Curricula” to see if they can do anything for our schools. Esp our NW link.

Roger Edwards
4th February 2016

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2026

Year	Family	Seniors	Young Adults	Juniors	Units	Total
2013	38	53	-	12	103	170
2014	38	61	-	16	115	183
2015	37	56	-	17	110	174
2016	38	60	-	12	110	180
2017	34	61	-	8	103	151
2018		108	-	37		145
2019		103	-	36		139
2020		104	-	26		130
2021		106	-	23		129
2022		105	-	18		122
2023		96	-	16		112
2024		87	5	15		107
2025		95	6	12		113
2026		84	1	10		95

Membership Categories:

Junior, Young Adult, Senior, Family, Group or Correspondent

Honorary Members	2
Correspondent Members	3
New Members	0
Left The Club	18