



## ORIENTEERING SERVICES – 2003 onwards > The story so far!



Orienteering is a great sport for everyone, combining Physical Activity with Map Reading, Navigation and Problem-solving.

**Our principal aim** has always been to give people of all ages, particularly focusing on school aged pupils, the opportunity to develop a range of skills (cognitive, physical and teamwork) that will enable them to participate in and enjoy the sport of Orienteering.

By offering a comprehensive range of services (see attached Flyer) we are able to equip schools, colleges and other organisations with Orienteering Maps of their school or local park, plus the resources and knowledge that will help their Staff/Coaches in teaching the cross-curricular Skills of Orienteering and give the participants numerous opportunities to take part in Orienteering based Activities and Challenges.

### **OUR TEAM:**

**Rex Bleakman** – Founder of Orienteering Services 2003 > (Retired Headteacher, Orienteering Coach and regular Orienteer with Derwent Valley Orienteers)

**Mike Godfree** – Cartographer with many years' experience of drawing Orienteering Maps for Derwent Valley Orienteers

**Jim Jenkinson** – Joined 2018 and worked with Rex in writing a primary focussed Scheme of Work with Assessment (KS2 Teacher, PE Coordinator and Lead Practitioner in PE for Derbyshire County Council)

**Sal Chaffey** - cartographer and coach. Sal is also the Publicity Officer for Derwent Valley Orienteers.

Since 1988 Rex, as a member of Derwent Valley Orienteers, has enjoyed the sport of Orienteering both in the UK and Europe.

He had, for many years, taught the skills of the sport to children and young people of all ages. In his final post as Headteacher of Duffield Meadows Primary School, Derbyshire orienteering was an element of the schools Physical Education curriculum and Extra Curricular Activities.

Following retirement in 2002 Rex soon found ways to offer his skills and expertise to other schools and organisations who wanted to offer Orienteering to their pupils and the general public.

**Establishing Orienteering Services in 2003** Rex has been supported by an excellent Cartographer (Mike Godfree) and in 2018, by an enthusiastic primary school teacher/PE specialist (Jim Jenkinson). Jim has led on the introduction of the primary focussed Scheme of Work with Assessment and also in offering our services Nationwide. Together we have, to date, been able to map and introduce our sport to:-

Derbyshire - 33 Primary and 6 Secondary school.

Derby City – 18 Primary, 7 Secondary, 3 Special Schools, 1 College and Derby University.

Leicestershire – 4 Primary Schools.

Staffordshire – 2 Primary and 3 Secondary Schools.

Local City and Country Parks – 5

Repton School.

Nationwide – 4 Primary Schools

We trust that the hundreds of school pupils and people of all ages who in that period have tried Orienteering have had fun, enjoyed the exercise, learnt a few new skills and gone away thinking:

**“WHAT A GREAT SPORT LETS DO IT AGAIN!”**

Rex Bleakman