

FIXTURES SECRETARY & ACCESS REPORT 2023/24

This is my first fixtures report. Many thanks go to Michael Billingham who carried out this job for the previous 5 years. Also thanks to those who have contributed to making our events 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 and everyone else involved in putting on our events

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

The following table summarises our fixtures and participation for September 2023 to August 2024.

	Thursday Evening				Cumbrian Galoppen	Other	Total
	Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer			
Number of Events	6	14	8	17	3	5	53
Number of participants	226	913	578	1178	494	681	4070
Average participants	38	65	72	69	164	136	77

Comparing the above figures to previous years, the Thursday evening events remain as popular as ever. The autumn 2023 events are down a bit on the previous years but so far this year numbers are much higher. The Spring 'Rocket' Series organised by Jamie Rennie had higher numbers than previous years.

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. In addition a number of small areas in the Cockermouth and Buttermere area need an access officer. If you are able to take on one of these roles please let me or another committee member know.

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