

# CSOA Annual Report 2018-2019

## September 2019

The Chair and Committee (including 2 new members – welcome!) elected in September 2018 have overseen and supported another very active year of Schools' Orienteering in Cumbria.

**Funding** – “Epic Kidz” generously supported CSOA with a grant of £1000 (received in Jan '19) - CSOA intend to apply for support again in autumn 2019. (Note – due to funding cuts by Cumbria County Council there will be no further grants from “Active Cumbria”).

**British Schools Championships** – CSOA supported 65 children from Cumbrian schools to enter BSOC in November 2018 (at Witton Country Park near Blackburn), with notable Cumbrian success including another win for the UVHS team in the “Large Secondary” category, closely followed by Cockermouth School in second place – a testament to the continuing strength of schools orienteering in Cumbria. CSOA also supported 41 children from Cumbrian schools to enter the Special Qualifying Event which was the selection race for the World School Orienteering Championships (also in November 2018), with a fantastic 13 Cumbrian juniors being selected.

**World Schools Orienteering Championships** – CSOA were able to support the 13 Cumbrian school pupils who were selected to represent England (out of a total England Team of 40) at WSOC in Estonia (April-May 2019) which produced many good individual and team results.

**Cumbria Schools Orienteering Championships** – LOC kindly hosted another midweek combined Primary and Secondary CSOC event at Haverigg (near Millom). There were entries from six secondary schools and five primary schools from across the county, with numbers up from CSOC 2018. The top primary school was St Bridget's, Brigham (near Cockermouth), while some great competition once again in the secondary category saw UVHS (Ulverston) just beat Cockermouth School to top position. For detailed results see:

[https://www.lakeland-orienteering.org.uk/results-archive/2019/2019-07-03\\_Cumbria\\_Schools/index.html](https://www.lakeland-orienteering.org.uk/results-archive/2019/2019-07-03_Cumbria_Schools/index.html)

**Individual athlete support** – This year, CSOA has been able to give small grants to support 2 boys and girls aged 14-18 from schools across Cumbria with the costs of Interland (an annual international orienteering competition held in the Spring) and another 4 juniors with Junior Regional Orienteering Squads (JROS) training camps in the UK and Scandinavia for which they were selected. For the latest reports, click here (these are updated as they are received from the athletes):

[http://www.lakes-o.com/CumbriaSchools/reports\\_of\\_activities.html](http://www.lakes-o.com/CumbriaSchools/reports_of_activities.html)

**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.