



**East Lothian Orienteers
Annual General Meeting 2026
Agenda**

Held at The East Lothian Outdoor Education Centre, Musselburgh
7:00 pm 30th September, 2026

Welcome and Present:

1. Attendance and Apologies:

Present: Jamie Wilson (Chair), Michael Atkinson, Duncan Edmonson, Jonathon Ellis, Tim Harding, Martin Robertson, Trina Rogerson, Nigel Schofield, Ryan Scoular, Robin Strain, Sheila Strain, Pete Younger

Apologies were received from – Jennnifer Atkinson, Saartje Drijver, Mike & Rosemary Ling, Ross Lyall and Alex Meikle.

2. Minutes of 2025 AGM:

The minutes were approved by the meeting

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising which would not be covered later in the meeting.

3. Officials' Reports

a) Chairs Report

Jamie presented his report, highlighting the success of the club the contribution of members of the committee. Emily's international exploits for Scotland and GBR in Orienteering and Hill Running were warmly congratulated. The report is copied in Appendix 1

b) Events Report

Michael's report is copied in Appendix 2. It includes a note of all events in the current year and a review of available and potential areas. It finished – In 2027 we should make good use of recently updated maps and visit some areas which we did not use in 2026!

c) Captain' Report

Pete described the successes o the club

Three team events in 2026 ...

- CompassSport Trophy in Trossachs - Feb - ELO came 3rd out of 13 competing small clubs - our best ever result
- JK Relays - April - Perthshire - ELO fielded four complete teams
- Scottish Champs Relays - ELO fielded four complete teams plus one junior in a composite team - Hamish, Evgueni, Jonathan came 2nd in the 11+ category

Rankings ...

- 25 members listed in BOF Rankings
- 19 have a full set of six scores
- Emily is 5th Female
- Emily and Hamish both in top 200 overall
- Seven ELO members in top 1000 overall

Club Champions 2025 ...

- Emily Atkinson, Jonathan Ellis, Peter Atkinson, Rebecca Mitchell and Magnus Baillie became our 2025 champions
- All five categories were contested
- 2026 Champs will be held at ELO SoSOL JMCP on 01/11/2026

d) Treasurer's Report:

Duncan tabled three reports which are copied in Appendix 3.

He explained that the 2025 Scottish Championships went through the ELO accounts and that at the end of the previous financial year there was £1235.67 in our accounts which was really not part of the ELO funds.

Paying for toilet hire will have a big effect on our costs. Event entry charges may have to go up. Income from the 2025 Six Day was a combination of £184 for use of units for string course and our share of the surplus.

We have received a grant from SOA for purchasing new Slcards which we did not apply for and may not be eligible for.

Many officials do not claim expenses to which they are entitled. A new proforma should make it easier to claim. There is an outstanding claim from the Binning SoSOL which will appear in the next financial year, as will the printing costs of the 2025 Sprintelopes.

£12k has been moved to a savings account.

The club accounts should be "examined" by a second person who is not on the committee.

Nigel will check the 2025/6 accounts although someone else will have to do it next year.

e) Membership Report

Sheila present the numbers for 2025/6

Of the 137 members in 2025

113 have renewed, 23 have not renewed of whom 1 (Joel) has gone elsewhere.

There are 48 new members so our current membership 161. Of those, 41 are BOF and 120 are SOA members; 77 are Juniors and 84 seniors, 99 are male and 62 female.

Approximately 30 have been given free membership of ELO following SOA's Summer of Sport but they are not included in these numbers.

The discussion which followed included how we could prevent the large number who drop out when they could be going on to Orange. Suggestions include

Note for Parents "shadowing".

More effort to ensure that juniors have their own map.

Try to get juniors to draw their route onto their map

Talking over orange course even if they have not done it.

f) Juniors Report

Jamie's update is in Appendix D

In the discussion that followed, it was hoped that we could continue to subsidise a bus to SSOF and possibly a minibus to the Jamie Stevenson.

Coaching at Club events should become a standard feature. He suggestion that we buy a fin to identify the coaching corner, broadened into a possible purchase of several small fins.

There was discussion on the provision of replacement T shirts when the originals have become too small. In principal this was agreed, but the details were deferred to the next committee meeting.

4. Election of Office Bearers, committee and/or working group.
*(Those marked with * are required by BOF)*

Position		Responsibilities
Chair*	Jamie Wilson	
Secretary*	Robin Strain	also SI coordinator
Treasurer*	Duncan Edmonson	
Safeguarding*	Jennifer Atkinson & Jamie Wilson	
Safety Liaison Officer*	Jamie Wilson	
Member	Michael Atkinson	Event coordinator Webmaster
Member	Jonathan Ellis	Coaching
Member	Andrew Cunningham	Sprintelope coordinator
Member	Tim Harding	Tshirts
Member	Trina Rogerson	Equipment Permissions
Member	Sheila Strain	Membership
Member	Ryan Scoular	Publicity
Member	Nigel Schofield	Club evening trainings
Member	Pete Younger	Mapping and New Areas
Junior Member	To be advertised	Representing Juniors

Currently no-one is tasked with overseeing Permanent Orienteering Courses

5. Club Officials required by British Orienteering Federation

The list of club members who could receive information from British Orienteering because of the role(s) the play is wider than those on the committee. The list for 2027 is in Appendix E

6 Subscriptions for 2027:

It was decided to remove the £1 from Senior and Family club membership

	Current 2026				2027			
Category	Sen	YA	J	Fam	Sen	YA	J	Fam
ELO	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
SOA	12	2	2	26	12	2	2	26
BOF	17	11	5	39	20	12	5	46
Total (Club + SOA)	13	2	2	27	12	2	2	26
Total (Club + SOA + BOF)	30	13	7	66	32	14	7	72

7: **AOCB:** There was a wide ranging discussion on moving the club forward, including:

- a) No changes are needed to the constitution.
- b) We are not in a position to be able to offer Adult training in the forest.
- c) As above, we should purchase more fins/banners.
- d) It would be useful to have a few thumb compasses for members to try.
- e) Although we don't want lots of people creating multiple versions of maps, some guidance of how we should keep maps up-to-date would be useful. Michael will draw up some guidelines and the topic may be covered at a club night.
- f) Club events, although not needing a formal controller, should go through some sort of check, perhaps by a member who could go on to become a qualified controller. Guidelines on maps, courses, units, position of the first control, difference between white and yellow etc would be useful, supplementing what is available on BOF and SOA.
- g) Nigel is keen to have requests for ideas for club nights.
- h) First aid courses are being investigated by ESOA and SOA.
- i) ELO has offered to put on an event which will be a suitable climax to the 2027 Sprintelope series.

Close

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Jamie at approx. 21:15

Appendix A: Chairs report

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I hope not take long, however I thought it would be worth spending a brief moment reflecting on what the club has achieved during 2026 so far. To start I would like to thank the whole committee for their efforts over the last 12 months. Without them the many activities that the club enjoys would not have been able to take place. We will hear a number of individual's reports in a moment, and I don't want to steal any of their thunder, but I think it's worth just drawing together where the Club is standing currently.

First off, we're in a strong financial position; thank you to Duncan for keeping tabs on our income and expenditure. We have recently been able to update a number of our local maps, bought SI units, as well as a tent and tables etc. We even agreed to make a contribution to a gate at the Whisky Bottle at North Berwick Law. We have also set aside some funds for new hire dibbers for when our current ones get to the end of use. We will take a moment later on to get member's views on what other equipment etc we may benefit from.

Our membership is excellent at the moment, thank you to **Sheila** for keeping the membership records, but also for ensuring that all new members (of which there have been many) are warmly welcomed to the Club. Sheila will give us the up to date figures in a moment, but we are at record membership and high numbers attending events.

Thank you to both **Sheila and Robin** as Club Secretary for enabling this meeting to take place, as well as for their continued efforts throughout the year ensuring that members are kept up to speed with what's going on, that liaison with SOA and BOF happens effectively and that the club continues to flourish.

Over the last 12 months we have organised, planned and delivered 17 different events. This include 12 Local events and 5 Sprintelopes. Thanks to **Michael Atkinson's** efforts in pulling together the list of Planners, Organisers and events. I would encourage everyone to have a go at planning or organising an event, possibly by helping to plan one with an experienced planner before flying solo. It's a great way to understand how courses are set up. I should point out that **Michael** also manages the website, and is our rep at ESOA.

Thanks to **Pete Younger**, our Club Captain for the Compasssport Cup and other competitions, and as the man who is forever looking for new areas for mapping. **Trina Rogerson** continues to be busy liaising with landowners to get permission to use their land, her diligence in doing this is something that at least one other club could learn from! Trina also looks after our kit – thank you **Trina**.

Our Club Welfare Officer, **Jennifer Atkinson**, has fortunately not been busy at all on safeguarding matters; whilst it is great that we have not had any issues, it is good to know that we have the appropriate expertise on hand if we were to.

On the coaching side, we have made some significant progress on the number of coaches in the Club, and held our first club Coaches meeting recently. What transpired from that was a plan to develop pre-event coaching (as seen at the Map Walk at NB Law), as well as looking at mentoring advice being available for people at the end of a run at local events. It's important that the Club listens to **your** needs for coaching – we will discuss this later this evening.

Jonathan Ellis is doing great work co-ordinating the coaching; I am also grateful to **Nigel Schofield** for delivering the evening training sessions last Winter, and look forward to ore this year. East Area Coaching sessions have taken place in East Lothian, and more are coming up, these are aimed at all levels and include both Junior and Adult runners.

Thank you also to **Ryan Scoular** for all his efforts putting information on social media and liaising with the East Lothian Courier to ensure that our activities are publicised.

Finally, I would like to congratulate **Emily Atkinson** who has been selected to represent Scotland and Great Britain in various orienteering (and Hill Running) events. It is great to see members of the club competing at this level. Worth noting that **Peter Atkinson** has also represented SOA at the Regional event last weekend.

Whilst we have a fairly busy agenda, I am keen to make sure that we have an opportunity to discuss what the membership want and how we might make that happen thus ensuring that we continue to be a thriving club.

Appendix B - Events Report

Local Events

We have held 12 local events since the last AGM and now have an average attendance over 100.

- Yellowcraig - 91
- Berwick Law - 93
- Butterdean Wood - 106
- Festive Frolic - 121
- Whitekirk Hill - 118
- Binning Wood - 110
- Gosford Estate - 188
- Lochend Woods - 161
- Balgone Estate - 113
- Barns Ness - 62
- Butterdean Wood - 95
- Berwick Law - 103

We need to work on getting more members volunteering to help out at events.

The volunteer rota is available online at www.elo.org.uk/volunteer-rota

We plan to hold local events on the last Saturday of each month in 2027.

Ranking Events

We held one National level event in September 2025 (just after the AGM) and have an upcoming Regional event on 1 November 2026.

- Hartside Hill - 254

We plan to put on one (or possibly 2) Regional events in 2027, a SoSOL in either Hartside Hill or Vogrie Country Park.

Sprintelopes

We put on 5 sprintELOpes in 2026.

- Cockenzie - 69
- North Berwick - 59
- Dunbar - 82
- Pencaitland - 106
- Tranent - 18

Andrew Cunningham has agreed to coordinate ELO's contribution to the Sprintelope league in 2026.

Event Mapping

We produced four new/updated maps in 2026

- Hallhill - to be used in the new year
- John Muir - to be used in November
- Vogrie - to be used in December
- Yellowcraig - to be used in November

We plan to update the following maps during 2027

- Berwick Law
- Butterdean
- Levenhall Links
- Barns Ness?

Event Planning Constraints for 2027

We currently have issues securing permission to use the following areas:

- Saltoun Wood
- Winton Hill
- Lothian Edge

We have restrictions on the months we can use the following areas because of ground nesting birds:

- Barns Ness
- John Muir
- Levenhall Links
- Yellowcraig

Hartside Hill is currently being felled but will be assessed to see what the felling plan is.

The following areas have potential for future development:

- Amisfield Walled Garden and Estate
permission to map required
- Colstoun Estate
permission to map required
- Dowlaw (Fast Castle)
permission to map required
- Dunglass Estate
permission to map required
- Gifford Community Woodland
needs to be assessed for suitability
- Newhailes
currently being mapped by Sheila Strain
- Oxenfoord & Preston Hall
permission to map required
- Pressmennan Wood
new parking area required
- Yester Wood
permission to map required

All **Planners and Organisers** must be members of British Orienteering and have completed an event safety course.

Currently the following 26 people meet both criteria:

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|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| • Jennifer Atkinson | • Jonathan Ellis | • Hamish Meikle |
| • Michael Atkinson | • Tim Harding | • Martyn Pegg |
| • Emily Atkinson | • Jeff Hodgson | • Trina Rogerson |
| • Victoria Bailie | • Duncan Leishman | • Nigel Schofield |
| • Godfrey Beddard | • Ross Lyall | • Robin Strain |
| • Peter Brownsort | • Colin McArthur | • Sheila Strain |
| • Andrea Davison | • Kirsty McArthur | • Jamie Wilson |
| • Saartje Drijver | • Neil McMillan | • Pete Younger |
| • Duncan Edmondson | • Alexandra Meikle | |

We rely on **Controllers** being available from other clubs to put on Regional level events. Currently, we have three controllers within the club who can support other clubs putting on Regional events: Duncan Edmondson, Trina Rogerson, Sheila Strain.

In 2027 we should make good use of recently updated maps and visit some areas which we did not use in 2026!

Appendix C – Financial statements

East Lothian Orienteers Annual Accounts 2025-26					
	Income	Cost	Net	Total	Balance
Opening Balance					£21,750.26
Adjust opening balance					
Scottish Champs 2025	£0.00	-£1,235.67	-£1,235.67	-£1,235.67	£20,514.59
Events					
Hartside SOL	£2,820.42	-£1,698.07	£1,122.35		
Club Events	£5,758.25	-£3,777.17	£1,981.08		
Sprintelope	£782.77	-£461.45	£321.32		
				£3,424.75	
Other Income					
Subs	£70.00	£0.00	£70.00	£70.00	
Other Outgoings					
BOF affiliation	£0.00	-£95.00	-£95.00		
Team Entry	£0.00	-£733.50	-£733.50		
Training	£0.00	-£302.00	-£302.00		
Bank charges	£0.00	-£54.05	-£54.05		
Club Trophies	£0.00	-£101.94	-£101.94		
				-£1,286.49	
Kit					
O Top	£839.50	-£788.82	£50.68		
T Shirt	£36.00	-£202.14	-£166.14		
				-£115.46	
Other one offs					
Share of 2025 6 Days Profit	£645.51	£0.00	£645.51		
ELC Bus to Schools Festival	£0.00	-£250.00	-£250.00		
				£395.51	£2,488.31
Investment					
SI	£570.00	-£2,289.55	-£1,719.55		
Battery replacemnt	£0.00	-£21.83	-£21.83		
Remapping	£0.00	-£2,425.00	-£2,425.00		
				-£4,166.38	-£4,166.38
Closing balance					£18,836.52

Approved by the committee and signed on their behalf
Duncan Edmondson, Treasurer

Inspected and found correct in accordance with the records exhibited

East Lothian Orienteers
Accounts comparison 2024, 2025, 2026

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Events Net Income			
Regional Events	£1,172.75	£1,757.86	£1,122.35
Club Events	£1,761.85	£2,890.92	£1,981.08
Sprintelope	£95.84	£301.36	£321.32
Other Income			
Subs	£235.00	£225.00	£70.00
Other Outgoings			
BOF affiliation	-£80.00	-£90.00	-£95.00
Team Entry		-£465.00	-£733.50
Training	-£469.00	-£170.00	-£302.00
Bank charges		-£26.76	-£54.05
Club trophies	-£65.96	-£89.35	-£101.94
Web hosting fee	-£53.50		
Kit Net Income			
O Top	£39.51	-£51.25	£50.68
T Shirt	£18.00	£18.00	-£166.14
One offs			
6 days	£192.00	£192.00	£645.51
Donations	-£100.00	-£130.00	-£250.00
Net operating costs	£2,746.49	£4,362.78	£2,488.31
Investment			
SI	-£30.50	-£768.00	-£1,741.38
'Equipment'	-£258.48	-£1,178.95	
Remapping			-£2,425.00
Net investment	-£288.98	-£1,946.95	-£4,166.38
Deficit/surplus for year	£2,457.51	£2,415.83	-£1,678.07
Balance held for Scottish Champs		£1,235.67	-£1,235.67
Change in bank balance	£2,457.51	£3,651.50	-£2,913.74

East Lothian Orienteers
Event Financial Summary 2025-26

	Event entry	Event entry	Event maps	Event charges	Other event costs	Total	Total Participants	Comment
Hartside Hill 25	Online/Card	Cash						
	£2,795.42	£25.00	-£288.82	-£563.75	-£845.50	£1,122.35	264	
Binning Wood 25	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£49.15	£0.00	-£49.15		From last year
Lochend Woods 25	£421.15	£0.00	-£168.34	-£129.30	£0.00	£123.51	105	
Yellowcraig 25	£397.08	£0.00	-£107.15	-£117.30	£0.00	£172.63	95	
NB Law 25	£403.83	£24.00	-£117.20	-£122.15	£0.00	£188.48	97	
Butterdean 25	£476.28	£14.00	-£134.65	-£135.55	-£300.00	-£79.92	122	Cost of toilets
Festive Frolic 25	£871.18	£21.00	-£170.75	-£199.05	-£55.00	£467.38	136	
Whitekirk 26	£420.36	£34.50	-£132.55	-£138.95	-£100.00	£83.36	118	
Binning Wood 26	£425.04	£33.00	-£109.75	-£173.85	£0.00	£174.44	110	
Gosford 26	£702.80	£43.50	-£137.25	-£292.85	£0.00	£316.20	188	
Lochend Woods 26	£599.84	£63.50	-£190.11	-£167.10	-£120.12	£186.01	161	replacement Sl unit
Balgone 26	£559.40	£85.50	-£155.25	-£123.75	£0.00	£365.90	113	
Barns Ness 26	£141.59	£20.70	-£76.95	-£53.10	£0.00	£32.24	62	
Cockenzie Sprintelope 26	£174.35	£14.00	£0.00	-£116.35	£0.00	£72.00	69	
North Berwick Sprintelope 26	£136.16	£23.50	£0.00	-£93.15	£0.00	£66.51	59	
Dunbar Sprintelope 26	£155.99	£34.30	£0.00	-£92.05	£0.00	£98.24	82	
Pencatland Sprintelope 26	£170.15	£16.00	£0.00	-£125.65	£0.00	£60.50	106	
Tranent Sprintelope 26	£58.32	£0.00	£0.00	-£34.25	£0.00	£24.07	18	
Totals	Income	Cost	Net					
Hartside SOL	£2,820.42	-£1,698.07	£1,122.35					
Local Club Events	£5,758.25	-£3,777.17	£1,981.08					
Sprintelope	£782.77	-£461.45	£321.32					
Sprintelope Printing Costs paid 26/27								
	Entrants	Printed	Rate £	Event maps	Total net cost			
Cockenzie Sprintelope 26	64	85	-£0.20	-£17.00	£55.00			
North Berwick Sprintelope 26	53	80	-£0.20	-£16.00	£50.51			
Dunbar Sprintelope 26	80		£0.00	£0.00	£98.24			
Pencatland Sprintelope 26	89	110	-£0.20	-£22.00	£38.50			
Tranent Sprintelope 26	18	40	-£0.20	-£8.00	£16.07			
Total	304	315		-£63.00	£258.32			

ELO Accounts 25-26.xlsx Event Summary

Appendix D – Junior Update

Juniors continue to reflect a significant proportion of our membership; with a total of 77 junior members (57 last year), they represent a shade over 48% of our membership, (40% last year) of our overall membership, as we have heard from Sheila, there are more in the pipeline. Our Juniors tend to take part in local events, with most not travelling far out of the county; this is particularly the case with the younger ones who do short White and Yellow courses as well as the multitude of other activities that they take part in. The support provided by the Club to Schools events, in particular subsidising the cost of transport for SSOF at Beecraigs has increased participation across our events.

We took part in the Jamie Stevenson Trophy in June, with a total of 8 youngsters taking part, coming in 4th out of 12 clubs with a very creditable 575 points. We have had some success with our Junior training for TD1 and 2 level, however it continues to be difficult to encourage those transitioning to TD3 and 4 to attend the ESOA Training events, this is particularly the case when the training takes place outside East Lothian.

That said, the considerable skills and abilities demonstrated by many of our older 'Juniors' and younger 'Seniors' show that something has worked! The refreshed focus on coaching across the club will have a beneficial effect for Juniors and I am confident that we will see an improvement in the numbers stepping up from TD2 to TD3 level courses and above.

Thank you to all those that have been involved in coaching and developing our youngsters, and for sharing your enthusiasm for our sport with them.

Appendix E – Roles for British Orienteering

Accreditation list (ELO)

466924	Jamie Wilson	Club Chairs
186271	Robin Strain	Club Secretaries
186272	Sheila Strain	Club Membership Secretaries
204159	Duncan Edmonson	Club Treasurers
186272	Sheila Strain	Club Treasurers
467711	Pete Younger	Club Treasurers
186271	Robin Strain	Club Fixtures Secretaries
299512	Trina Rogerson	Club Fixtures Secretaries
467711	Pete Younger	Club Fixtures Secretaries
114339	Michael Atkinson	Club Fixtures Secretaries
186271	Robin Strain	Club Activities Fixtures Secretary
299512	Trina Rogerson	Club Activities Fixtures Secretary
467711	Pete Younger	Club Activities Fixtures Secretary
186271	Robin Strain	Club Results Secretary
114339	Michael Atkinson	Club Results Secretary
467711	Pete Younger	Club Publicity Officers
114339	Michael Atkinson	Club Publicity Officers
160827	Duncan Leishman	Club Publicity Officers
114339	Michael Atkinson	Club POC Manager
186271	Robin Strain	Club Mapping Officer
255291	Godfrey Beddard	Club Mapping Officer
511337	Tim Harding	Club Mapping Officer
114339	Michael Atkinson	Club Mapping Officer
668307	Peter Brownsort	Club Mapping Officer
299512	Trina Rogerson	Club Equipment Officer
186271	Robin Strain	Club Webmaster
467711	Pete Younger	Club Webmaster
114339	Michael Atkinson	Club Webmaster
186271	Robin Strain	Club SI Co-ordinator
186271	Robin Strain	Club Incentives Scheme Reports
186272	Sheila Strain	Club Incentives Scheme Reports
402831	Jonathan Ellis	Club Coaching Coordinator
186272	Sheila Strain	Club Coaching Coordinator
205386	Jennifer Atkinson	Club Safeguarding Officer
466924	Jamie Wilson	Club Safeguarding Officer
466924	Jamie Wilson	Club Safety Liaison Officer