

Hertfordshire Orienteering Club



informally known as Happy Herts (HH)

Secretary's report for 2020-2021 (Sept 2020)

The past year has been about adapting to adversity, the efforts of a few to keep the rest of us orienteering in various ways, then a welcome return to local events.

Since September 2020, COVID restrictions continued to affect the programme, yet we have still been able to deliver plenty of chances to run. We were excited when restrictions loosened from April 2021 so we could enjoy a phased return.

The HH Club Championships will now take place on 28 November at Weald Park (HAVOC, Brentwood, Junction 28 M25.)

Membership

Membership currently stands at 250 members, the same as a year ago. The following summary shows we have 161 Senior/ 89 Junior members. New members at 52 equalled lapsed members.

We now have 111 emails registered for the Groups.IO group to receive the newsletter and other matters, plus 36 in HHJOS for the Juniors activities.

Events summary

HH held a total of 6 events during the period September 2020 to August 2021 - all at Local level. There were 13 Street-O in spring-summer 2021.

The club also shared details of a number of unofficial virtual events and sort-of-Street-O's for runners to try on their own.

The club thanks David Dixon for once again co-ordinating the Street-O series. The club is very grateful to all volunteer organisers, planners and controllers, as well as members who have helped in other capacities.

| Date | Level | Venue | Organiser | Planner | Controller |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 5 Sept 2020 | Local | Highfield Park | Mike Bennett | Simon Errington | Hedley Calderbank |
| 2 Oct | Local | Ellenbrook | Stu Levene | Dawn Figg | Simon Errington |
| 10 Apr 2021 | Local | Verulamium | Tim Gage | Dave Tookey | David Saunders |
| 08 May | Local | Nomansland | Jacob Sharpe | Maggie Soulsby | Susan Marsden |
| 05 Jun | Local | Stanborough | David Hodson | Matthew Dixon | Mike Bennett |
| 03 Jul | Local | Moneyhole | Adam Leaf | Richard Watkins | Simon Errington |

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Regional and National events

The larger Regional and national events were largely cancelled due to Covid, including the JK 2021.

The **British Sprint Relays** were held 21 August in Skelmersdale. In the British Orienteering Mixed Sprint Relay, on Saturday, saw two HH teams involved. In the Ultra Vet (65+) mixed relay, Alan, Janet and Mick managed to pick up the gold medal! Our second Ad-hoc team came in a very creditable fifth with Ben, Neil and Helen. Sunday brought individual sprint racing, with Janet winning the W65 class while Ben raced to a second place in M16, plus Theo (M10B) finished in second place

HH runners took part in the **Scottish Six Days event** in the Highlands with some really strong performances on tough courses. Congratulations to all who took part with a big shout out the following HH runners who all placed well:

| Class | Name | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 6 |
|--------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| M10A | Darrio Tam | | 3rd | 3rd |
| M16A | Ben Gostick | | | 3rd |
| M20S | Josh M'Caw | | 1st | 1st |
| M21S | James Errington | | | 1st |
| M60S | David Saunders | | 1st | |
| M65L | Alan Rosen | | 2nd | 1st |
| W12A | Issy Hawks | 1st | 1st | 1st |
| W16A | Maggie Soulsby | 2nd | 3rd | |
| W18L | Hannah Freeman | 3rd | | 2nd |
| W35L | Becky Raftery | | | 1st |
| W45L | Helen Marsden | | 2nd | 2nd |
| W65L | Janet Rosen | 2nd | 2nd | 1st |
| W65S | Sue Hooper | 1st | 1st | |
| Yellow | Theodore Marsden | | 1st | |

Juniors

HH juniors won their way through to the final of the **Yvette Baker Trophy**, eventually coming sixth at Westonbirt Arboretum on 4 July, with several of the team unable to attend due to messages to self-isolate during the final.

- Issy Hawks W12A 1st
- Hannah Freeman W18L 5th
- Maggie Soulsby W16A 6th
- Josh M'Caw M20S 1st
- Ben Gostick M16A 8th
- Darrio Tam M10A 6th
- Daniel Tam M10B 9th

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Junior development & progression

Following the 2018 Talent Pathway Review, this year British Orienteering and Junior Regional Orienteering Squads (JROS) agreed to hold Badaguish as a talent camp for M15s and W15s and Deeside as a 16s talent camp.

We would like to congratulate Ben Gostick who was selected for the Deeside camp and Maggie Soulsby for her selection to the Badaguish camp.

Looking forward the British Schools event will be held in November 2021. HH will be assisting as it will be held at Stowe (Bucks) and planned by SMOC.

Training

This has been restricted given COVID guidance, though the Juniors have been supported as much as possible with digital sessions and some meetings where allowed.

There is a Level 2 coaching course on 16/17 October in the HH area. This level is the recommended starting level for Club coaches and involves a 2 day course followed by a further day later this year.

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HH AGM Membership report – SEPTEMBER 2021

| Latest | Senior | Junior | Total | | New members | Senior | Junior | Total |
|--|--------|--------|-------|--|----------------|--------|--------|-------|
| 30/09/2021 | 161 | 89 | 250 | | 2021 | 31 | 21 | 52 |
| 30/09/2020 | 158 | 92 | 250 | | 2020 | 21 | 19 | 40 |
| Lapsed 2020 | 28 | 24 | 52 | | 2019 | 38 | 53 | 91 |
| New 2021 | 31 | 21 | 52 | | 2018 | 23 | 33 | 56 |
| Previous years | | | | | 2017 | 15 | 47 | 62 |
| 30/09/2020 | 158 | 92 | 250 | | | | | |
| 30/09/2019 | 153 | 115 | 268 | | Total members | Senior | Junior | Total |
| Lapsed 2019 | 16 | 42 | 58 | | 2021 | 161 | 89 | 250 |
| New 2020 | 21 | 19 | 40 | | 2020 | 158 | 92 | 250 |
| | | | | | 2019 | 153 | 115 | 268 |
| 30/09/2019 | 153 | 115 | 268 | | 2018 | 137 | 102 | 239 |
| 30/09/2018 | 137 | 102 | 239 | | 2017 | 130 | 107 | 237 |
| Lapsed 2018 | 22 | 40 | 62 | | 2016 | 134 | 96 | 230 |
| New 2019 | 38 | 53 | 91 | | | | | |
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| 30/09/2018 | 137 | 102 | 239 | | Lapsed members | Senior | Junior | Total |
| 30/09/2017 | 130 | 107 | 237 | | 2021 | 28 | 24 | 52 |
| Lapsed 2017 | 16 | 38 | 54 | | 2020 | 16 | 42 | 58 |
| New 2018 | 23 | 33 | 56 | | 2019 | 22 | 40 | 62 |
| | | | | | 2018 | 16 | 38 | 64 |
| 30/09/2017 | 130 | 107 | 237 | | 2017 | 19 | 36 | 55 |
| 30/09/2016 | 134 | 96 | 230 | | | | | |
| Lapsed 2016 | 19 | 36 | 55 | | | | | |
| New 2017 | 15 | 47 | 62 | | | | | |
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| The club has not grown in the last year : new members equal to lapsed members | | | | | | | | |