2020 Fixtures Secretary’s Report

2020 was for the main part a washout for Orienteering. However lockdown forced most clubs to embrace, rather than dabble in technology, as a way to get back out orienteering again.

SWOC put on a series of Maprun events and between the various lockdowns managed to put on a few traditional events.

SBOC just managed to squeeze in the last of their Winter League events before the March lockdown and put on a series of UsynligO events in the autumn with one or two traditional events when restrictions allowed.

MWOC held a couple of events before the lockdown, and also put on a series of Virtual events using UsynligO

The 2020 Welsh Championships were due to be held by SWOC in early March. Due to unforeseen circumstances followed by lockdown and ongoing restrictions, this event is now due to take place in September of this year. A massive thank you to SWOC for their dogged determination in getting permissions and re-organising this event despite so many changes of dates and in such uncertain times.

The continuing lockdown and Covid restrictions also put paid to ERYRI hosing the Welsh 6 days. The silver lining being that there are now some fantastic areas mapped for use at future events.

The number of events and activities held in 2020 are as follows (2019 in brackets):

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | National | Regional | Local | Activity |
| ERYRI | 0 | 0 (2) | 1 (1) | 4 (5) |
| MWOC | 0 (1) | 1 (2) | 2 (6) | 3 (11) |
| SBOC | 0 (2) | 0 (2) | 8 (24) | 28 (6) |
| SWOC | 0 (0) | 0 (2) | 9 (23) | 7 (9) |
| BAOC | 0 (1) | 0 (0) | 0 (0) | 0 (1) |
|  | 0 (4) | 1 (8) | 20 (54) | 53 (32) |

Participation figures (Total for 2019 in brackets)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | National | Regional | Local | Activity |
| ERYRI |  |  | 17 | 175 |
| MWOC |  | 24 | 17 | No Data |
| SBOC |  |  | 191 | 103 |
| SWOC |  |  | 323 | 121 |
|  | 0 (713) | 24 (839) | 548 (1864) | 399 (779) |

Obviously, the dip in the figures shown above were to be expected as so many events had to be cancelled or postponed.

Looking forward, the 2021 figures will again be lower than in 2019. All clubs have struggled with gaining permissions for events and have had to adapt the way in which events are held. It is fantastic to see the sport finding a way through all of the difficulties to put on a range of fixtures over the coming months, and I hope that 2021 sees us all back out participating in the sport that we love.

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