

South West Junior Squad Report 2013.

This year has been one of transition for the squad with a large number of juniors moving on and many beginning their involvement with the squad. The epicentre of the squad has shifted over the last few years to become more centred on Bristol and Devon which is a reflection of the amount of time and effort both these clubs are expending on junior orienteering.

The past year has seen three days during the October half term running an event on behalf of the Army then training on southern terrain in preparation for the 2013 JK. The Christmas weekend was held at Bulford Ridge and Tidworth in December on the same weekend as the Yvette Baker Trophy Final where a number of squad members ran in the victorious Bristol team.

One day was spent on the track at Bath early in September but a follow up weekend in January had to be cancelled due to snow.

February half term's training was limited by our local education authorities deciding to have non-concurrent weeks across the region.

There has not been an Inter Regional Competition during the past year due to the 2013 competition being held not in the summer but on the last weekend of September. For the first time for fifteen years I think this event is being hosted in the South West. Wimborne and Wessex are hosting this event at Gore Heath and Hampton Ridge and Chris Branford and his team must be thanked for taking this on.

Adam Potter represented Great Britain at this year's Junior World Orienteering Championships held at Hradec Kralove in the Czech Republic and in a week's time, Adam will be joined by Cecilie Andersen, Grey Grierson and Zac Hudd in representing England at this year's Ward Junior Home International to be held in Wales.

I would like to particularly thank Arthur and Christine Vince for their assistance in feeding the squad over the last few years. They retired from this role at our October half term training last year.

Finally thanks to Ben Chesters, Pete Maliphant, Dave Hanstock, Tess Stone, Jackie Hallett and Tim Haysom in assisting with the running of the squad over the last year. Without you all there wouldn't be a squad.

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