“Greetings to the orienteering community!

TickApp is a citizen science project that aims to estimate people’s risk of exposure to ticks in Scotland. As last year, the TickApp Project is collecting data at several orienteering events. The objective is to compare the number of ticks collected using survey transects (scientific method) with the number of ticks reported by people after orienteering in the same area, and the data will be used to help map tick distribution in Scotland and assess whether citizen science can give robust information on the risk of  tick bites.

The TickProject will be present at the Jamie Stevenson Trophy event, 9th June, in Kingussie.  If you are participating in the event and you are aged eighteen years and over, or if you are a teacher or a parent of a junior aged less than eighteen years participating at the event, we would be grateful if you would come to our tick tent at the event and report whether you/he/she found any ticks or not. We are interested in ticks on the human body or clothes – and finding no ticks is as useful as finding ticks! You can also report your data via our website (see flyer for details).

For more information about the project, please see our website <https://epidemiology.sruc.ac.uk/projects/lyme_disease_risk> or come to chat with us on 9th June. You can also sign up to be a regular volunteer if you are interested.

Your participation is needed! Thank you very much.

The Tick Project Team. “