

The Orienteering Foundation December 2023

This is a brief update on recent activities by the Foundation, for noting at the meeting. Club representatives are asked to brief their club members on the content. [This link](#) takes you to a document, basically a 'cut and paste' of the wording in the two sections below, which would probably fit into a club newsletter with minimal editing.

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 the development of 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. More details about the Orienteering Foundation can be found at <https://www.orienteeringfoundation.org.uk/>

Recent news

- Pete Davis (SOC), who created the Racesignup entry platform, has kindly offered to make regular donations to the Orienteering Foundation. [Racesignup wil donate 1p for every entry](#) to an orienteering event. The 1p comes out of the processing fee Racesignup already charges to event organisers, so it does not affect their event income or increase fees. A number of clubs who use Racesignup have also agreed to make donations matching those from Racesignup.
- The Foundation has made a grant to [support JROS taking Katherine Bett](#) - a long standing coach and supporter of JROS - through her D1 lessons and test, so she can drive a minibus at the Lagganlia camp in 2024 and future years. (Older drivers have D1 included in their licence; those who passed their test after 1997 must take a separate test. This will become an increasing issue for junior squads in future.)
- The Orienteering Foundation recently sponsored a [Coaching Day in the Lake District](#) in November, where over 90 orienteers enjoyed a great day's coaching.
- The Orienteering Foundation has made a grant to [Stirling University Orienteering Club](#) for using an external coach as the club grows, and organising a planning workshop to help individuals develop and spreads the load of planning training sessions. The Foundation is keen to support University Clubs to develop.
- A working group for a Volunteering project which the Foundation are initiating, looking at good practice, would still welcome more people to take part. If you are interested, [you can find out more here](#).

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

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