

CSOA Annual Report 2016-2017

(September 2017)

The Chair and Committee elected in September 2016 have overseen and supported another very active year of Schools' Orienteering in Cumbria.

British Schools Championships and SQE – CSOA supported 84 children from across Cumbria to enter BSOC in November 2016, with notable Cumbrian success including a second win for the Cockermouth School team. CSOA was also able to support 51 children enter the Special Qualifying Event for the World Schools Orienteering Championships (WSOC) – from which 21 children from Cumbria were selected to represent England at WSOC (see below).

World Schools Orienteering Championships – CSOA were able to support the 21 Cumbrian school pupils who were selected to represent England (out of a total England Team of 40) at WSOC in Sicily (April 2017) which produced many good individual and team results.

Cumbria Schools Orienteering Championships – CSOA successfully tried another new format for these – midweek Primary and Secondary events at a common venue (Cartmel). There were over 90 entries at the Secondary event and nearly 90 for the Primary event. For detailed results see:

<http://www.lakes-o.com/CumbriaSchools/Champs%202017.html>

Athlete support – CSOA has been able to give small grants to 5 boys and girls aged 14-17 from schools across Cumbria towards the costs of orienteering training camps in the UK and Scandinavia this year.

Coaching and development – CSOA has again been able to give grants (total £500) towards projects supporting the development and coaching of orienteering in schools across the county through strong links with our local orienteering clubs (LOC and WCOC).

Next year - Over the coming year, CSOA once again plans to offer and support a similar programme of events and to build on the successes of this year. In addition, CSOA hope to be able to promote orienteering to a larger number of pupils in schools across Cumbria by giving further financial support to clubs who have active junior development projects.