

Northeast Junior Squad Report 2024-25

Membership:

Our total number of members currently stands at 13 as follows:

M/W18	0	-
M/W17	1	BM
M/W16	2	WR, IS
M/W15	0	-
M/W14	1	TP
M/W13	3	ND, RS, JL
M/W12	2	AH, OP
M/W11	4	WB, FD, LS, PR

We lost 3 older M18 + members (BS, OS & LC), however we gained 4 M/W11's, and the good news is that we have 4 nine/ten years old eagerly waiting to join the squad. We are a young squad and hope to grow year on year as we build momentum.

Training:

The last 12 months have been busy ones for the NEJS.

We had two training weekend in early Spring 2025. One in North Yorkshire and the other in the Lakes. Both were well attended and went without incident.

1 – March – Training weekend at Kildale Woods

We trained at Kildale Woods focusing on contouring, before staying overnight at Great Ayton village Hall. The following day the juniors competed at the Great Ayton regional event.



2 – March – Training weekend in South Lakes

We joined up with the Yorkshire and NW junior squads to train with them in the South Lakes at the end of March 2025. Following a similar format to the Kildale training we spent Saturday refining O skills at Graythwaite, before competing at the National Event at Great Tower on the Sunday. The juniors did really well to cope with such technical areas.



We have also been offering 'geeking' sessions before major events. This consists of an online Teams session where we look at the previous map and area in general on google maps. The juniors seem to enjoy this and it seems to focus them.

Junior map-making course:

In the summer holidays Phillip Batts of CLOK kindly offered juniors in the region a 3-day course on map-making in OCAD. This took part in late August and was attended by 7 of our juniors. It was an intense course and provided them with lots of skills to further develop if they wish to do so.



Success:

Two members attended summer training camps – TP went to Lagganlia and got a glowing report. BM attended Stockholm and thoroughly enjoyed the camp.

As well as competing, our juniors are very good at helping out at events too – WR & BM are both enthusiastic planners and the others regularly help out at local events, running the start or the maze, and collecting controls.

JIRCS 2025 – South lakes:

Last month we travelled to the South Lakes for the Junior Inter Regional Championships. We took 8 juniors (min age 12) to Ulverston High School for this event. The individual was held at Torver Beck Common and the relays were at Haverigg sand dunes. The girls team came a very respectable 7th out of 12 in the individual and 8th counting team in the relays. Overall in the joint competition NEJS came 9th.

Individual women's		
Position	Region	Score
1	YHOAJS	135
2	ScotJOS	126
3	NWJOS	112
4	SWJOS	90
5	SEJS	71
6	EAJS	64
7	NEJS	61
8	EMJOS	51
9	WMJS	47
10	WJS	32
11	SCJS	29
12	NIJS	0



Finances:

We are looking pretty healthy, we were given a large sum from the recent Stockton riverside event (£841 tbc) and our own fundraising has recently raised over £400. Our account currently stands at £3,511.13. Cake baking and selling rope keyrings and home stitched compass pouches have proven to be very profitable!



Other:

- All three coaches – Rebecca, Jules and Jeanette are completing their Level 2 British Orienteering Coaches award. These are due to be completed by the end of this year.
- Jeanette is now employed full time by British Orienteering as their Safeguarding & Development lead.
- We all need to obtain our first aid training.
- We will be attending the JROS working committee meeting and AGM next month

Looking ahead:

Over the next 12 months we plan to add in two training weekends, both in Q1 2026. Our M/W16's have a British Orienteering training weekend at Hawkshead at the end of November. BM is on the Northern Talent Squad and attends lots of additional training camps through that.

Six of our juniors are aiming for summer camps next year and we will continue to support them in this as best we can by providing them with information and coaching specific to their selection races.

Next we have a Christmas fun day training at planned for the 13th December at Summerhill Country Park. We will be inviting siblings and parents to join.

All our juniors are polite and respectful and are very easy to coach. They have formed good friendships, and all look forward to getting together. We are very proud of all of them.

Thank you for supporting us