



Forth Valley Orienteers

2025 Annual Report and Accounts

1. President's Report

1.1. Review of the year

2025 was another very busy year for the club. After a relatively quiet 2024 in terms of large events, to leave space for WOC, we came back with a bang in 2025 and hosted no less than six major events.

Hosting the British Night Champs in February was a huge logistical challenge masterfully organised by John Heaton, with great courses from Ali McLeod, and universally praised as one of the best BNC events in recent memory. A UKOL at Plean the following day made it a full weekend for those travelling. The following month saw our SOL, originally planned for the Trossachs but hastily relocated to our newest area, Limerigg, when permission was withdrawn with 4 weeks to go - a Herculean effort by all involved. Then October saw a huge run of weekends - JEC (with FVO organising the sprint, but many club members involved all weekend), the Stirling City Race, the Scottish Score Champs and rounded off with the Junior Inter Areas. We really pulled out the stops, and there were some frazzled folks by the end of the month!

Complementing the large events we hosted a full calendar of smaller events, including the WEE series, Urban/Sprint series, and Night series, as well as regular local events. See Appendix 1 for full details. It was a tough year for our volunteer base; huge thanks to everyone who stepped up to deliver consistently high quality events for our members and the rest of the orienteering community. Whilst a lot of the work continues to be done by the old guard, I'm heartened by how many relatively new members have stepped up and enthusiastically thrown themselves into organising, planning and SI'ing. Our future is in good hands!

Our coaching team delivered another brilliant coaching programme for our junior members. STARS has been a fantastic success, and we owe Nicola and her team a huge vote of thanks for their continued commitment. FVO members are also heavily involved in SWAT and ScotJOS; the development pathway for Scottish juniors has never been stronger, and FVO really plays its part at all levels. Not to mention providing many of the juniors! It's a delight to see how much fun our younger members have, how much they're developing and how committed they are to the sport. I'm absolutely delighted to note that we have for the first time offered an adult improvers programme, too, organised by Jen and already underway. This is a key element of our revised strategic plan.

In terms of performance, it was another stellar year. For the full details, Steve has compiled his usual comprehensive and detailed report in Appendix 3. Great individual success across all classes at all the JK, the British Champs (in all guises), the Scottish Champs (all guises), the 6 Days, and even the Harvester, which was run for the first time in ages. We put in a good showing at Jukola, and various people trotted around the globe collecting pots in "holiday" events. At an international level, Grace, Peter, Alison, Chris and James all flew the flag with great success. Grace nabbed an awesome second place in the Knockout Sprint at round 3 of the World Cup, and just this week James was recognised as Male Athlete of the Year at the Edinburgh Uni Sports Awards, in no small part due to his magnificent fourth place at JWOC. He may still be partying. Club Captain Jon worked his magic as always and masterminded an astonishing array of relay successes at all the major events, including in the CompassSport Cup, where we came... an agonisingly close second again, this time by only 5 points! We go again in 2026!

Socially our highlight of the year was the Annual Awards night, a great success as always due to the hard work of the social committee, but it was great to see regular post-event meals being organised too, and the weekly Pilates & Circuits sessions hosted by Roger and Dawn is probably the only thing keeping my old bones from totally seizing up. Finally, and this is a big one, we held our first regular Club Night in January; we hope that this will help develop the community side of the club, so please do support this going forward, and please don't be shy about suggesting things you'd like to be included.

Continuing with the "non-competing" side of things:

We set up an FVO WhatsApp community in 2025 and it has been tremendously successful, at least judging by the number of times my phone dings at me these days. It's great to see members sharing lifts, watching dots and generally giving out good banter.

Club kit: Alex did great work sourcing alternative, cheaper (but still great quality) options, not least for those

kids who grow through several shirt sizes a year!

After completion of the Falkirk maps and Causewayhead/Cornton maps, our map store now sits at a total of 72: 41 forest maps, 20 urban maps, and 11 maps of parks. This is a very healthy library, although we can never rest on our laurels and we continue to look for new areas. Anyone can act as a scout! The rolling programme of updates keeps Mapping Officer Graham busy.

1.2. Looking forward - the next strategy

When the 2021-2024 strategic plan came to an end, we conducted a club survey (as reported in our last AGM) and the findings from that have informed our revised strategy going forward. To quote a time-old adage, “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it”, and the vast majority of the detailed, statistics-driven previous plan merited reuse with minor revisions. That said, another aphorism has it that “there are lies, damn lies, and statistics”, and I’m anxious that we don’t lose sight of the things that make our club great by focussing solely on the numbers.

Our previous plan centred around the delivery of annual increases in club membership, number of events & activities delivered, number of volunteers participating, and so on, with the primary driver being to reach an end position of the club being able to support a 2-day/week CDO role without ongoing grant support. It set a number of ambitious targets, the headline being to have 360 members in the club by 2025. After a great start, we found last year that - having reached 300 - our numbers actually fell away a little, to 282. On reflection this was likely in large part due to the post-Covid surge dropping off. I’m delighted to see that that fall has stabilised, and we’ve recovered to the 2023 position, with 296 signed-up members.

As our goal is to generate enough membership and event income to sustain the CDO position, it’s important that we do retain the 360 target, but that is now our “stretch” goal for the end of the next strategic plan. That number is important more for the increased size of the volunteer base to support the number of events that need to be planned and organised, rather than for the (small) additional membership fees. It’s not just about the numbers, though; we need to actively support our volunteer base, to incentivise people to volunteer in the first place, to make it as easy for them to develop role-based skills as possible, and to take steps to avoid individuals being overloaded.

To that end we are looking at different ways to manage people stepping up to volunteer. This could include creation of on-demand resources and things like mentor-matching to help make it easier for people to learn how to undertake the various roles on offer. Clearly there’s a lot of material out there in addition to what we already have in the club, provided by Scottish and British Orienteering (and indeed by other clubs and) but it can be hard to access, and increased legislation (among other things) seem to be constantly creating new hurdles to struggle over. One possible idea is a “volunteer mini-hub” on the website, but we’re keen to take on any ideas people have in this space. We’re in the process of finalising grant applications to the Orienteering Foundation and Scottish Orienteering to support transition of the CDO role to branch away from its current laser focus on new member recruitment to also encompass some of this effort (both development and maintenance), along with development of the adult coaching and competitive skills development already mentioned.

So, to summarise, we’re moving out of a purely growth phase into one where we want to fill out the experience for our members with new training, volunteering and socialising opportunities, which should ensure that the growth actually ‘sticks’. It will be a bit of a balancing act; at present we’re planning to maintain the current level of events whilst adding in the extra activities, so we’ll see how that goes, but we’re going to be cautious not to overload (for example, manic October last year, and we know that the JK this year is a big effort) and we won’t be shy about dialling the number of events back if we have to, whilst still keeping an eye on the bottom line.

With all of these plans, we can’t lose sight of the magnificent feeder programmes that have driven our expansion, being STARS, SWAT and the rest of the youth development, and also keep on top of the schools clubs (particularly Dunblane) where some of the parent helpers (and pupils themselves) have moved on.

All in all, the club continues to be in rude health, full of fabulously enthusiastic, skilled and sociable people, and I hope that our new strategy will continue to build on our strengths whilst keeping things fun and fulfilling for everyone. Go FVO!

2. Treasurer's Report

2.1 Overview

2025 was a successful year financially for the club due to a larger than budgeted surplus from major events and fewer days than budgeted worked by the Club Development Officer. As well as a full programme of local events, including the WEE, Night and Urban series, FVO hosted a successful British Night Championships and a SOL in the spring. In the autumn we then hosted the Sprint day for the Junior European Cup (JEC) followed by our annual City Race in Stirling and the Scottish Score Championships. The club recorded an overall surplus of c£7k, with income of c£54k and expenses of c£48k.

The surplus of c£7k compares to a deficit of c£7k surplus in 2024. While the intention is to broadly break even each year there is a degree of volatility year on year.

The surplus from larger events is budgeted to support the Club Development Officer (CDO) working two days per week and mapping costs not covered by grants. The higher surplus in 2025 from larger events is a result of an additional major event (JEC), lower costs for first aid and access, and the mapping costs being covered by grants or included in the 2024 accounts. The 2024 accounts included the cost of map updates to Touch and Falkirk Wheel in preparation for the British Night Champs and Scottish Score Champs in 2025. It was not felt prudent to defer this expenditure until the 2025 accounts.

The club's bank balance stands at c£22k as of 31 December 2025. Approximately £7k of this balance is ring fenced as "Deferred Grants and Donations" which will be drawn down over the coming years as we fulfil the plans outlined in each grant application. There are "net assets" of c£19k at 31 December 2025 that the club can freely deploy without constraint. Having a solid balance sheet stands the club in good stead for the future.

The main challenge for the club's finances going forward will be to maintain sufficient surplus revenue from events to support the c£13k p.a. CDO role at two days per week on a long-term basis as the grant funding gradually subsides. In 2025 grants supported c£1k of the CDO role with the remaining c£5k covered directly by the club. The club has earmarked c£4k of deferred grants to support the role in 2025 and beyond.

2.2 Income

The table below shows the income for the period to 31 December 2025. Commentary follows the table and more detailed notes referenced in the last column are included in the later sub-section "Notes to the Accounts".

Income	2025	2024	Note
	£	£	
Memberships and Affiliations	2,041	2,347	1
Grants and Sponsorship	5,519	11,181	
Event Income - WEE Series	3,089	3,038	3
Event Income - Night Series	2,254	2,602	
Event Income - Local and Newcomers Series	4,653	3,770	
Event Income - Club Only	567	217	
Event Income - Urban Series	3,382	2,817	
Event Income - Larger Events	23,879	19,172	
Coaching Income	572	525	
Scottish Six Days Income	1,354	412	4
Socials Income	3,749	3,708	5
Sale of Orienteering Clothing to FVO Members	2,399	2,506	6
Other Income	924	891	12
Total Income	54,382	53,186	

Total income in 2025 was slightly higher than in 2024. Membership income has reduced from SOA members but has remained steady for BOF members. The significant decrease in grant income in year is due to the CDO having worked fewer days and consequently drawing down less of the deferred grants, and 2024 including the new club website funded from a donation.

In 2025, FVO hosted five major orienteering events:

- 8th February 2025: the British Night Championships
- 13th April 2025: Scottish Orienteering League 2 at Limerigg
- 3rd October 2025: JEC Sprint at Stirling University
- 18th October 2025: Stirling City Race at Cornton and Causewayhead
- 19th October 2025: the Scottish Score Championships at the Falkirk Wheel

These events were well attended and generated significant income for the club to help support our development ambitions.

In addition, we provided the organisers, a planner and many helpers for a day of the Scottish 6 Day and the organiser and helpers for the JEC Relay.

Attendance at local events was very slightly down on 2024.

2.3 Expenditure

The table below shows the expenditure for the period to 31 December 2025.

Expenditure	2025	2024	Note
Development Role	6,321	10,210	7
Mapping Costs	8,034	9,770	8
Event Costs - WEE Series	1,177	1,275	3
Event Costs - Night Series	1,049	1,175	
Event Costs - Local and Newcomers Series	2,246	1,563	
Event Costs - Club Only	495	353	
Event Costs - Urban Series	1,630	1,156	
Event Costs - Major Events	13,755	14,181	9
Relays, CSC, Harvester and JS Trophy Costs	2,023	4,604	
Purchase O Tops and Jackets	3,221	3,289	6
Equipment Costs	2,193	5,272	10
Trophies and Engraving	12	243	5
Socials Cost	3,405	3,612	
Club Events - AGM, Coaching, Training	495	688	11
Athlete Support	300	600	
Lifetime Membership for Members	55	59	12
Donations	0	0	
Stationery, Postage, Printing and Bank Charges	0	137	11
Subscriptions - Affiliation Fees	95	140	
Other Expenses	1,148	1,588	12
Total Expenditure	47,654	59,915	

Expenses were c£12k lower in 2025 than 2024.

There was a significant decrease in the development officer role due to only working 44 days. In contrast 72 days were worked in 2024.

Equipment costs decreased as 2024 included both the new club website and renewal of the SI timing licence.

Our largest expense going forward will probably continue to be the Development Officer role at c2 days per week.

The subsidies for the Compass Sport Cup and Relays were lower in 2025 than 2024 and were in line with the budgeted amount of £2k in a break-even budget. To do this the club has continued to subsidise relay entries for juniors but removed the subsidy for adults. As in 2024 the club subsidised CSC entries and travel for the final but did not subsidise the qualifier.

Mapping costs continue to be an important area of spend as the club invests in expanding the suite of mapping into new areas, whilst ensuring the catalogue of maps are well maintained. Where possible, grant funding is sought to cover these costs. Budgets are set and reviewed at each Committee meeting when appropriate.

2.4 Income Less Expenditure

Overall, a net surplus of c £6.7k arose in 2024, compared to a c£6.7k deficit in 2024. We would usually expect a small deficit or surplus to arise each year. However, a larger surplus arose in 2025 due to the higher than expected surplus from larger events and fewer days worked by the development officer.

Income Less Expenditure	2025	2024
Total Income	54,382	53,186
Total Expenditure	47,654	59,915
Net Income less Expenditure	6,728	(6,729)

2.5 Net Assets and Cash Movement

The net assets of the club were £19,176 at 31 December 2025, as shown below:

	£	£	Note
Current Assets	2025	2024	
Bank Account: Business Current Account	21,872	20,940	
FVO Kit Stock	3,306	968	6
Printer Paper Stock	998	684	
Monies due to FVO from Members	2,874	2,916	
Deferred Expenditure		888	
Other Debtors		89	
	29,050	26,485	
less Current Liabilities			
Deferred Grants and Donations	7,234	11,198	
Deferred Income	0	449	
Membership Fees Paid in Advance	945	0	
Other Creditors	1,694	2,390	
	9,873	14,037	
Total Net Assets:	19,176	12,448	

Deferred Income and Expenditure in the 2024 accounts related to the British Night Championships held on 8th February 2025 at Touch, plus a small amount of income for local events in January 2025. There was no equivalent deferred income or expenditure at the end of 2025.

The club may appear to have substantial cash reserves, but about a third of the funds are ring fenced for specific purposes as outlined in our grant applications.

In addition to the recognised assets and liabilities mentioned above, FVO also has the following non-capitalised assets:

Equipment (SI and Other) – which has been expensed through the Income and Expenditure Account as this equipment was purchased. The SI equipment is expensive to replace (c£12k replacement cost) and is difficult to insure. Other (non-SI) equipment was recently valued at c£15k replacement cost.

2.6 Grants and Donations

The club has been highly successful at securing grants in recent years and is proactively deploying the funds in accordance with the grant applications. Several new grants were awarded over the year: £500 from the O Foundation as the fourth and final year of the CDO grant, £375 from Bridge of Allan Round Table for the Cornton and Causewayhead map, and £500 from Foundation Scotland as a follow up to the 2024 grant for updating the Polmaise map.

Many thanks are due to all those grantors who have provided funds and for the many club members in co-ordinating and completing the applications.

The club received a donation of £180 in 2025 that will be used for junior development.

The table below shows a detailed breakdown of all outstanding grants and donations as at 31 December 2025 and their movements over the year. Grants and donations are recognised as income only when the underlying costs associated with that grant, or use of donation, are expensed. Many of the grants will therefore be recognised gradually in the income of the club over next 1-3 years. This approach avoids large unrepresentative swings of surplus and deficit in the accounts when grants are initially awarded. “Deferred Grants and Donations” represent grants awarded and donations received where the underlying expenses are still to be incurred.

Less development officer work resulted in a lower drawdown of grants than in 2024.

Grantor	Deferred Grant Balance on 1st Jan 2025	Amount Awarded over year	Grant drawn down in year	Used for in 2025	Amount Recognised in Deferred Grants on 31 December 2025	Current Remaining funds likely to be used for:
Callander Community Hydro Fund	906			N/A	906	Development Officer support for Callander project, permanent courses.
Clackmannanshire Council Development Grant	250			N/A	250	Mapping - Gartmorn Dam (partial)
Awards for All (National Lottery Community Fund)	333			N/A	333	Development officer funding
Dunblane Development Trust (Braes of Doune Windfarm)	600			N/A	600	Permanent Orienteering courses in Laigh Hills
Orienteering Foundation	583	500	791	Development Officer Funding	292	Development Officer expansion to 2 days per week.
SOA Development Fund	354		305	Orienteering Foundation Courses	49	Orienteering Foundation and Level 1 Coaching Courses
SOA Development Fund	40			Donaldsons School maps and POC plaques	40	Donaldsons School activities
Falkirk Council Community Empowerment	4,048		4,048	Maps of Westquarter, Limerigg, Boness Foreshore, POC maps	-	
ABCT.net donation	500			N/A	500	STARS coaching
Tricia Cook donation		180		Junior development	180	
Bridge of Allan Round Table		375	375	Cornton & Causewayhead map	-	
Foundation Scotland		500			500	Polmaise permanent course
N/A - prior balance accumulated under previous Development Officer arrangement from 2016 - 2021.	3,584			Development Officer Funding, Orienteering Foundation Courses	3,584	Development Officer expansion to 2 days per week.
	11,198	1,555	5,519		7,234	



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2.7 Attestation of FVO Treasurer

I have prepared the accounts for Forth Valley Orienteers at 31 December 2025 in my personal capacity as FVO Treasurer.

David Godfree, FVO Treasurer, 25 January 2026

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the members of Forth Valley Orienteers I report on the accounts of the club for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out in the Treasurer's Report.

Respective responsibilities of members and examiner

The members of the club are jointly responsible for the finances of the club, in accordance with clause 8 of the constitution. It is my responsibility to examine the Accounts as required under clause 6 of the constitution and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with OSCAR guidance on independent examinations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the club p a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the Committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the Accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Simon Hunt

Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: ICAEW

Address: Kinbuck Hall, Kinbuck

Date: 07 February 2026

2.8 Accounting Policies

The Accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis, so income and costs are included in the Income and Expenditure Account in the year to which they relate.

Unsold kit stock, unused grants and other balances due to and from external parties, are included as Assets and Liabilities of the Club.

2.9 Notes to the Accounts

Note 1: Membership

Membership fees are accounted for on an accruals basis (as opposed to cash basis). This has been done approximately using the date of payment of membership to determine whether that membership relates to the current calendar year or the next one. All membership fees received in November and December are assumed to relate to the next calendar year.

Note 2: This has intentionally been left blank

Note 3: Event Income

A breakdown of the event income and expenses is shown below. Larger events saw of c£5k increase in surplus compared to 2024. The smaller events generated roughly the same surplus as in 2024.

Events	Income	Expenses						2025 Net Surplus	2024 Net Surplus
		Map printing	Levies to British Orienteering	Levies to Scottish Orienteering Association	Access Costs	Other	Total Expenses		
WEE Series	3,089	400	777	0	0	0	1,177	1,912	1,763
Night Series	2,254	347	652	0	50	0	1,049	1,205	1,427
Local and Newcomers series	4,653	710	1,064	0	0	472	2,246	2,407	2,207
Club Only Events	567	193	302	0	0	0	495	72	(136)
Urban Series (weekend)	3,382	466	945	0	0	229	1,640	1,742	1,661
TOTAL	23,879	2,396	2,124	1,152	386	7,697	13,755	10,124	4,991
	37,824	4,512	5,864	1,152	436	8,398	20,362	17,462	11,912

Note 4: Scottish Six Days Income

Historically, a proportion of the income generated from the Scottish 6 Days is allocated to the various Scottish orienteering clubs based on the roles that club members fulfil. During 2025 the club received a second distribution of £412 for the 2023 6 Day and a distribution of £942 for the 2025 6 Day. FVO does not budget for this income as a matter of course.

Note 5: Socials

Socials are expected to be broadly cost neutral. A small surplus or deficit can arise when numbers of attendees are different than budgeted.

Net Costs on Socials	Income	Expenses	Net 2025	Net 2024
Annual Awards	1,335	971	363	414
6 day tea	973	995	(22)	0
Speyside Training Weekend	1,442	1,438	3	(318)
	3,749	3,405	345	96

Note 6: Net cost (surplus) on Sale of FVO Clothing

The Club sells purchased stock to members at an average discount of c7%. The amount of discount varies by item and is highest on jackets as they are both the most expensive and a key part of the club identity. The cost of the club subsidy is recognised as soon as the kit has been purchased and placed into the FVO kit stock. Subsequent sales of remaining items from the FVO kit stock to FVO members in later years should therefore generally result in no material net cost to FVO, until a new order is placed with the supplier. In 2025, there was a small deficit of £822 based on the higher stock held at the year end.

Sale of FVO Clothing	Income	Expenses	Net 2025	Net 2024
Sale of FVO branded O tops and jackets	2,399	0	2,399	2,506
Cost of FVO tops sold (valued at full purchase price from Trimtex)	0	3,221	(3,221)	(3,289)
	2,399	3,221	(822)	(783)

Note 7: Development Officer

Mairi Eades held the position of Club Development Officer (CDO) during 2025 and worked on a self-employed basis for 44 days over this period.

In 2021, the club received c£7k that was held by SOA in relation to the historical operation of the CDO position from 2015 – 2020. FVO had paid a fixed amount to cover the salary, expenses, pension amounts for the CDO, plus an administration charge. This fixed sum was approximate and slightly prudent which led to a surplus balance at SOA, which has now been returned to FVO, where it will be deployed for development purposes.

Note 8: Mapping Costs

Table below shows a breakdown of the c£8k mapping spend. Around a half of total expenditure was matched with grants during the year.

Mapping Costs	Cost	Grants Received in 2025	Grantor
Trossachs	1,958	0	
Westquarter	600	600	Falkirk Community Grant
Boness Foreshore	1,000	1,000	Falkirk Community Grant
Limerigg	1,980	1,980	Falkirk Community Grant
Cornton and Causewayhead	950	375	Bridge of Allan Round Table
Sauchie Crags	475	0	
Updates to Existing Maps (over 10 maps in advance of events)	1,071	0	
	8,034	3,955	

Note 9: Relays, CSC, Harvester and JS Trophy Costs

Lower costs were observed in 2025 than 2024 as the amount budgeted for subsidy in order to set a break-even budget was lower. In 2025 the club subsidised:

- 100% of Compass Sport Cup Final entries and 46% of shared minibus travel
- 100% of Jamie Stevenson trophy
- 50% of Junior relay entries

Relays, CSC, Harvester and JS Trophy Costs	Income - from members	Expenses		Net 2025	Net 2024
		Entries	Travel & Accommod		
JK, British, British Sprints, and Scottish (entries part subsidised)	3,987	4,469	0	(483)	(1,263)
Jukola Relay (no subsidy)	1,060	1,064	0	(4)	0
Devil's Burdens Relay (no subsidy)	0	0	0	0	0
JS Trophy (fully subsidised entries)	0	261	0	(261)	(333)
PP Relay (partly subsidised)	0	0	0	0	(501)
CSC (partly subsidised)	1,220	1,945	550	(1,275)	(2,507)
	6,266	7,739	550	(2,023)	(4,604)

Note 10: Equipment Costs

Equipment Costs	2025	2024
SPORTident equipment (incl. maintenance)	999	896
IT Equipment	429	0
Website	135	2,695
Kites / Markers etc	0	300
Stakes / Gripples etc	187	424
Zoom Subscription	0	144
Tents	105	0
Condes / SI Results licenses	324	768
Other	14	45
	2,193	5,272

2025 saw the five-yearly renewal of the club licence for Condes course planning software.

Note 11: Subscriptions - Affiliation Fees

Subscriptions - Affiliation Fees	2025	2024
British Orienteering Annual Affiliation Fee	95	90
Clubsport Stirling Affiliation Fee	0	50
	95	140

Note 12: Other Income and Other Expenses

Other Income and Other Expenses	2025 Income	2025 Expenses	2024 Income	2024 Expenses
Permanent Course Income and Expenses	238	373	245	1,052
SI Equipment Hire	148	0	90	0
First Aid Course Income and Expenses	0	775	85	536
Map Royalties	538	0	471	0
TOTAL	924	1,148	891	1,588

Maps were printed using the Falkirk Council Community Empowerment grant, for permanent courses in the Falkirk area.

SI Equipment hire was SI units and SI cards to Ochil Hill Runners for the Ochils 2000 Race and the Scottish 6 Day.

A number of members attended first aid courses during the year to able to provide first aid cover at our local events.

The majority of Map Royalties were from JEC for training on South Achray.

Masterplan Adventure (MA) is an orienteering club that shares FVO's desire to further the development of orienteering in the Central Belt and beyond. Given the geographical spread of the areas mapped by the two clubs, from time to time we expect MA and FVO events to request use of maps that the other club will have copyright on. Over the last couple of years FVO has run a number of smaller events on MA maps and MA has run some larger events (e.g. Christmas Cup) on FVO maps. In 2022 MA and FVO agreed that the following map royalties would be paid bilaterally:

Map Royalty	"Large" events (>£10 Senior entry fee)	"Small" events (<=£10 entry fee)
Senior	£2.00	£1.00
Junior	£1.00	£0.50

These charges are slightly different (and considered more appropriate for frequent use) to the standard charging approach of c£2 / map referred to in the current FVO charging statement online.

From an FVO accounting perspective, payments of map royalties to MA are captured in the event costs of the relevant event, whereas the income of any map royalties from MA to FVO is captured in other income. Royalties were received from MA in 2025 for their Elite Relay and SoSOL at South Achray.

Appendix 1: Events, training sessions & activities organised by FVO in 2025

Once again we had a busy year for events in 2025. The highlight was a fantastic contribution to the national calendar of no fewer than six large events, not including the Junior Inter-Area Championship weekend which was recorded as “Local” activity or the day we organised at the Scottish Six Days festival.

The six events included the British Night Championship, a UKOL race at Plean, a SOL at Limerigg, the Junior European Cup Sprint, the Stirling City Race and the Scottish Score Championship, and attracted a total of 1566 entries, which may be a new record for a single season.

Attendance at FVO smaller events (Local, Night, Sprint, WEE) continues at an impressive rate. In 2025, we maintained our high number of entries at smaller events with 3261 entries across our 39 events, at an average rate of 84 people per event. Local weekend events have been a clear highlight, with an average of 135 entries per event, including more than 200 at the Club Championships, where there was a large turnout from ESOC, who also had their championship that day.

This helped to offset slight reductions in attendance at the midweek series, which nonetheless were our 2nd-busiest set of event on record, beaten only by the banner year in 2024.

Our coaches were also very busy at all levels. Novice series in both Falkirk and Dunblane attracted around 15 newcomers per event, several of whom went on to join the club. Monthly Stars sessions operated alongside local events and these proved popular in maintaining contact with our young learners, while the West of Scotland junior programme (SWAT) was once again largely an FVO affair, with occasional input from the other west clubs. A number of coaches are also involved in the Scotland setup, and there was still time in the year for a very successful residential training camp in Strathspey to round off the year.

35 club members undertook Planner/Organiser responsibilities, as follows:

- 3 events – Paul Hammond, Simon Hunt, Steve Scott
- 2 events – Jon Cross, Simon Finch, Will Hensman, Mark Holliday, Alasdair McLeod, Peter Owen, Rob Truswell
- 1 event – Lucas Baike, Fraser Cheyne, Jack Cheyne, Brad Connor, Dom Edward, James Edward, Sophie Edward, James Fathers, Dave Godfree, James Hammond, Alexander Hunt, Jason Inman, Mark Johnston, Chris Kelly, Scarlett Kelly, Peter Molloy, Grace Polwart, Neil Polwart, Fraser Purves, Rory Slater, Ben Stansfield, Rhys Stanwix, Mark Wood.

Larger events with multiple officials were organised by Andy Llewellyn (3), Dave Coustick, Ted Finch, John Heaton and Rob Truswell.

Appendix 2 - Club Officials

A2.1 Qualified Event Officials

Event Official role	Number of club members	
Organisers (with Event Safety Workshop training)	103	
Grade A Controllers	7	
Grade B Controllers	1	
Grade C Controllers	13	
Coaches - current Licence to Coach	5	
Coaches - licence to Coach recently expired	6	
First aiders	32	

A2.2 Club roles

Elected committee roles:

- 3 President – Brad Connor
- 4 Secretary - Paul Hammond
- 5 Treasurer - Dave Godfree
- 6 General members - John Heaton, Andy Llewellyn, Bryony McLeod

Appointed roles:

- Club development officer (contracted) – Mairi Eades
- Club entries system – Neil Polwart
- Club kit – Alex Tijhuis
- Club trophies - Lindsay Hensman
- Coaching coordinator (Stars) – Nicola Melville
- Coaching coordinator (SWAT) – Jason Inman
- Electronic equipment Manager - Will Hensman
- Equipment Manager - Ben Stansfield then Rhys Stanwix
- Local weekend events coordinator – Dominic Edward
- Mapping officer - Graham Gristwood
- Map printing – Geoffrey Hensman
- Membership secretary - Neil Polwart
- Night series event coordinator – Rob Truswell
- Permanent Orienteering Course coordinator - Jason Inman
- Permissions – John Heaton
- Press officer/Media - Steve Scott
- Risk Assessment Officer – Trevor Hoey
- Safeguarding officer - Hazel Dean
- Social committee – Caroline Clarke, Heather Fellbaum, Natasha Conway, Vicky Thornton
- Social media – Holly Stodgell
- Sprint series event coordinator – Cathy Tilbrook
- Team captain - Jon Cross
- Webmaster - Paul Hammond
- Wednesday Evening Event (WEE) series coordinator – Chris Kelly

Appendix 3 - FVO team achievements, national selections and medals

3.1 FVO Team successes

Compass Sport Cup (UK interclub team competition): FVO qualified for the final in Cleveland as the only Scottish entry in the qualification round at Kinnoul Hill (following a change in the counting process, ESOC and INVOC are “large clubs” for 2026, so we won't have a straightforward progression this year). In the final, we were 2nd for the fifth consecutive year to SYO, but extended our record of podium appearances to ten straight years, ever since we joined the Large Clubs division.

Jamie Stevenson Trophy (Scottish Junior team championship): Despite being pushed hard by INVOC, FVO successfully defended its title for a 4th consecutive year with a strong performance.

Scottish Inter-Club Championship: This competition took into account results at a range of events throughout the year, and FVO once again won both Senior and Junior large club division, with the juniors winning their fourth consecutive title. Next year, the Inter-Club Championship will revert to being a single day of competition, alongside the Compass Sport Cup & Trophy in the Trossachs, and the Junior classification has been abandoned.

Scottish Relay

Women's Open

Alison Smithard, Clare Stansfield, Alison Cunningham 1st

Junior -36 - 1st team

Sophie Edward, Sean Truswell, Lachlan Carruthers 1st

Junior -44 = 1st team

Lucas Baikie, James Edward, Fraser Cheyne 1st

Age Class +11 – 1st team

Roger Goddard, Jon Cross, Dom Edward 1st

Men's Open

Will Hensman, Andy Llewellyn, Chris Smithard 2nd

Junior -36 - 2nd team

Ethan Baikie, Lucy Finch, Matthew Inman 2nd

Junior -44 – 2nd team

Eilidh Connor, Esme Finch, Matthew Owen 2nd

Age Class +11 - 2nd team

Dave Godfree, Peter Owen, Ben Stansfield 2nd

Age Class +23

Heather Fellbaum, Rachel Kirkland, Gary Longhurst 2nd

Age Class +20

Cathy Tilbrook, Louise Longhurst, Ross McLennan 3rd

J.K. Relay

JK Trophy (Men Open)

Peter Molloy, Chris Smithard, Graham Gristwood 1st

Senior Men (M120+) - 1 st team	
Mark Nixon, Will Hensman, Andy Llewellyn	1 st
Mini Relay (M/W12-)	
Sophie Edward, Sean Truswell, Lachlan Carruthers	1 st

UltraVet (M/W210+)	
Heather Fellbaum, Vicky Thornton, Alison Cunningham	2 nd

Intermediate Men (M48-)	
Alexander Hunt, Lucas Baikie, Peter Owen	2 nd

Women's Trophy	
Alison Smithard, Clare Stansfield, Grace Molloy	3 rd

Senior Men (M120+) - 2 nd team	
Jamie Goddard, Marcus Pinker, Roger Goddard	3 rd

British Relay

Men's Premier	
Peter Molloy, Chris Smithard, Graham Gristwood	1 st

M14	
James Edward, Matthew Owen, Lucas Baikie	1 st

M50 – 1 st team	
Roger Goddard, Marcus Pinker, Dave Godfree	1 st

M40	
Will Hensman, Dom Edward, Jon Cross	2 nd

M50 - 2 nd team	
Ben Stansfield, Fraser Purves, Jason Inman	3 rd

British Mixed Sprint Relay

Junior	
Lucas Baikie, Esme Finch, Fraser Cheyne	3 rd

Harvester Trophy

Yotam Bertrand, Trevor Hoey, Andy Llewellyn, Jon Cross, Roger Goddard, Rob Truswell, Jamie Goddard	1 st
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3.2 National selections for coming season

GB Performance Squad – Grace Molloy, Peter Molloy

GB Development Squad – James Hammond, Tommy Rollins

GB Talent Squad (Scotland) - Rebecca Hammond, Alexander Hunt, Sophie Howard. Esme Kelly, Scarlett Kelly, Peter Owen

World Orienteering Championships – Grace Molloy, Alison Smithard

World Cup – Grace Molloy, Peter Molloy, Alison Smithard, Chris Smithard

Junior World Orienteering Championships – James Hammond

European Youth Orienteering Championships - James Hammond, Scarlett Kelly

Scottish Junior Orienteering Squad – Esme Finch, Hannah Inman, Matthew Owen, Lucas Baikie, Fraser Cheyne, James Edward, Rebecca Hammond, Sophie Howard, Alexander Hunt, Matthew Inman, Esme Kelly, Scarlett Kelly, Peter Owen

3.3 Individual performance at major events in the UK and national events in Scotland

Top class in each age category (E/A/L)

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
JAN KJELLSTROM INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING FESTIVAL -	10	11	6
British Long Championships	5	1	5
British Middle Championships	1	1	0
British Sprint Championships	2	0	1
British Night Championships	3	3	5
TOTAL BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS	11	5	11
Scottish Championships	13	7	5
Scottish Sprint Championships	10	5	5
Scottish Middle Championships	8	7	5
Scottish Night Championships	6	4	4
TOTAL SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIPS	37	23	19
Scottish Orienteering League	11	3	8
Scottish Urban Orienteering League	7	5	4
TOTAL SCOTTISH LEAGUES	18	8	12
Total no. of club members winning at least one UK Major or Scottish National medal	48		

Appendix 4 – Membership Report

1. Membership position as at 31st December 2025:

Total membership was 296 (186 adults and 110 juniors) plus 5 second club members.

See Tables 1 and 2 for the breakdown into age categories and comparison with previous years. (NB This does not include Stirling University Orienteering club members who are automatically second club members of FVO).

2. Scottish Orienteering Association vs British Orienteering members

At the end of 2025, we had 109 members in FVO who are Scottish Orienteering-only members (i.e. not in British Orienteering). (Compares with 102, 111, 111, 86, 82, 64, 71 and 42 in 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 etc).

Neil Polwart, FVO membership secretary, January 2026

Table 1 - Breakdown of FVO membership – 31 December 2025

		Female	Male	Total
V. Young Juniors	M/W10	35	31	66
Younger Juniors	M/W12/14	16	11	27
Older Juniors	M/W16/18	9	8	17
Seniors	M/W20/21/35	16	15	31
Veterans	M/W40+	42	40	82
Supervets	M/W55+	21	19	40
Ultravets	M/W65+	23	10	33
Total		162	134	296

Table 2 - FVO membership data over the years

Year	Seniors	Juniors	Total	2nd club
2013	83	46	129	6
2014	90	45	135	3
2015	100	48	148	3
2016	122	53	175	3
2017	132	68	200	4
2018	146	70	216	3
2019	151	73	224	2
2020	138	63	201	4
2021	177	73	250	2
2022	183	69	252	3
2023	191	109	300	6
2024	189	93	282	6
2025	186	110	296	5

Table 3 – Local Authority Area of current membership

Local Authority	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Stirling	142	147	146	115	117	96
West Lothian	36	44	42	45	50	52
Falkirk	17	3	12	13	13	14
Clackmannan	37	36	27	25	18	12
Perth & Kinross	20	13	27	19	13	8
Fife	4	7	9	7	3	3
Edinburgh	23	12	10	4	4	2
Borders	0	1	1	1	2	2
Dundee	1	0	1	1	2	2
Glasgow	0	1	0	0	0	1
East Dunbartonshire	1	1	2	3	10	1
South Lanarkshire	1	1	5	1	2	0
North Lanarkshire	1	0	0	1	1	0
East Lothian	0	1	0	0	0	0
Highland	0	1	0	0	0	0
Outside Scotland	13	14	18	17	15	8
	296	282	300	252	250	201



Appendix 5 – FVO Strategic Plan: progress report

FVO Vision: FVO is a top quality orienteering club which warmly welcomes and caters for all ages and abilities

