



*Well done to HH Sprint Champions Kerria and Tom*

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## Forthcoming HH events

Date	Event	More Info
<b>Sat 4 Oct 25</b> 10:30 - 13:15	<b>Panshanger:</b> Beginners and experienced orienteers welcome	<a href="#">Event Details</a> <a href="#">Location</a>
<b>Sun 26 Oct 25</b> 10:30 - 14:00	<b>St Albans City Race</b>	<a href="#">Event Details</a> <a href="#">Location</a>
<b>Sat 1 Nov 25</b> 10:00 - 12:45	<b>Fairlands Valley:</b> beginners welcome	<a href="#">Event Details</a> <a href="#">Location</a>
<b>Sat 7 Feb 26</b> 18:15 - 22:00 <b>Sun 8 Feb 26</b>	<b>BNOC 2026 Egypt Woods:</b> British Night Championships <b>Ace of Herts Egypt Woods</b>	<a href="#">Event Details</a> <a href="#">Location</a>

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## Editor's Spur

Alan Rosen [newsletter@herts-orienteering.club](mailto:newsletter@herts-orienteering.club)

If a picture is worth a thousand words then this newsletter is the equivalent of about 100,000 words. Thanks to all contributors and especially David Dixon for the Sprint and Saturday Series photos and [Wendy Carlyle](#) (AIRE) who provided the British Sprint Weekend coverage. Apologies to anyone whose photo is missing – there were two thousand to go through!

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## Newsletter Articles Wanted

We are always on the look-out for contributions to this newsletter. Please consider submitting anything orienteering-related, for example reports from events you've attended, orienteering tips & tricks, photos, equipment reviews...

Please send material to Alan [newsletter@herts-orienteering.club](mailto:newsletter@herts-orienteering.club). Copy dates are typically a few days before the end of the month; for the **November** edition it is by the end of **Tuesday 28 October**.





## Chair's Chat

*Ben Bardsley*

It was great to see an excellent turnout at last month's HH AGM which means I've now been Chair for a year and I'm very appreciative that the club has reappointed me for another year. One topic that came up at the meeting, reflecting what is an ongoing challenge, was the continuing need to attract new Juniors to the club to keep our pipeline of Herts Orienteers, both at Junior level and ideally their parents too. It's a topic we'll look at in the Committee over the next meetings, but please let me know if you have any ideas on how to do this effectively. It would be particularly good to hear from some of our newer members, especially those with children, on what you have liked and maybe not liked so much since you joined the club. Please contact me at [chair@herts-orienteeing.club](mailto:chair@herts-orienteeing.club) if you have any thoughts in this area.

September was also the start of the new Saturday Series. You'll see the outcome from last year's series elsewhere in this newsletter, and congratulations to all the category winners. Jersey Farm was an excellent start to the new series, our first visit there for 4 years. It just so happened that the Park Run was cancelled that day and as a result there were a few new faces who signed up to do the HH event instead. Hopefully they enjoyed it enough to come back to a future event.



Finally, last month was also the London City Weekend. I only managed to do the Hampstead Heath event, which was a fabulous early Autumn day, but missed the Rotherhithe main event. Having had trouble with the map at Hampstead though (lots of purple numbers on olive/undergrowth in a clustered area of the map), I'm not sure I'd actually have been able to pick out some of the fine detail on the Rotherhithe map anyway – some incredibly hard-to-spot route options. Well done to all those who did both events, especially if they managed to pick out the best routes on the urban map...

Best wishes

Ben



## Know Your Committee: Ben Bardsley - Chair

I'm a relatively new orienteer having attended my first HH event in 2015 and all my orienteering experience comes from events since then. That first event was an Orange course to see if Oliver might be interested in orienteering (it turned out he is) and what followed were more events with Oliver, shadowing him on Yellow and Orange courses, before he and I finally started running on our own and I graduated to Blue and beyond from 2018.



Why orienteering? I had actually tried it as a youngster (aged ~10?), attending a few events with a good friend at the time who was more into it than me, but it does mean that I am (just about) acquainted with the old ways of copying my own course onto the map and pre-SI pin punching. That distant experience was what led me back to orienteering in 2015 and it's now one of my primary ways to keep fit (along with a bit of cycling).

What do I like about it? Part of it is the challenge of thinking, planning, choosing and trying to do that consistently through an entire run, whilst also trying to keep up some level of continuous running. I'm afraid I never seem to do quite as well as I think I should be able to do, either navigating or running, but I'll keep trying and still hope to get my ranking a little further up the table.

I took on the Chair role having spent 4 years on the committee as Treasurer. The Chair is quite a different role, which involves (obviously) chairing committee meetings, but also trying to link different parts of the committee, supporting others on the committee in their roles, making decisions when needed and hopefully helping the club to continue to develop. This includes helping support the club's events, of course one of our primary functions, and I also represent the club at SEOA Committee.



Having now been given another year as Chair, I'm keen to help in some of the usual challenges that the club has, such as continuing to build our membership, especially through attracting new members and new juniors. Alongside this, putting on high quality events (something the club is very good at thanks to its excellent volunteers), with the British Night Championships in 2026 being an upcoming highlight. I'd love to hear from members on their thoughts on how to develop the club further so please do get in touch.

On a personal orienteering level, I've got a few aims. As always, to keep trying to get better ranking points. I'd like to get my fitness and speed up and stop making so many stupid mistakes – if I can do those, the points will come... I'll also be looking to challenge myself with some longer events having done the Original Mountain Marathon a couple of years back. These are a different type of challenge but orienteering nonetheless, and I'll be aiming to fix some of the errors from that first OMM.

I look forward to seeing you at an event soon!



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## HH AGM 2025

*Ben Bardsley*

Thank you to all who attended the HH AGM meeting in early September. The meeting comfortably reached its quorum of 20 members enabling all the relevant decisions of the meeting to be made and set the club up for the next 12 months.

The meeting heard updates from all the core committee positions (Chair, Secretary, Captain, Treasurer, Events Officer) as well as updates from the Juniors, Training Officer and Membership Secretary. Club membership remains at a similar position to previous years, although it was noted that we have seen a slight drop in Junior membership. If any club members have any thoughts on what the Committee could do to help continue to grow the membership, especially amongst Juniors, please get in touch with me at [chair@herts-orienteeing.club](mailto:chair@herts-orienteeing.club). The Committee would like to hear any ideas.

In the formal part of the meeting. The Accounts were accepted, with Roger Moulding appointed as Honorary Examiner for the 2025-26 accounts. All core Officer positions on the Committee remained unchanged with all incumbents expressing a desire and willingness to continue in those roles for another year:

<b>Chair</b>	<b>Ben Bardsley</b>
<b>Captain</b>	<b>Tom Cochrane</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Hedley Calderbank</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Hugh Wiltshire</b>
<b>Events</b>	<b>Neil Gostick</b>

Finally, a big thank you again, to all in the club for all your help and efforts throughout the year in helping to put on our events and make the club run smoothly, whatever your role, be it Organiser, Planner, Mapper, Controller, Volunteer, Officer, or other helper. All your efforts are appreciated and looking forward to another successful year, where HH will be hosting a British Championships (Nights) in February...

Best wishes

Ben

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If so, suggest they click on this link and they can get their very own copy!

<https://www.herts-orienteeing.club/members-section/keep-up-to-date/sign-up-to-the-hh-email-group/>





## Coast & Islands 2025

*David Saunders*

The fifth edition of the Coast & Islands Orienteering Week saw the event venturing to Shetland, cleverly co-ordinated to allow competitors to get back by ferry to Aberdeen in good time for the Scottish 6 (5) day festival in Deeside the following week.

A visit to Shetland has long been on our general to-do list, so the announcement that the Coast & Islands event would be held there, combined with very positive memories of previous events on Skye, Arran and Harris, led us to sign up: quickly, which proved to be a good move, as places soon sold out. In contrast to previous years, we proved to be the only HH members at the event.



While it is possible to fly to Shetland – and some did, including one competitor who flew in simply to compete on Day 4! – most opted for the overnight Ferry from Aberdeen to Lerwick.

We were on the Friday evening sailing and found many familiar faces on deck when we went up to look at the sailing ships gathered in Aberdeen harbour for the annual Tall Ships Race.

After a very smooth passage, many orienteers onboard took advantage of the 7am arrival to make the short ferry trip from Lerwick to Bressay to take in what is advertised as the most northerly Park Run in the UK.

Very well organised, with the start and finish lines permanently marked at the hotel near the ferry quay and local community centre, respectively. The latter, which opens specially on a Saturday morning to cater for the runners, was a little overwhelmed by the numbers, but the weather was good, so it was possible to sit and eat outside.



The first orienteering race on Sunday was one of three held to the northwest of Brae, about 30 minutes' drive from Lerwick. One of the features of the Coast & Islands series is that it allows the use of high-quality terrain in areas that could not support large events, perhaps though lack of parking, and for each of these days there was sufficient space only for the organisers' cars and a trailer bearing three portable loos. The fit had the option of cycling to the assembly areas from lay-bys on the main road or the school car park in Brae, but we opted for the very efficient minibus shuttle from Brae. We also opted for the earliest minibus each day so that we would have the remainder of the day for sightseeing.

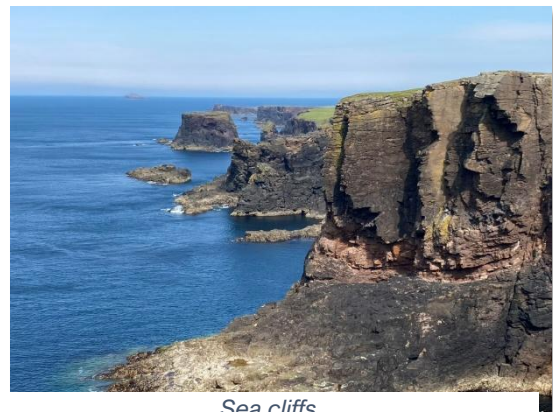


*Typical terrain*

Contrary to expectations, there are trees on Shetland, but not many and there were none on the areas we used. In the absence of trees, the mappers had adopted the practice of showing rough open as 'white'; indeed, there was no green on the maps for the first four days, as there was no undergrowth or vegetation, apart from short grass or heather that made for decent running.

The other familiar features missing from the maps were paths. Apart from the tracks leading to the assembly area there were none and although there were a few fences, these gave no navigational assistance on most days.

The terrain was not very hilly, but there was a decent amount of climb on all the courses. As can be seen from the maps there are many lochs and marshes between the hills and plenty of rock features including some impressive sea cliffs, which were taped when near control sites.



*Sea cliffs*



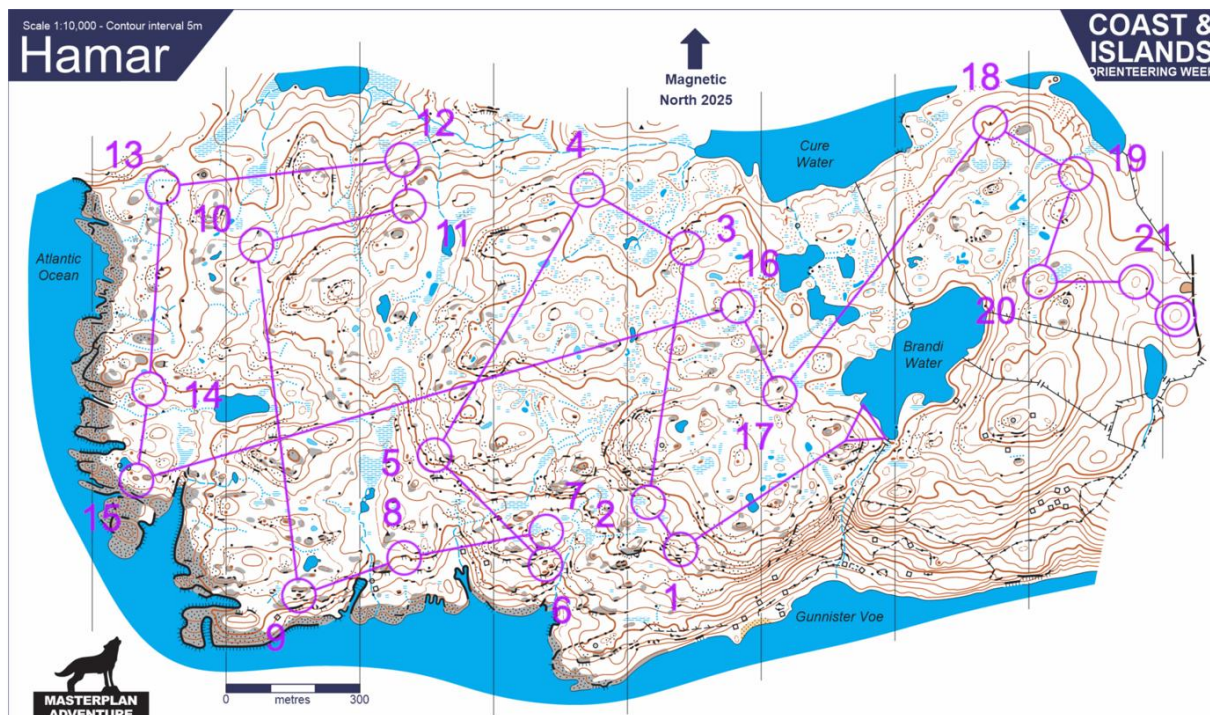
*View from walk to start on Day 3*

Of the three days near Brae, the furthest north was a classic distance race on Day 3 at Hamar. The walk to start offered stunning views to the west and a view back across the loch to the assembly area and terrain for Day 1.





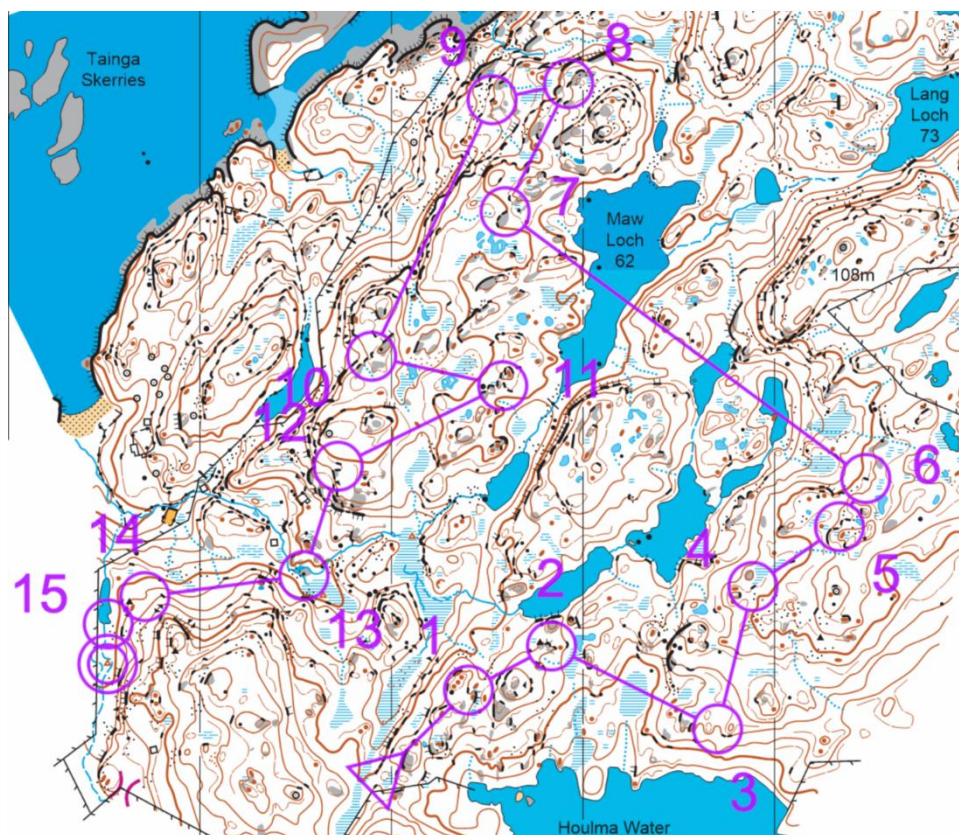
Hamar can lay claim to be the most northerly orienteering map in the UK, and the boulder used for No. 18 on the long course the most northerly control site.



Day 3 long course

The organisers claimed to have left the best until last (of the 'forest' races) and it was, with rather more lochs to invite route choice and tricky rocky areas.

That said, the standard was so high, that even the 'worst' of the areas (probably Day 2) would rank high in my list of favourites.

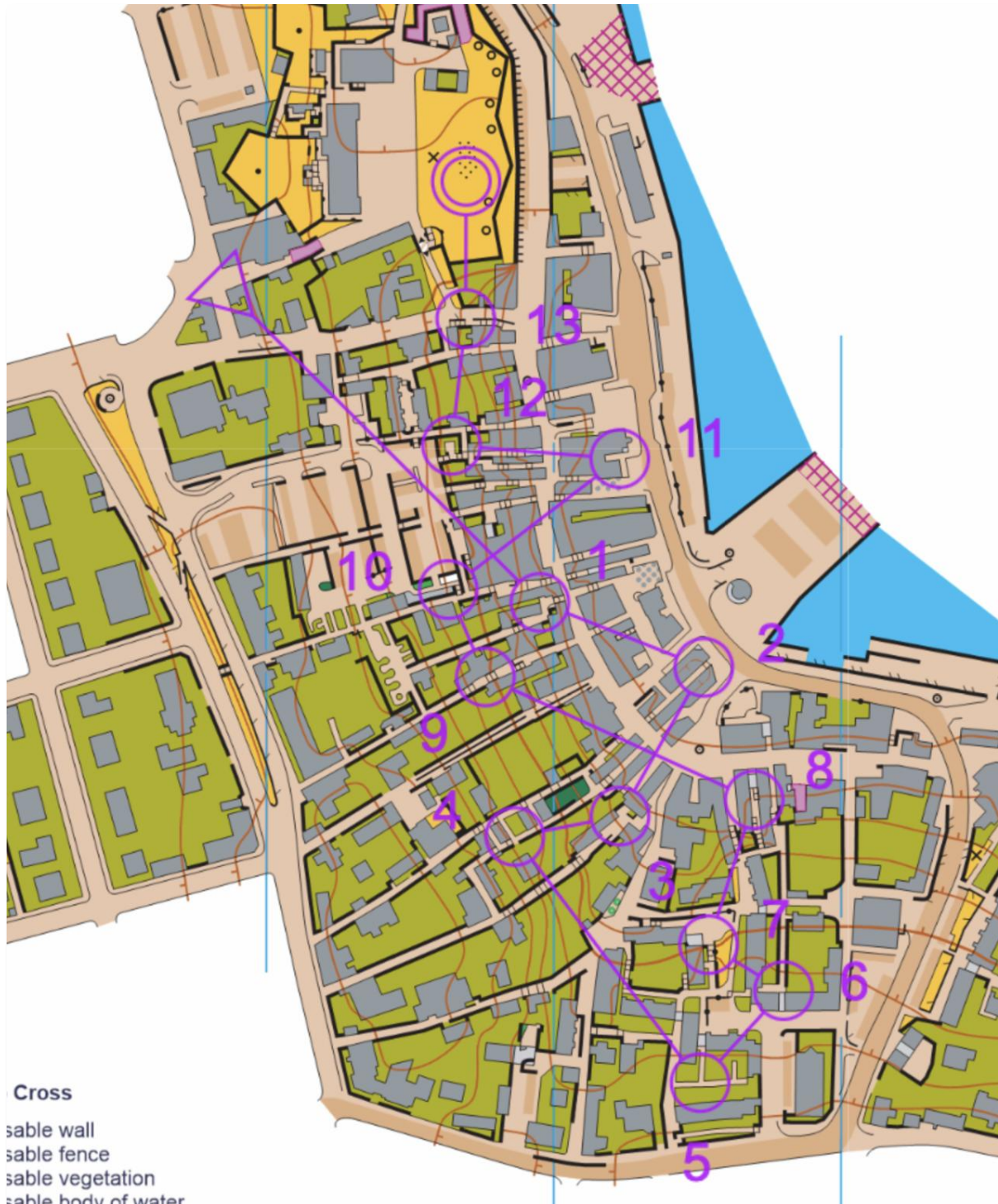


Day 4 short course





The last event was a sprint around Lerwick, well planned to take advantage of the many parallel, steep and often visually indistinguishable passageways radiating from the harbour and a total contrast to the previous four events.



*Day 5 short course*





The race, which finished through the castle gateway, was nicely timed to allow everyone to finish, engage in some last-minute sightseeing and board the late afternoon ferry back to Aberdeen with a full day to recover before the Scottish 6-Days.

There were four self-selecting courses, long, medium, short and orange, although some of the 'orange' legs looked pretty challenging, as most of the linear features they followed were 'blue'.

Start times were not allocated, so it was a case of turn up and run, which gave the event its relaxed feel, further enhanced this year by the abandonment of the calculation of cumulative times for the week.

Those things that mattered were spot on: good areas, good maps, good planning, all the controls in the right place and efficient bussing (with a very cheerful driver).

It was a fantastic week, helped by the – apparently unprecedented – lack of any real rain (we got wet going to the start one day but ran in the dry for five days) and long sunny afternoons visiting sites of archaeological or geological interest (and puffins).



*The finish on Day 5*



*Jarlshof archaeological site*



*Puffins at Sumburgh Head lighthouse*

Depending on timing and location, we will definitely go to the Coast and Islands again and, providing good weather is promised, go back to Shetland.





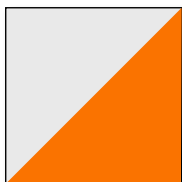
## Saturday Series and Youth League 2024-25 Final Results

*Ben Bardsley*

The Saturday Series event in Haileybury in July represented the end of the 2024-25 HH Saturday Series season meaning that it was time to calculate the winners over the course of the year. There were a couple of differences 2024-25 to highlight before moving on to announcing the winners...

Firstly, it was decided to define the series as running from October to July and end the series prior to the August holiday season. This is in contrast to previous years where the September event would also be included in the final calculations and would be the final event of the season. The reason for the change is to recognise the more natural break in the competition in July, as we don't run an August event, with July essentially represents the end of the season prior to the holiday period. The new season can then start in September after the August break and for 2025-26 will run from September through to July.

Secondly, the decision was also made to amalgamate the Youth League into the Saturday Series rather than just designating 5 specific events for Juniors for this League as had previously been the case. As a result, there is a Junior category for each of the different course categories for the Saturday Series reflecting Junior participation in all course colours through this series. In addition, since the vast majority of entrants of the White, Yellow and Orange courses are Juniors, the winners of these courses in the Saturday Series are effectively also the Youth League winners. For Light Green and Short Blue, both Junior and Open categories have been designated, with the Open categories potentially able to be won by a Junior.



For 2024-25, this means we have 14 different categories and the winners are listed below. Congratulations to all category and Youth winners. A certificate is available for you all and I'll bring these along to the next Saturday Series event in Panshanger for you to collect.



### 2024-25 Saturday Series and Youth League Winners

<b>White Girls</b>	Evie Mytton	<b>White Boys</b>	William Lyle
<b>Yellow Girls</b>	Tallis Oliver	<b>Yellow Boys</b>	Jacob Oliver
<b>Orange Girls</b>	Tunde Farago	<b>Orange Boys</b>	Jerez Oei
<b>Light Green Girls</b>	Niamh Mitchell	<b>Light Green Boys</b>	Sebby Elder
<b>Short Blue Girls</b>	Poppy Chorlton	<b>Short Blue Boys</b>	Darrio Tam
<b>Light Green Open Women</b>	Niamh Mitchell		
<b>Light Green Open Men</b>	Ian Byford		
<b>Short Blue Open Women</b>	Kerria Lines		
<b>Short Blue Open Men</b>	Dan Hodson		



## London City Weekend, Sunday, Hampstead Heath (21 September)

*Emese Sváb*

Our family only attended the Sunday race of the London City Weekend. We were quite lucky with the weather as it was very sunny. As it was close many HH members turned up! It was good to catch up after the long summer away.

The start is awarded the most scenic start of the year award from me (see photos).

There was a bigish group of Norwegian runners who made group photos with the start skyscrapers in the background. The only trouble was that the sun was shining from the wrong directions for a good photo.



On my way to the third control one of the Norwegian runners asked where we were. She made my day but she hardly believed what I told her. Not sure why I just left my second control. I think the map showed just one path and there were at least two...

When I finished I realised how full the bag dump tent was: I needed to dig out my rucksack. As the rest of the family's things were there and untouched I was

sure I was the first back from the family which was a surprise as Tunde was running Orange and started 2 minutes ahead of me.

Armed with my phone to make photos I went back to the finish and made a photo on Bors discussing his course with Oliver. They had both run Brown. Bors said he saw Tunde earlier so she is probably going to arrive soon.



Tunde (W12) did Orange, the course length was 3.1km. Which is fine and it is according to the rules. The only trouble I always have when I enter her at a colour coded event that Yellow does not gives her the navigation challenges she needs in order to improve but Orange is often too long for her needs as it can reach 4km.





She could probably run 4km in 20-25 minutes if it is grass and flat but anything more complicated and involving navigation slows her down significantly. I think the optimal amount of time for her would be around 40-60 minutes on a course. Instead this Sunday she was out for 82 minutes. This happens so often that she has already given up running. I mean you often see her walking as it is impossible for her to run 82 minutes in a row.

Tunde is not a beginner with at least two JKs under her belt and the last one her category was W12A. She takes part most of the HH training and though she is not member of SEJS yet we are always around those trainings and try to sharpen her navigation there too. Still she makes mistakes and spends too much time in the forest. Even on major events Orange is her category which is not really tailored for her needs. I think she would need some easy legs in Orange to pick up speed then more difficult ones to face challenges. Not sure.

It is interesting that this Orange problem only arises now for me. My eldest daughter was the same age as Tunde when we moved to the UK and she started to orienteer here. She was capable to run on her own by this time and I think she did Orange too. But then we never did major events as the two younger brother and little sister were too young.

My sons, Bors (M16) and Csongi (M14), never had a big issue with Orange as I suppose boys are getting stronger sooner. Tunde does not complain about course length just I think being out on a course for longer than 60 minutes is not really desirable for an under 12. I would prefer if she would be back and play with other HH youths after her course done.

At the last HH series event at Jersey Farm, Orange was 2.5m long and Tunde did it in 35 minutes. This was truly a good event from her point of view, not too long, maybe runnable in length.

On the other hand we went to the Southern Championship this year and Orange (W12) was 4km (the winning time was 63 min, but the second was 103 min). Tunde refused to run in W12A straight away and went for Yellow (W12B). But is this the way forward? It was a sensible decision from her but W12A lost a competitor and Tunde lost a good opportunity to challenge her navigation skills. I know that a Championship is always another level but Orange should always be the same standard as competitors are the same.



## Incentive Awards

Congratulations to the following club members who have gained new British Orienteering Incentive Awards recently.

Member	Certificates	Awarded
Alice Raftery	Racing Challenge: Silver Award ★★	14/09/2025
Isabelle Raftery	Racing Challenge: Bronze Award ★★ ★	14/09/2025
	Navigation Challenge ★★ ★	14/09/2025
Niamh Mitchell	Racing Challenge: Gold Award ★★ ★ ★	08/09/2025
Sean Mitchell	Racing Challenge: Gold Award ★★ ★ ★	08/09/2025
	Racing Challenge: Silver Award ★★ ★ ★	08/09/2025
Trenna Axon	Racing Challenge: Gold Award ★★ ★ ★	14/09/2025

## UK Orienteering League – can we find 60 points?

22 out of 26 events completed, 4 to go, and (not unreasonably) SROC had 9 runners at the Midland Champs which were in the Peak District, pushing us out of third place.



## Club League

Rank	Club	Points	Contributing members
1	SYO	5519	Martin Ward (M55), Lucy Walwyn (W16), Alex Rothman (M45), Will Preston (M16), Andrew Preston (M45), Oscar Peel (M18), Lawrence Hodgson (M16), Peter Gorvett (M75), Bronwen Doyle (W55), Amy Brown (W35), Mike Brett (M60), Kate Brett (W60), Paul Bradbury (M65), Nick Barrable (M50), Charlie Adams (M60)
2	FVO	5290	Vicky Thornton (W60), Andrew Llewellyn (M35), Rachel Kirkland (W50), Scarlett Kelly (W18), Esme Kelly (W16), Will Hensman (M45), Lindsey Hensman (W75), Rebecca Hammond (W18), Paul Hammond (M45), Liz Godfree (W75), Roger Goddard (M50), Alison Cunningham (W60), Jon Cross (M55), David Coustick (M80), Laura Brown (W20)
3	SROC	4953	Lucie Todhunter (W45), Ellie Todhunter (W16), Ben Todhunter (M18), Miriam Rosen (W75), David Rosen (M70), Martyn Roome (M70), Heather Roome (W40), David Roome (M40), Andy Quickfall (M65), Deb Murrell (W55), Tom Matthew (M50), Jo Matthew (W50), Ciel Matthew (W20), John Embrey (M65), Jacqueline Embrey (W65)
4	HH	4894	Janet Rosen (W70), Alan Rosen (M70), Rory Nesbit (M18), Hannah Nesbit (W50), Douglas Nesbit (M50), Sian Mitchell (W45), Ian Marsden (M45), Helen Marsden (W45), Viv Hodson (W60), David Hodson (M60), Isabel Hawks (W16), Benjamin Gostick (M20), Simon Errington (M60), David Dixon (M50), Tom Cochrane (M40)

### Remaining events:

Sat 11/10/25	<a href="#">Urban - Chichester (SO)</a>	Entries close 9 Oct
Sun 12/10/25	<a href="#">November Classic (SOC) (New Forest)</a>	Entries close 29 Sept but late possible
Sat 18/10/25	<a href="#">Caddihoe Day 1 Holne Moor (DEVON)</a>	
Sun 19/10/25	<a href="#">Caddihoe Day 2 Holne Moor (DEVON)</a>	Entries close 7 Oct





## UK Urban League 2025 – current top 10 positions

<b>Open Men</b>	Daniel Hodson	7 <sup>th</sup>	Best 8 out of 23 races to count. Remaining events:		
<b>Veteran Men</b>	David Dixon	6 <sup>th</sup>	DEE	Nantwich	05-Oct
<b>SuperVet Men</b>	David Hodson	2 <sup>nd</sup>	MDOC	Stockport	12-Oct
	Stu Levene	10 <sup>th</sup>	WAOC	Hertford	25-Oct
<b>SuperVet Women</b>	Viv Hodson	2 <sup>nd</sup>	HH	St Albans	26-Oct
<b>Ultra Vet Men</b>	Alan Rosen	9 <sup>th</sup>	WCH	Rugeley	09-Nov
<b>Ultra Vet Women</b>	Janet Rosen	6 <sup>th</sup>	SO	Brighton	20-Dec

## Southern England Orienteering Urban League 2025 – current top 10 positions

<b>Open Men</b>	Daniel Hodson	1 <sup>st</sup>	Best 7 out of 19 races to count. Remaining events:		
<b>Open Women</b>	Rachel Sequira	3 <sup>rd</sup>			
<b>Veteran Men</b>	David Dixon	1 <sup>st</sup>	SO	Chichester	11-Oct
<b>Veteran Women</b>	Sarah Dixon	9 <sup>th</sup>	WAOC	Hertford	25-Oct
<b>SuperVet Men</b>	David Hodson	1 <sup>st</sup> =	HH	St Albans	26-Oct
	Stu Levene	6 <sup>th</sup>			
<b>SuperVet Women</b>	Eliza Hermann	4 <sup>th</sup>			
	Nicola Trotman	9 <sup>th</sup>			
<b>Ultra Vet Men</b>	Paul Langston	3 <sup>rd</sup>			
	Mick Smith	5 <sup>th</sup>			
	Ian Byford	9 <sup>th</sup>			
	Hedley Calderbank	10 <sup>th</sup>			

Part of course B at the 2015 St Albans City Race







## Jersey Farm Saturday Series















## Club Sprint Champs, 2 September, Wardown Park







## Radio Controls at HH events

*Kevin Parkes*

The North London SI Consortium (NLSIC), the group of three clubs (HH, LOK, and CHIG) that share SportIdent kit, have recently added two radio control units to their available kit. Now when most orienteers hear mention of “radio controls” they probably think of commentary at big events. However, fundamentally radio controls are just a way of knowing who has visited a control at an event in real time and that information has potential uses beyond the provision of commentary:

- At events where the finish has to be remote from download it would be useful to know when everyone has finished and control collection can start before all competitors have returned to download. It would also help distinguish lost in forest competitors from lost returning to download ones.
- At events where there is a road crossing or the terrain is otherwise divided it could be useful to know when everyone has returned to the main forest so that collection of distant controls could be initiated or road crossing marshals stood down. It can also be used to narrow down the location of any missing runners.
- It also enables a flyby finish. Unlike conventional punches, contactless punches aren't recorded by the control box so it's not possible to interrogate a contact-free finish box to check whether a missing competitor is lost in the forest or merely hasn't downloaded. For this reason HH events have had a punching finish although at some larger events we have used a post-finish “safety control” which is dibbed in the conventional manner to collect the data, and some larger events have a taped finish funnel so that the competitor can't escape other than through download. Having a radio control at the finish transmitting finish information directly to the SiTiming database seems a more elegant way of enabling a flyby finish, and now that the necessary kit is available from NLSIC the plan is to make flyby finishes standard at HH events.



Some of you may have noticed us trialling this technology at recent larger events (Whippendell and Ashridge, both of which had remote finishes and, in the case of Ashridge, also a road crossing).

The technology, which has been developed by Ian and Helen Marsden's company (GPProjects), uses a special type of control box ('SRR') which is able to communicate with the radio control, known as an Eider, which in turn forwards the punch data over the mobile network to the SiTiming database at download.

There are a number of ways the radio punches can be viewed in SiTiming but the most useful for our purposes is the “View Outstanding Participants” screen which we





regularly use to check for remaining competitors at the end of an event. This is perhaps more accurately understood as showing where the competitor was *last seen*.

The screen shot below from late at the Jersey Farm Saturday series after downloading of the data from the Check box shows that Penny and Mike were last seen at Check and hence are still out on their courses (Light Green and Short Blue respectively) and that Lily and Orla have been last seen at the Finish updating their previous status of last seen at Check. The eagle eyed amongst you will also have noticed that Orla was seen at the Finish some 10 minutes before Lily – she’s been waiting for her sister at the Finish so they can go and download together.

View Outstanding Participants - SiTiming from SPORTident

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Event Timing Solutions  
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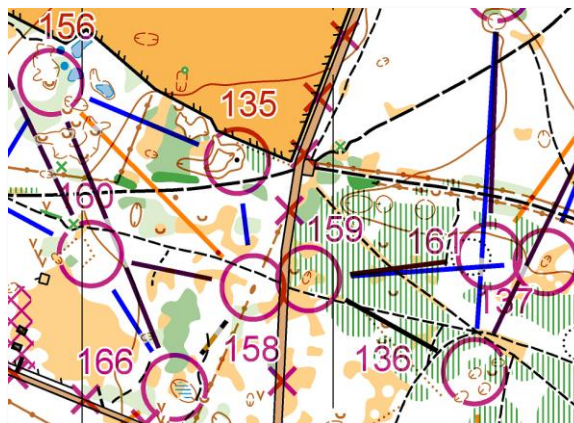
7 Outstanding Participants

8181282	10:50:42	Check (3)	Penny Parkes	W65	HH	Light Green	Entry
8030751	11:18:01	Check (3)	Mike Elliot	M70	MV	Short Blue	Entry
8231218	12:17:27	F	Orla Cochrane	W10	HH	White	Entry
8180816	12:27:34	F	Lily Cochrane	W10	HH	Yellow	Entry

Eiders use the mobile network to send punch data messages to a cloud server from which it is accessed by SiTiming. Being message data almost any, non-zero, level of network signal is adequate and the Eiders can use any of the UK networks. A significantly better 4/5G data signal is required in assembly for download, but that is already being checked for since it is required to download EODs from SiEntries and to publish live results to the web. However the planner should check that there is at least one bar of signal available at any site where a radio control is to be used.

The use of a radio control at a road crossing requires a little more thought from the planner. As well as the requirement for a mobile signal one needs to think about what a visit to the control actually tells one. As we saw above what we see at download is where a competitor was last seen and being seen at a road crossing that is used in both directions doesn't tell you whether the runner is outward or return bound. That was the situation at Ashridge where there was a timed-out road crossing between 158 and 159 which was crossed in both directions on the Blue, Short Brown (not shown), Brown, and Black courses.

The solution the planner (Laura Parkes) came up with is to have a post return control 166 to the south with outgoing runners approaching the crossing from the north / west so as to minimise the chance of an accidental passing punch.





On the day using radio controls is little different to using standard controls. Both the special SRR control boxes and the Eiders will be issued from NLSIC fully programmed and charged. Just like all other controls the SRR controls should be synced with a time master before hanging. The Eider is switched on and typically cable-tied to the stake below the control, although anywhere within 10m of the control(s) it is supporting is fine and a higher location, maybe in a nearby tree, can be the solution in locations where the signal is weak.

Note that only one Eider is required to support two finish controls.



Once switched on the display shows “SEARCHING” in the third line followed by the network it has found (O2 in the case of Jersey Farm right). The first two lines show Stored: the number of punches received from the controls, and Sent: the number of punches transmitted over the mobile network. A quick test punch will increment the first followed, a few moments latter, by the second when the mobile network transmission occurs.

The picture left was taken late at the Jersey Farm event and shows 135 punches Stored and Sent, somewhat more than the final 114 competitors. This is mostly due to the “status punches” sent when the Eider is booted and during periods where there are no punches, but also due to some test punches, and a few runners who flyby finished and then returned to manually punch “just to be sure”!

Since flyby finishes are still a little unusual we also have a couple of flyby signs (designed by Alan Rosen, see right) which are issued with the radio controls and can be hung ca 10m in front of the finish boxes to remind runners as they come in that sprinting through the finish is



OK and there’s no need to slam on the brakes to punch!



Radio controls do entail a little more work and complication for the download team since one needs to configure and activate the connection with the cloud server but I’ll save you the technical details!





## British Sprint Relay Champs – 30 August @ RAF Honington



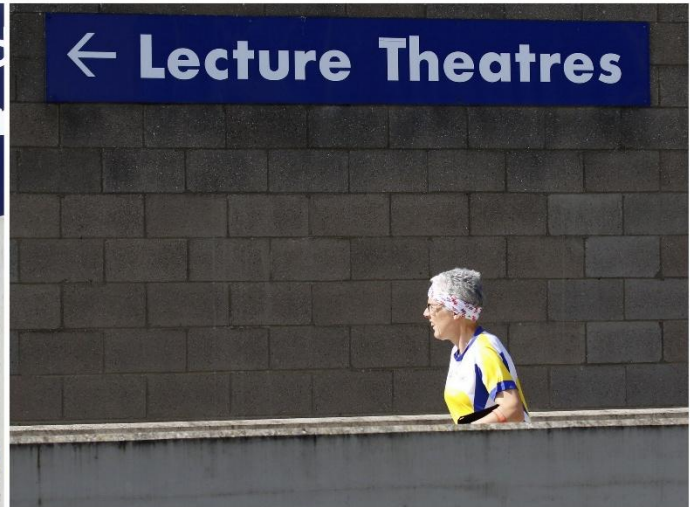
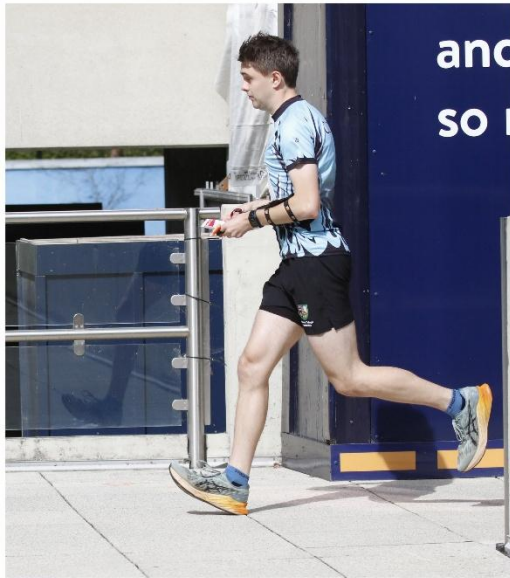




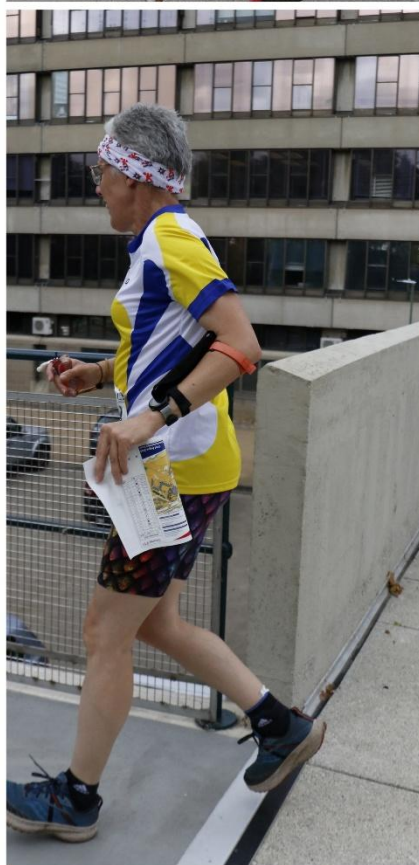
## British Sprint Champs – 31 August @ University of East Anglia



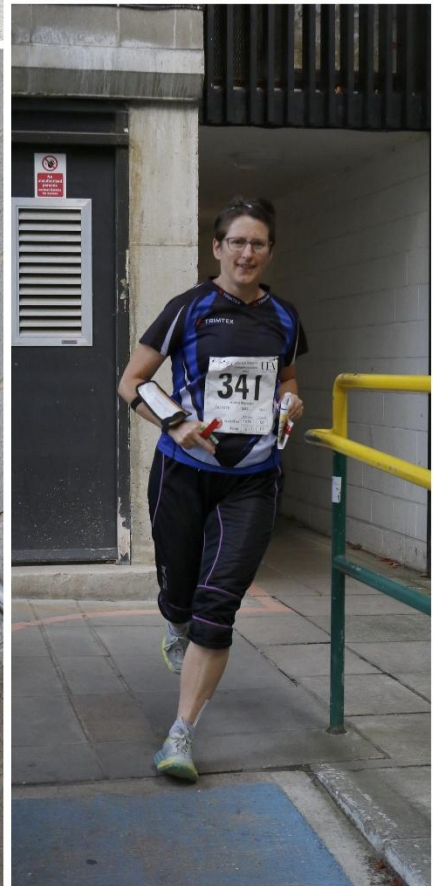














## Future Events

Here is a provisional list of events from HH and nearby clubs, plus some regional and national competitions that may be of interest.

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Date	Event	Area	Club	Level
Sat 04 October	HH Saturday Series	Panshanger Park	<a href="#">HH</a>	Local
Sat 04 October	TVOC Saturday Series	Keephill and Deangarden Woods	<a href="#">TVOC</a>	Local
Sun 05 October	Ely Urban- Autumn in Anglia	Ely	<a href="#">WAOC</a>	Regional
Sun 05 October	SAX Regional	Knole Park	<a href="#">SAX</a>	Regional
Sat 11 October	SO Urban – part of the November Classic weekend	Chichester	<a href="#">SO</a>	Regional
Sun 12 October	November Classic (UKOL)	New Forest	<a href="#">SOC</a>	National
Sun 12 October	SOS Colour Coded	Highwoods Country Park	<a href="#">SOS</a>	Regional
Tue 14 October	London Street-O Series	Richmond	<a href="#">SLOW</a>	Local
Sat 18 October	Caddihoe Day 1	Holne Moor	<a href="#">DEVON</a>	National
Sun 19 October	Caddihoe Day	Holne Moor	<a href="#">DEVON</a>	Regional
Sun 19 October	Local and SWELL event	Harlow Town Park	<a href="#">CHIG</a>	Local
Sat 25 October	WAOC/HH weekend	Hertford	<a href="#">WAOC</a>	Regional
Sun 26 October	HH/WAOC weekend	St Albans City Race	<a href="#">HH</a>	Regional
Sat 01 November	HH Saturday Series	Fairlands	<a href="#">HH</a>	Local
Sun 02 November	HAVOC SWELL	Dagnam Park	<a href="#">HAVOC</a>	Regional
Tue 04 November	SLOW Night-O Series	Battersea Park	<a href="#">SLOW</a>	Local





Date	Event	Area	Club	Level
Tue 11 November	LOK London Street-O	tbc	<a href="#">LOK</a>	Local
Tue 11 November	London Street-O Series		<a href="#">SLOW</a>	Local
Sat 15 November	TVOC Saturday Series	RAF Halton (TBC)	<a href="#">TVOC</a>	Local
Sat 15 November	GO SE Night Champs	Puttenham Common	<a href="#">GO</a>	Regional
Sun 16 November	GO Regional	Puttenham Common	<a href="#">GO</a>	Regional
Sat 22 November	Southern Night Champs	Worthlodge Forest, Crawley	<a href="#">SO</a>	Regional
Sun 23 November	SAX SE League event	Hindleap	<a href="#">SAX</a>	National
Sun 23 November	EAL Rushmere	Rushmere Country Park	<a href="#">SMOC</a>	Regional
Tue 25 November	SLOW Night-O Series	Barnes Common	<a href="#">SLOW</a>	Local
Sun 30 November	SN SE League event	Frith & Windmill Hill	<a href="#">SN</a>	National
Sun 30 November	Mildenhall South	Mildenhall South	<a href="#">WAOC</a>	Regional
Sat 13 December	TVOC Saturday Series (TBC)	Brill Common	<a href="#">TVOC</a>	Local
Sun 14 December	MV Festive Event	Buchan Country Park	<a href="#">MV</a>	Regional
Sun 14 December	SCOL01 and BKO Winter Regional	Black Park	<a href="#">BKO</a>	Regional
Sat 20 December	SO Brighton City Weekend Urban	Brighton city centre	<a href="#">SO</a>	National
Sat 20 December	SO Brighton City Weekend Morning Sprint	Preston Park	<a href="#">SO</a>	Regional
Sun 21 December	SO Brighton City Weekend	Stanmer Park	<a href="#">SO</a>	Regional
Fri 26 December	LOK Boxing Day Score	Trent Park	<a href="#">LOK</a>	Local

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