

WCOC Membership Secretary Report 2020

2020 has been and continues to be a strange year. We had an excellent start of the year with a high percentage of members renewing, but then we went into lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic when all orienteering stopped. Since orienteering has been allowed to restart with the current restrictions, a number of new members have joined WCOC, bringing our current membership to 201, which is one more member than we had in 2019. Final figures will be produced at the end of October. The membership can be broken down as follows:

	2020	2019	2018
Renewal from previous year:	171	158	162
Lapsed member renewals:	7	6	3
New members:	23	36	26
	<u>201</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>191</u>

Even given the adversities that we have suffered in 2020, our membership has held up well and grown slightly. If we see a return to full orienteering at all levels in 2021, I'm hoping that we will see further growth. British Orienteering are extending membership to include 2021 for all new members joining now, so let your friends know.

We also have a strong cohort of ex-members now at University who continue to support our club by running for WCOC in addition to their closed University club.

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