

Sarum orienteering club kit report

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I took over the role of kit officer earlier this year and received the stock held by the club from Freda.

At the club championships this summer, several club members were able to buy items from the existing stock. We were also able to sell a few “retro” items for a token amount.

Currently, we have 14 orienteering tops held as club stock, they are a combination of youth and adult sizes, short and long sleeved. Unfortunately, these items are all in low-demand sizes. We also have eight padded jackets in a more conventional range of sizes.

It had been difficult to gather enough interest in additional pieces of kit to justify an order, however extra requests from a club member in August made this viable and we have placed an order with Scimitar for 10 short sleeved tops, 8 requested by members and 2 spares in popular sizes. Production and transport time means that these items are anticipated to arrive late October/early November. We hope to have them in time for the November classic but can't guarantee that.

Suggestions have been made about the club holding secondhand stock. There are clear benefits to this, but I would suggest that we should only consider it where the items are in very good condition, otherwise we risk accumulating even more items that are not really wanted. I do note that the kit appears to wear very well, the stock I received from Freda included several items which are marked as secondhand that show no discernible signs of wear.