



# Orienteering

## Newcastle and Tyneside



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### Newcastle & Tyneside Orienteers Christmas Party

Tuesday 9th December 2025



at Concordia Leisure Centre, Forum Way, Cramlington, NE23 6YB  
From 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Meet in the first floor bar.

Quiz, Presentations, Clip n' Climb

Clip n' Climb booked 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Participants for Clip n' Climb are advised to be present in good time

(Priority to juniors and young adults)

A Buffet (provided) and Bar from 7:00 p.m.

Cost (payable on the night) Seniors: £5.00 Juniors: free

(costs part funded from the Club Membership Fund).

If at all possible, please inform Paul Boyles

<[paulboyles75@yahoo.com](mailto:paulboyles75@yahoo.com)>

by 4<sup>th</sup> December of your intention to come to help catering and climb plans, otherwise just come along.

Looking forward to seeing you all!



## October Odyssey Weekend – October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

The club is responsible this year for mounting the NEOA October Odyssey this year. The OO has been an institution since 1981 with the three clubs in rotation organising the events.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October:** An urban event in Cramlington with base at Concordia Leisure Centre.

Details: <<https://www.newcastleorienteering.org.uk/event/october-odyssey-day-1-cramlington/>>



**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October:** A Cross Country event at Beanley located just off the A167 on the road to Eglington Village. The Club Champions for 2025 will be identified from the results of this event. NEOA Championships will also be awarded for those entering their age group course.



<https://www.newcastleorienteering.org.uk/event/october-odyssey-day-2-beanley/>

Pre entries for both events close 12<sup>th</sup> October.

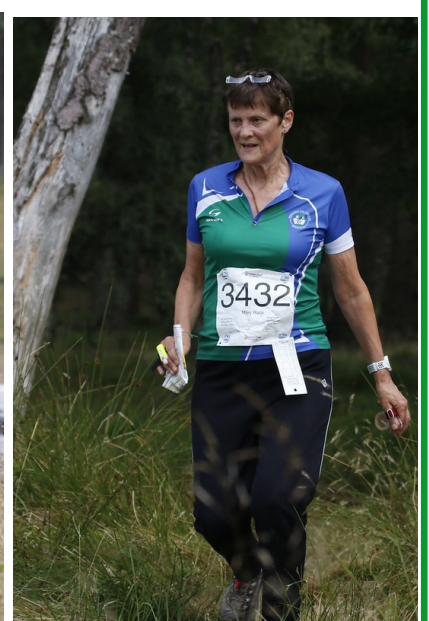
## Future Plans

The Club Committee has invested in a professionally surveyed map of Berwick upon Tweed with a view to mounting an urban event of national appeal next year. The event is currently registered for 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026. To make a weekend of orienteering Roxburgh Reivers are expected to hold an urban event the following day in Eyemouth just 8 miles up the coast.





## Gallery: British Championships and Scottish Six Days



All photos including front page courtesy Wendy Carlyle



## Summer Local Series

The Summer League series of six Wednesday evening events concluded at Whitley Bay Links. Some thirty individuals took part, running anything from one to all six events. Notable were visits from a couple from Australia on extended holiday to England and Scotland and by a Swiss orienteer across here in connection with the new Metro trains.

NEWCASTLE & TYNESIDE ORIENTEERS SUMMER 2025 LOCAL SERIES - Scores																	
This update by Peter Firth to whom queries should be referred. (direct or via website contact page)																	
#	Name	Class	Club	16/7/25 Nunsmoor		23/7/25 N'berlandia		30/7/25 Wallsend		13/8/25 Leazes Park		20/8/25 Tynemouth		3/9/25 Whitley Bay		TOTAL	BEST FOUR
				Pos	Pts	Pos	Pts	Pos	Pts	Pos	Pts	Pos	Pts	Pos	Pts		
OR	Patrick Smyth	M65	NATO		100 *	4	102	1	105			5	101	7	99	507	408
LO	Jonny Malley	M21	NATO	1	100	1	100			1	100	1	100	1	100	500	400
OR	Fred Miller	M70	NATO	2	99	4	97			1	100	4	97	3	98	491	394
LO	George Hare	M60	NATO	3	98		100 *			4	97	3	98	3	98	491	394
LO	Jonny Greenwell	M21	IND	2	99	2	99			2	99			4	97	394	394
OR	Mary Rack	W65	NATO	3	98						100 *	5	96	1	100	394	394
LO	Martin Edney	M55	NATO	5	96	5	96	2	99	9	92	4	97	5	96	576	388
OR	Bob Cooper	M80	NN			10	96	6	100	15	91	13	88	9	97	472	384
LO	Heather Sherriff	W35	NATO	1	90	9	92	3	98	11	90	6	95	6	95	560	380
LO	Joanne Field	W50	NATO	6	95	8	93			6	95	11	95			378	378
LO	Will McKane	M21	IND	4	97	6	95	4	97	14	87					376	376
LO	Tim Jenkins	M55	NATO			2	89	2	89			12	89	2	89	356	356
OR	Graham Scott	M80	NATO	4	97	5	96	1	100							293	293
OR	Helen Rafferty	W80	NATO			6	95					7	94	5	96	285	285
LO	Andrew Major	M50	NN			3	88			2	89	6	85			262	262
	Ran up one		Ran down one					Ran down two				Ran up two					
	Class Leader Award	Minimum of three scores to qualify															

Leading scorers and class leaders are shown in the table above.

## Autumn Local Series

Dates for the first three local events have been established as follows. Further events in the series are expected in the New Year.



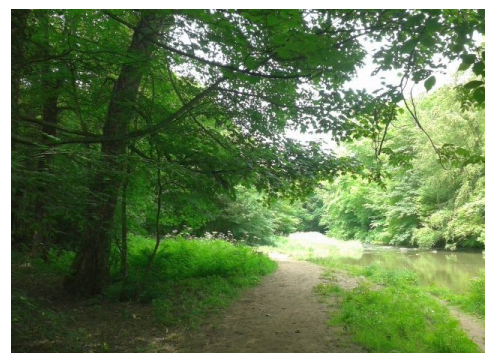
Weetslade 1<sup>st</sup> November

This sculpture at the top of the heap hill at Weetslade represents drill heads from the mining era.



Silverlink 8<sup>th</sup> November

The hill here is capped by a giant sundial.



Ashington 13<sup>th</sup> December

Community Forest established on the site of the former Ashington Colliery.

Starts: From 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Courses close at 12:00 noon.

Courses suitable for beginners and the more experienced wanting some training competition.

<https://www.newcastleorienteering.org.uk/event/?future>

## Save the Date - CompassSport Trophy Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

Earlier this year a team from NATO travelled to Gilling forest to take part in the Compass Sport Trophy heats. I'm pleased to say that next year's heats are relatively close. They are at Lazenby Bank and Eston Moor and will be organised by CLOK. We would encourage all club members to consider taking part.

Eston Nab



The Compass Sport Cup and Trophy are yearly national interclub competitions. NATO competes against other small clubs for the Trophy while larger clubs compete for the Cup. Regional winners go on to the national final in October. All club members aged 12 and above are encouraged to come along. The club will pay members' entry fees.

Everyone can make the difference between our club qualifying for the final or not. Even if you don't think you will do well enough to score for the club, you will still contribute as your result may push other clubs further down the points table.

Please save the date – 22<sup>nd</sup> February - the aim is for a great turnout. It's a chance to do something as a club and for us all to cheer each other on.

Cake will be provided!

I will be in touch nearer the time to ask who is available to compete. In the meantime, let me know if you have any questions.

Mary Rack , Club Captain  
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## Permanent Course News

**Denton Dene:** The club has been approached by the Friends of Denton Dene, in the Denton Burn/Scotswood area of the city, for advice on setting up a permanent course. Discussions are underway. They are exploring the possibility of obtaining funding as the area has a part time community worker who is based at Scotswood Community Garden and is keen to use the adjacent Dene with groups of youngsters for recreation and learning navigation skills.  
<https://scotswoodgarden.org.uk/>



**Exhibition Park:** In the summer there were works on the Town Moor in connection with flood prevention involving burying water storage tanks on the moor north of the park with an outflow into the park lake. New fencing has prevented a clear passage between controls on the moor around the park boundary, so the recommended long course visits the moor now in two separate loops.