

The Orienteering Foundation May 2023

This is a brief report on the Foundation, for noting at the meeting and to provide an update on recent activities by the Foundation. Club representatives are asked to brief their clubs on the content.

Background

A reminder that The Orienteering Foundation is a charity that promotes and supports orienteering. The Foundation does the following:

- funds junior programmes
- invests in elites
- supports adult coaching opportunities
- supports those developing tools and techniques to alleviate volunteer workloads, and
- sponsors projects which look to exploit new technologies in our sport.

It is funded primarily by donations, and from bequests in people's wills. You can read more about the Orienteering Foundation at <https://www.orienteeringfoundation.org.uk/>

Recent news

Since my report to the December SCOA meeting, the Orienteering Foundation has been supporting the following:

- A further coaching day being organised in the Lake District in November. SCOA members are very welcome to attend, details [here](#), but it is not exactly local for SCOA members. The Foundation would be keen to support a coaching day in the south of England (by underwriting any losses if insufficient people attend) if SCOA or one of its clubs were to put on such an event.
- The Foundation has awarded a grant to support British Orienteering in development of coaches involved in the higher tiers of the athlete development pathway.
- The Foundation is providing financial support for Alistair Pedley to attend the IOF Young Leaders Academy in Veneto, Italy this Summer. The Academy enables young orienteers aged 16-25 to support their competencies regarding developing orienteering ("train-the-trainers"), and to network with like-minded orienteers worldwide. Alasdair is heavily involved in mapping, coaching, planning and organising, working for Masterplan Adventure and on his own projects. (Masterplan Adventure has organised a number of major events over the past few years - 2023 includes Lakes Spring, Coast and Islands, and Sprint Scotland).

More details of these projects is available on the TOF web site, www.orienteeringfoundation.org.uk

If any club has a project for which they would like support from the Orienteering Foundation, please contact me (details below)

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