

Junior Report 2016-17

The past year has been full of successes for the Juniors. These have been nationally at all the British Champs as well as international selections for the World Schools Championships, the European Youth Orienteering Championships and the Junior European Cup. As well as this we've had lots of juniors representing the North West at the JIRCS and 4 juniors making up part of the England team for the Junior Home Internationals where England were victorious again.

The club's juniors have had lots of fantastic training opportunities throughout the year. Lynne and Matt Vokes assisted by other coaches have organised WCOC coaching and there have been weekends by the North-West squad to attend. Many of the club's juniors also went on camps in the summer; the British Orienteering talent camp at Badaguish, the JROS camp for M/W14s at Lagganlia, the JROS camp for M/W16s at Deeside, the JROS 16/18 camp to Stockholm and pre-JWOC in Hungary.

There are nearly twenty West Cumberland juniors currently in the North-West Squad. This is an impressive number that reflects the club's efforts and high levels of commitment in putting on so many good quality events. As part of the North-West Junior Squad many juniors will be offered the opportunity to go on a ten-day training camp to Fredrikstad in Norway next summer. This is a fantastic opportunity but is an expensive trip. With regards to this and to fundraising in general in the future, Roger as treasurer has kindly set up a junior fundraising account so that money from grants and fundraising can be dealt with separately to the club's main finances.

As part of the club's drive to encourage new families into the sport, there have been a number of events run for primary schools. These have been in addition to the usual primary league events and are designed to encourage primary children to try orienteering. This has clearly been successful as there was a very high turnout at the following park series events, with all the events getting around 95 runners. Club juniors were happy to assist in making these a success.

The achievements of the club's juniors are clearly well known throughout the country and I'd like to them as one of the reasons behind the Rennie family moving to Keswick! They have 3 children; Charlie - M14 George - M10 and Daisy - W12 who will hopefully all be competing for the club in the future and will be joining in the new year. Hopefully other families will follow suit...

Finally, the upcoming Spook-O this year is being used as a fundraising event for the juniors with the proceeds going towards the funds for next year's tours and trip to Norway. Hopefully this will be successful and another chance to encourage team spirit in the juniors.

Here's to another successful year,

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