

CSOA Annual Report 2017-2018 - September 2018

The Chair and Committee elected in September 2017 have overseen and supported another very active year of Schools' Orienteering in Cumbria.

Funding – CSOA received funding from Active Cumbria (£500 – in Oct '17. Note – due to funding cuts by Cumbria County Council this is the final “Active Cumbria” grant). “Epic Kidz” generously supported CSOA with a grant of £1000 (received in May '18) - CSOA intend to apply for support again in autumn 2018.

British Schools Championships – CSOA supported children from Cumbrian schools to enter BSOC in November 2017 (at New Beechenhurst in the Forest of Dean), with notable Cumbrian success including another win for the Cockermouth School team in the “Large Secondary” category, closely followed by UVHS in second place – a testament to the strength of schools orienteering in Cumbria.

Cumbria Schools Orienteering Championships – WCOC kindly hosted another midweek combined Primary and Secondary CSOC event at Low Rigg (near Keswick). There were entries from five secondary schools and three primary schools from across the county, although numbers were disappointing compared with 2017 (for a variety of reasons). The top primary school was Hayton, while some great competition in the secondary category saw UVHS and Cockermouth School tie for top position. For detailed results see:

<http://www.lakes-o.com/CumbriaSchools/Champs%202018.html>

Athlete support – This year, CSOA has been able to give small grants to support 8 boys and girls aged 14-18 from schools across Cumbria with the costs of prestigious international orienteering competitions in Hungary (Junior World Orienteering Championships), Bulgaria (European Youth Orienteering Championships), Switzerland (Junior European Cup), and Denmark (Pre-JWOC camp), along with Junior Regional Orienteering Squads (JROS) training camps in the UK. See reports here:

http://www.lakes-.com/CumbriaSchools/reports_of_activities.html

Coaching and development – CSOA has been able to give a grant of £200 towards the costs of transport to get over 30 Cumbrian juniors to the bi-annual North-West Junior Squad training tour in south-east Norway. (See report – link as in previous paragraph)

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. CSOA will continue to endeavour to promote orienteering to an ever greater number of pupils in schools across Cumbria, and also to support those who are already involved in the sport to get the most out of the opportunities which it offers.