

Chairs notes

West Cumberland Orienteering Club has had a successful year.

We have our highest number of members – currently sitting at 236. Our events are popular; we are sometimes getting over 100 to our events.

Some of the other highlights to note are

- Quality events are being put on, including the Lakes 5 Days event at Bessyboot – special mention to go to the planner/mapper Roger Thomas and organisers Ann and Richard Cummings
- Fantastic fundraising being done by club member Ian Teasdale to raise money for a Maggie's centre in the county. The club played a very small part in this raising money from its Beer Trail and festive events.
- We have had successful Galoppen events and a great Thursday series, which continues throughout the year.
- Rocket League is currently at 12 events per year, and this continues to be attractive to juniors and non-orienteers
- Great work behind the scenes by our club members and committee members. Special thanks to Pete Nelson for looking after our maps and Steve Birkinshaw for putting together the fixtures.
- The Club Development officers have run a successful schools programme in Cockermouth Primary Schools, with ambitions to go to more schools in 2027.
- Multiple champions – including JK elite overall champion Niamh Hunter amongst other success at the other British Championships and the Lakes 5 Days.
- We have had juniors and seniors selected for international competition including EOC, JWOC, EYOC and JEC. We had 6 of the 24 participants at the Junior European Cup last weekend.