

## FIXTURES SECRETARY & ACCESS REPORT 2022/23

This is my last fixtures report as Steve Birkinshaw has taken on the role starting with the 2023/24 winter series. Thanks to all who have helped and supported me over the last 5 years.

Overall it has been another active year for the club. As well as the usual programme of Thursday evening events we have hosted 4 Cumbrian Galoppens and 3 other events (festive/fund raising, Club Chase and Copeland Chase).

The following table summarises our fixtures and participation for September 2022 to August 2023.

	Thursday evening				Cumbrian Galoppen	Other	Total
	Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer			
Number of events	6	16	6	16	4	3	<b>51</b>
Number of participants	302	1009	359	1052	570	202	<b>3494</b>
Average participation	50	63	60	66	143	67	<b>69</b>

Once again, thanks to those who have contributed to making this happen, particularly organisers, planners, controllers and access officers. Our ability to continue to provide regular orienteering depends entirely on members willing to do these jobs.

Comparing the above figures to previous years, the Thursday evening events remain as popular as ever. However the average attendance at Galoppen events is well below pre-covid levels. If anyone has views as to the reasons for this and/or how they could be made more attractive please get in touch with any committee member.

The club is organising the British Night Championships at Hawse End in February 2024. Planning for this is well underway. It was originally intended to use Whinlatter for the event but planned forestry work early in 2024 made this difficult.

### Access

The club still does not currently have an access officer for the Eskdale area. This means that organising events in some of our best terrain is difficult. If you are able to take on this role please let me or another committee member know.

Enjoy your orienteering, organising, planning and controlling in 2023/24.

**Michael Billinghamurst**

