

## CSOA Annual Report 2015-2016

(September 2016)

The new Chairman and Committee elected in September 2015 have overseen and supported another very active year of Schools' Orienteering in Cumbria.

**British Schools Championships** – CSOA supported 82 children from across Cumbria to enter BSOC in November 2015, with notable Cumbrian success including a very first win for the Cockermouth School team.

**Cumbria Schools Orienteering Championships** – CSOA successfully organised these in a new format, with separate Primary and Secondary events (designed in particular to encourage participation at the Primary event and to help strengthen the links between schools and local orienteering clubs at the Secondary event). There were over 70 entries (from 6 schools) at the Secondary event at Muncaster in May, and more than 80 (from 10 schools) for the Primary event near Penrith in June (a large increase on recent years). For detailed results and reports, see - <http://www.lakes-o.com/CumbriaSchools/2016/Champs%202016.html> ).

**Athlete support** – CSOA have been able to give small grants to 5 boys and girls aged 14-16 from schools across Cumbria towards the costs of orienteering training camps in the UK this year.

**Coaching and development** – CSOA have been able to give a significant grant (over £600) towards supporting the development and coaching of orienteering in schools across the county through strong links with 3 local orienteering clubs (LOC / BL / WCOC).

**Cumbria Schools Games** - CSOA supported orienteering at these, where 60 school children from Y5 and Y6 from schools across the county competed (for more details - <http://www.lakes-o.com/Cumbria%20Sport/2016/Main%20event.html>).

**Next year** - Over the coming year, CSOA plan to offer and support a similar programme of events and to build on the successes of this year. In addition, CSOA plan to help prepare students from Cumbrian schools for the selection race for the World Schools Orienteering Championships (WSOC). If (as has happened previously) students from Cumbrian schools are selected to represent England at WSOC, CSOA would hope to be in a position to contribute towards their expenses.