



Orienteering Newcastle and Tyneside



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New Year 2026

Welcome to a largely pictorial extra edition of the newsletter looking back at events over the festive period, including a look back to the October Odyssey at Beanley, where the Club Champions were declared.



October Odyssey
Weekend

Photos: Sue Metcalfe

Club Championship 2025 Trophy Presentations



The nominations were made according to performance at the October Odyssey event at Beanley. Presentations were made at the club Christmas Party at Concordia Leisure Centre.

Photos courtesy Lewis Balfour.



Happy Clip and Climbers at the Club Christmas Celebrations (photos: Sue Metcalfe)





Plessey Festive Event



Presentations at Plessey Festive Event

Six club members took part in Northern Navigators' Charity Score Event on Boxing Day at Durham University Campus and Houghall Woods.

CLOK New Year Team Score (Relays) Hardwick, Sedgefield

From Katherine Brown

On the first Sunday of every new year, a few club members travel to take part in CLOK's New Year relays. This year the event was held at Hardwick Country Park and as in previous years NATO had 4 teams taking part.

The event is a score: get as many controls as possible in a set time. Each team consists of three members. Member 1 does 60 minutes. Each control is worth 10 points. Member 2 does 45 minutes with each control worth 12 points and the 3rd member does 30 minutes with each control worth 15 points. 10 points extra is awarded for Fancy dress.



I arrived with Graham, Tim, and Helen to a very cold and frosty venue. Getting ready and off to the start for the race briefing. I still haven't managed to get to one - too much talking! Hardwick is made up of two parts, the country park and the other side of the road (which is only accessible via a tunnel) is open land. Decisions which control to do in which order? I already had a plan before even starting, staying in the park and going anti clockwise as on previous time I went clockwise. Going round saying hello, encouraging members to keep going, answering Park users questions about what we were doing. Obviously not going fast enough! Ah! My Alarm goes off - 20 minutes passed - need to make final decisions. Don't want to be late (20 points deducted per minute late or part thereof. Finished with a couple of minutes to spare. Another enjoyable walk! Hope I haven't let the team down too much.

Thanks to all that came and took part, results below. The winning NATO team gets a trophy (when I retrieve them from last year's winners). Sorry I forgot! **Katherine Brown.**



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|----|-----|-------------------------|-----|--------------------------|--------|
| 7 | 881 | NA! Howay man points | 30 | Graham Scott | 225 |
| | | | 45 | Patrick Smyth | 336 10 |
| | | | 60 | George Hare | 300 10 |
| 9 | 859 | NA! Whey aye man points | 30 | Lewis / Alistair Balfour | 255 20 |
| | | | 45 | Tim Jenkins | 264 10 |
| | | | 60 | Les Cavill | 300 10 |
| 11 | 850 | Yorkie Geordie points | 30 | Katherine Brown | 180 10 |
| | | | 45 | Ethan Coward | 360 10 |
| | | | 60 | R Boyfo | 280 10 |
| 22 | 724 | NA! Alreet Pet? points | 30 | Helen Rafferty | 150 |
| | | | 45 | Mary Rack | 264 10 |
| | | | (60 | David Allison | 300) |
| | | | 60 | Willard Wright | 280 10 |

Results explained, who, what? : Ethan Coward lives in Morpeth and goes to BATH University a member of Bath University Club. David Allison ran for Sue Metcalfe(unwell) to make a complete team. Then Willard was able to take part as his Trail run was cancelled.

Anyone interested in next year: entries are paid for by the club and there's always someone to share transport with.

Watch out in December for information.

