



# Annual Report 2018 - 2019



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## Chairman – Carol Williams

Following our 2018 AGM the Board of Netball South have been working this year to develop their understanding further of what we can do to support our members in the South. The Board was in 2017 made up of four original members and our President and we were joined by six brand new members who have all tirelessly given to the Region this year with a focus on developing our annual plan.

At last year's AGM I spoke about the changes being introduced by EN to align Counties and Regions to Franchises and the concerns we had received about this. We had some very successful meetings and were moving ideas forward to support our athletes, coaches and officiating personnel. These changes are well underway now and I am really pleased that several of our County Chairs and Coaches have worked with the Franchises and are now part of the committee structure ensuring that our athletes, coaches and officiating personnel are achieving in their fields.

We have continued to see many changes within EN including the staff we have worked with at England Netball. Lucy Farrell has joined us as our Regional Coordinator, and I would like to say a huge thank you to her for this. I would also like to say a huge thank you to Sally Carns who also supported us and has now left EN, but I am delighted to announce that Samantha Kennerson has accepted the role of Partnership Manager – South & South West. In her work life she has held various positions as an Account Manager, Operations Director and Commercial Director within retail as well as a Head of Netball position at a local Independent School whilst bringing up her young family. Samantha is a passionate netball player, coach and volunteer within her club and is thrilled to be joining us at this exciting time.

Our volunteers within the region sitting on the Technical Support Groups have continued to ensure that where possible we have had a voice at the table and ensured that we continue to support our athletes and officials. Our CTSG has worked incredibly hard this year to ensure that the views of all clubs playing in the South Regional Leagues have been heard and I would like to thank them and the clubs for the work that has been done and how we are continuing to evolve our competition structure seeing more teams enter and be able to play in our leagues. Our OTSG have again worked tirelessly to ensure that our matches can be played working with umpires and we have seen several successes this year of umpires gaining new umpiring awards as well as our table officials working with many different Franchises to support their matches.

In addition, I would like to thank the County Boards and particularly the Chairs for their continued support.

Looking forward there continues to be a great deal of change for this region and the Board is very conscious that it needs to continue to work hard to ensure that we support all our membership, develop our athletes and help where we can to ensure that pathways are clear and open to all. We understand that we will need to develop further how we communicate with you all and seek your opinions and views.

I have now been on the Board for over 7 years and it is time for change, but I am not the only one and I would like to send out a special thank you to Kelly Hartney who has been on the Board for coming up to 9 years and acted in the role of Treasurer for the past 3 years. I would also like to send out thank you to Estelle Ball. Estelle has been on the board for the last couple of years and has joined at a time when we were trying to find our feet. Her contribution has been huge and due to personal circumstances Estelle is standing down, but I hope one day in the future she may be able to rejoin the board.

Thank you all for your support and I wish you all the best for the future.

Carol Williams, Chair Netball South

Once again the season started with Entry Tournament. This year again we had a record number of 73 teams applying to enter the U13/14/16/19 Regional leagues. Once again meant a two day tournament playing two age groups on each day, which for the first time we held in June and which was a huge success. This was a 10% increase on last years' entries and a bigger response from around the region showing a huge demand for regional level netball in the South. The teams that did not quality for Division One went into Division Two (with us changing the development league name to Division 2)

Full league results for 2018/19 can be found on [www.netballsouth.co.uk](http://www.netballsouth.co.uk) but congratulations must go to all of our league winners in the respective leagues. We must also congratulate all teams that went on to represent the region in National finals at school and club level.

**U14 National Club Finalists**

Eagles

Team Matrix

**U16 National Club Finalists**

MK Dons

Eagles

**U14 National Schools Finalists**

St Helens

St Kats & Hurst

**U16 National Schools Finalists**

Brighton College

Maiden Erlegh

**U19 National Schools Finalists**

Worthing College

Ranelagh

Another very successful year for all in Netball South.

Planning for 2019/20 has started. We sent out an online form for teams to complete in regards to 'how the season' went and we are currently reviewing the regulations these will be finalised before the start of the season and published on the Netball South website.

I would like to thank all members of the CTSG for their commitment to South Region and for all the work they have done this year. I would also like to thank all clubs for their help in creating a positive approach to competition in Netball South going forward and look forward to working with you all in the coming season

Jan Johnson (Chair and on behalf of CTSG)

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The season seems to have flown by with usual busy schedule for all Umpires and Technical Officials. There have been an encouraging number of courses held, ranging from Into Officiating to B Award and these have been supported well by our Tutors. Within the Region there have been numerous Assessments held and these have been well supported by Mentors and Assessors.

I am pleased to report that Chris Obin was appointed to the Netball Europe U21 Tournament in Belfast.

At the Goalden Globe awards 2018 Mary Stanley and Jennie Underwood were recognized with Long Service Awards.

A presentation on Game Management was held in January in association with Berkshire Netball and was presented by International Accredited Umpire Louise Travis. There was an overwhelming attendance, with over 140 people attending, resulting in some having to stand and congregating in the doorway!

### **National Appointments**

We have had various umpires appointed for many different events including the following:

#### **Vitality Netball Superleague**

Chris Obin and Julie Wilks continued to support the VSNL as umpires and it is hoped that this will continue for the forthcoming season.

Our Technical Officials have also been involved at Superleague level at franchises involving Surrey Storm, Severn Stars and London Pulse.

Technical Officials were also appointed to the Fast5 Competition, the 2 Internationals v Uganda held at the Copper Box, the Quad Series held at the Copper Box and Super 10s held in Birmingham.

The following 7 Officials have been appointed to the Netball World Cup to be held in July: Julie Arnold, Toni Brunsdon, Jo Coker, Jan Johnson, Kim Simmons, Mary Stanley and Tracy Stubbs.

The following Technical Officials have been appointed to the VSNL 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Place Off, and Final matches to be held at the Copper Box in May 2019: Mary Stanley, Julie Arnold, Jo Coker, Toni Brunsdon and Jan Johnson.

#### **NPL U19 and U21 League Competitions**

The following umpires were selected to be involved with the NPL U19 and U21 Competitions: Alice Johnson, Olivia Johnson, Megan Samuel, Nikki Dewick, Julie Wilks, Tracy Stubbs and Liz Sywyj.

#### **National Premier League Competition and Play Offs**

The following umpires continue to support the National League competition: Estelle Ball, Chris Obin, Julie Wilks, Tracy Stubbs, Paul Withers, Mark Sheen, Nikki Dewick, Nicola Bolton, Liz Sywyj, Nigel Gill, Rachel Tanner, Olivia Johnson, Alice Johnson and Megan Samuel.

Alice and Olivia Johnson together with Megan Samuel were invited to attend the Premier League Play-Offs held in Hull.

### **National Schools Finals 2018**

5 (Alice and Olivia Johnson, Chantel Moore, Sharon Penny and Megan Samuel) Umpires represented the South at the National Schools Finals with Megan being appointed to one of the U19 Semi Finals.

### **National U14 and U16 Clubs Finals**

The National Club Finals had not been held at the time of this report and therefore I cannot report on which Umpires have been appointed.

### **Courses**

The OTSG organized two B Award courses during the course of the season:

The one arranged for November had been postponed due to lack of interest. A second one was arranged for March which was well attended by various umpires, not just from this Region. Carol Williams had been the Tutor.

Into Officiating and/or C Awards have run throughout the Counties within the Region and there has been an exceptionally high number of passes.

9 umpires sat the written paper in November 2018

5 umpires sat the written paper in February 2019

5 umpires will sit the paper in May 2019

### **B and A Awards**

Congratulations to the following:

1 new A Award – Rachel Tanner

6 new B Awards – Emma Walker, Ben Vallely, Sam Sear, Erin Graham, Victoria Ogden (Guernsey) and Channon Heaney

### **C Awards**

With a good number of passes this season, the region will once again be working with all the County Umpiring Secretaries next season, to increase even more the number of learner umpires.

### **Assessors**

Netball South continue to struggle with the availability of B Award Assessors, but work has been in progress with C Award Assessors to qualify them to B Award level.

### **Open League**

We have had around 80 A, B and C Award umpires eligible to officiate during the season, covering Divisions 1, 2, 3 and U19 with additional umpires officiating the U14 and U16 Leagues. Once again with the commitments to Premier League, injuries and illnesses it has proved a challenge to ensure that all the matches have been covered sufficiently. However, it is pleasing to report that hardly any games had to be rearranged as a result.

I would like to thank all the umpires for working with us to support the Leagues and especially to those who stood in at the last minute and those who, at times, covered two games on one day.

### **Regional Schools Round – U14, U16 and U19 – January 2019 – Farnborough**

This tournament was well supported by umpires who hopefully went home with some positive feedback provided by Court Managers.

The following umpires featured in the final rounds:

#### **Under 14s**

Semi Finals: Helen Turton, Chantel Moore, Ben Vallely and Pat Martyn-Smith

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Place: Jodie Musson and Patricia Burden

Final: Emma Walker and Nicola Bolton

#### **Under 16s**

Semi Finals: Emma Walker, Liz Sywyj, Nicola Bolton and Nikki Dewick

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Place: Georgina Nelson and Phoebe Dalley-White

Final: Helen Turton and Megan Samuel

#### **Under 19s**

Semi Finals: Tracy Stubbs, Megan Samuel, Rebecca Moher and Elaine Shannahan

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Place: Jill Allington and Dickon Adams

Final: Tracy Stubbs and Rebecca Moher

### **Farewells**

Paul Withers and Pat Martyn-Smith have decided to hang their whistles up from this season and I would like to thank them for all their support and commitment that they have given to the Region over so many years. Their enthusiasm and support to other umpires has been immense and I am sure that we all within the Netball South region wish them well with their new ventures in the future.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the group (Jenny Poore, Julie Wilks and Tracy Stubbs) for their hard work and commitment. We have had regular meetings to discuss the allocation of umpires for leagues and tournaments, as well as confirming assessments and courses. We have also had a more structured approach to our technical officiating, of which the officials are now reaping the rewards. We continue to work alongside the Competitions Group for a smoother running of the leagues.

### **Julie Arnold**

On behalf of the OTSG:

Kim Schepens

Jenny Poore

Julie Wilks

Tracy Stubbs

## **2018/19 Finance Report**

The Profit and Loss and Balance sheet for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 have been prepared in accordance with general accounting practices. The Accounts have been subject to an Independent Examination to which the Examiners, PRB Accountants LLP have found no issues to be disclosed.

The accounts show that Netball South in the year to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 made a profit of £7,834 (compared to a £12,072 in 2018) but has a very healthy reserves to carry forward of £157,567. Due to the quick turnaround needed for these accounts there could be some expenses that relate to the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 that will need to be included in the 2020 Accounts.

In the year to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 things have been relatively constant, with our competitions section along with affiliations being our key income streams. I would anticipate this to continue into the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Our key level of expenditure is the open league. This covers the umpire fees for the open league as well as the play offs for the league. We have also seen an increase in bursaries given this year, with each team in Division 3 being given money to aid their travel costs to Guernsey.

In recent years Netball South have maintained high levels of reserves as we always thought that we might need to invest in personnel, to run our regional head office and also that with the changes to the Franchise set up we would be asked for contributions from the Franchises in which our athletes were attending. Neither of these have been required and as such over the coming years Netball South will be looking to reduce the level of reserves they are holding. How they do this is yet to be decided but one such way would be an increase in bursaries to aid those within our region.

The overview above gives you a general outline of the key items of expenditure during the year, but if anyone would like further information on any items of income or expenditure then please do not hesitate to contact me at Kelly Hartney, [beccakel@hotmail.com](mailto:beccakel@hotmail.com)

## **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

### **YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2019**

| <b>2019</b>                             |          | <b>2018</b> |          |
|---|----------|-------------|----------|
| <b>£</b>                                | <b>£</b> | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b> |
| Affiliations                            |          | 22,617      | 25,477   |
| Leagues                                 |          |             |          |
| Open League                             |          | 9,920       | 9,961    |
| U19 League                              |          | 3,200       | 3,200    |
| Junior League                           |          | 8,120       | 6,740    |
| Officiating                             |          | 990         | 1,970    |
| National Schools                        |          | 4,200       | 4,200    |
| Goalden Globes                          |          | 850         | - Bank   |
| Interest                                |          | 605         | 373      |
| -----                                   | -----    |             |          |
| Total Income                            |          | 50,502      | 51,921   |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                      |          |             |          |
| Netball Performance League (Aug 17)     | -        |             | 7,780    |
| Regional Academies                      | -        |             | 1,525    |
| Leagues                                 |          |             |          |
| Open League (Predominantly Umpire fees) | 19,238   |             | 16,024   |



|                         |         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| Junior League           | 5,851   | 2,562   |
| National Schools        | 2,957   | 2,159   |
| Summer Camps            | -       | -       |
| AGM / Goalden Globes    | 2,982   | 1,688   |
| Academies Festivals     | -       | 69      |
| TSG Meeting Expenses    | 1,929   | 3,349   |
| Officiating             | 1,372   | 1,284   |
| RMB Meeting Expenses    | 3,748   | 3,218   |
| Admin / Miscellaneous   | 490     | 191     |
| Bursaries               | 4,101   | -       |
| 42,668      39,849      |         |         |
| Surplus for year        | 7,834   | 12,072  |
| Balance brought forward | 149,733 | 137,661 |

## Regional Unit Report

### Introduction

This report produced by the Regional Coordinator (Lucy Farrell) and Partnership Manager (Samantha Kennerson)) includes:

- 1) National Updates
- 2) Regional Participation
- 3) Regional Club Development & Membership
- 4) Regional Education & Training
- 5) Partnerships Update & Other News
- 6) Funding
- 7) Offers & Promotions
- 8) Forward Plans & Dates

### **1) National Updates** – Supplied by Partnership Manager, Samantha Kennerson

ENgage (new administration system) is now live and has been launched to all members. Starting with sending newsletters to Regions, Counties, Clubs and Leagues and then members

This initial launch gives individuals access to the system to edit their details and complete simple administration for any organisations they have a role for. We have updated the following areas of the website with details of what they need to do including a number of guides to help them use the system. They will not yet have access to websites, membership or competition functions as these will be released in future phases.

[www.englandnetball.co.uk/ENgage](http://www.englandnetball.co.uk/ENgage)

<https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/my-game/netball-connected/>

For any who were unable to attend one of the NetbALL Connected workshops the video of a session is now available through [www.englandnetball.co.uk/ENgage](http://www.englandnetball.co.uk/ENgage).

A regional workshop to introduce the changes and the benefits was planned for Reading for the 11<sup>th</sup> May at Theale School, based around the league matches taking place there. The workshop was aimed at clubs, leagues and our local staff. Reading has been selected due to hosting a large number of clubs and teams across the league in the region and was well attended. We will be equipping our local staff to deliver this workshop and shorter versions of it to enable us to offer counties and leagues short sessions linked to their AGMs and other events over the following months.

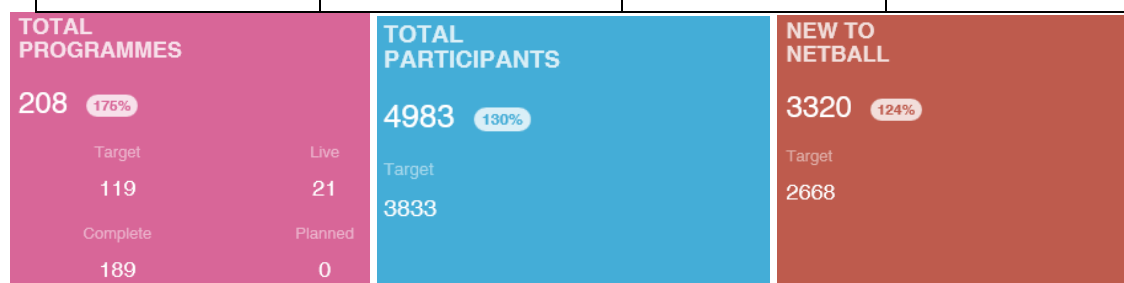
### **2) Regional Participation**

#### Regional Participation (Report Run 1/4/18- present)

During the 2018/19 financial year the regional team has run the following programmes. The table **below** shows the total number of programmes run, participants engaged this financial year, which of those participants were new to netball (had not played the previous 12 months prior to joining) against the target for the financial year.

*Figure 1: Programmes & Participants*

| Programme                   | Number of Programmes Delivered | Number of Participants | Number new to netball (if applicable) | New to netball target |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Back to Netball             | 97                             | 1658                   | 1612                                  | 1640                  |
| Netball Festivals           | 9                              | 336                    | 14                                    | -                     |
| Netball Now                 | 10                             | 268                    | 87                                    | 245                   |
| Walking Netball             | 74                             | 1231                   | 1215                                  | 561                   |
| University Netball Officers | 10                             | 918                    | 382                                   | 200                   |
| School Games                | 6                              | 545 (62 teams)         |                                       |                       |
| Netball Youth Camps         | -                              | -                      | -                                     | -                     |
|                             |                                |                        |                                       |                       |



*Figure 2: Total programmes and participants vs target (April 2018 to Present)*

### **3) Regional Club Development & Membership**

This section shows club activity during the current financial year and membership statistics for the current season by county and for the region with a comparison to last season.

*Figure 4: New clubs formed & CAPS accreditation*

|                                     | Number Formed |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| New Junior Clubs Formed             | 6             |
| New Junior Sections Formed          | 10            |
| New Satellite Clubs Formed          | 1             |
| CAPS Club reaccredited              | 5             |
| New CAPS clubs gaining bronze       | 1             |
| Clubs working towards accreditation | 9             |

*Figure 5: Affiliated members by organisation and individual participants for the current season compared to the previous affiliation year.*

| Organisation                | 2017/18 | 2018/19 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total Clubs                 | 451     | ↓442    |
| Total YPG                   | 26      | ↑27     |
| Total Primary Schools       | 486     | ↑502    |
| Total Secondary Schools     | 182     | ↑194    |
| Total Colleges/Universities | 2       | ↑7      |
| Total Organisations         | 1147    | ↑1172   |
| Total Participants O18      | 7772    | ↑7982   |
| Total Participants U18      | 1818    | ↑1915   |
| Total Participants U14      | 2729    | ↑3150   |
| Total Participants U11      | 2339    | ↑3001   |
| A award umpires             | 23      | ↓21     |
| B award umpires             | 75      | ↓68     |
| C award umpires             | 459     | ↓401    |

*Figure 6: Number of individual members by category and by county for the current season.*

#### **4) Regional Education & Training**

The following table shows the qualifications and courses run to date this financial year and the total number planned.

*Figure 7: Education & training courses run and planned*

| Qualification/Course          | Number Run In Region    | Total Number Planned For Region |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| UKCC Level 1                  | 5                       | TBC- new planning               |
| UKCC Level 2                  | 3                       | TBC- new planning               |
| CPD Workshops                 | 6 run, 6 more cancelled | TBC- new planning               |
| Walking Netball Host Training | 3                       | TBC- new planning               |
| Into Officiating              | 22                      | TBC- new planning               |
| C Award                       | 8                       | TBC- new planning               |
| B Award                       | 0                       | TBC- new planning               |

#### **5) Partnerships Update & Other News**

- Surrey Storm – Regular meetings are being held with Storm and their Development officer has been active with getting out and about in the Counties. Work continues on their engagement plan and the set-up of their TMG group.
- Other Franchises- Some of our South counties are covered by other franchises and if specific updates are required for them then please contact us and we will speak with the relevant partnership manager to get these to you.
- Women's Institute (WI) – the partnership with the WI continues with current sessions taking place in all of our Southern Counties- going from strength to strength. A recent celebration event was held in Oxfordshire and was a huge success.

#### **6) Funding**

**Sport England continues to back England Netball**

In December, England Netball announced that Sport England has committed to backing the governing body up until 2021. The £2.8 million of additional National Lottery funding has been awarded by Sport England for the period between 2019 and 2021. The funding will support both grassroots level netball across the country and England's senior squad, the Vitality Roses, who made history by winning gold at the Commonwealth Games in April this year.

Sport England previously committed to funding England Netball in 2017, with part of the money being allocated to the full-time athlete programme – launched in 2016 –until the start of 2019. A section of funding was also allocated to increase participation through highly successful programmes like Back to Netball and Walking Netball.

## **7) Offer & Promotions**

- Upcoming international dates include:
  - Netball World Cup, Liverpool, 12-21 July 2019
  - Bee Netball

## **8) Forward Plans & Dates**

| Course Name        | DATES  | Venue full address                      |
|--------------------|--|---|
| Netball World Cup  | 12 <sup>th</sup> July – 21 <sup>st</sup> July    | Liverpool                               |
| Netball Youth Camp | 25 <sup>th</sup> July                            | Theale Green School, Reading, Berkshire |
| Netball Youth Camp | 2 <sup>nd</sup> August                           | Andover Leisure Centre, Hampshire       |
| UKCC L1            | 18 August – 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept                | Stowe School, Bucks                     |
| Netball Youth Camp | 20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> August        | Community Arena, Marston, Oxfordshire   |
| UKCC L2            | Sept-Nov 2019                                    | Tudor Hale, Chichester, Sussex          |
| WNHT               | Sept TBC   | Bucks                                   |
| WNHT               | Sept TBC   | Berkshire                               |
| UKCC L1            | 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct & 3 <sup>rd</sup> November   | Luckley House, Berkshire                |
| WNHT               | Sept/Oct TBC                                     | Hampshire                               |
| UKCC L1            | 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan & 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 | Sussex University                       |
| UKCC L2            | Feb-March 2020                                   | Princes Mead, Hampshire                 |
| Bee Netball        | TBC  |   |
|                    |  |   |

## **Staff updates**

- The new Sussex NDO was recruited and we welcome Jordan Oland to his new role.
- The South and South West partnership manager, Samantha Kennerson has been appointed and commenced her role from mid May 2019.
- Rose Johnston started with us on 1<sup>st</sup> April as NDCC Hampshire with a slight change to the locations she shall focus on moving to the northern part of Hampshire covering Winchester and above.
- We are in the final stages of appointing a new Bucks & berks NDCC to replace Louise Exton.

## Regional Staff contacts

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## County Reports - Berkshire

We have had another busy year in Berkshire. Just some of the highlights:-

- Continued to run our very successful indoor Junior league for U11, U12, U13, U14 and U16 teams at various venues across the county, providing competition for non-regional players
- Organised a Junior League End of Season Versatility Tournament in May 2019 where the league awards were also presented
- Provided financial support to coaches to help them to gain their qualifications
- Provided financial support to umpires to achieve their awards
- Provided financial support to tutors/testers
- Ran a successful Satellite and County Academy programme for talented youngsters within the County
- Attended several Academy Play Days with athletes from our County and Satellite academy
- Supported Academy coaches with their Continuing Professional Development through contributions towards their coaching courses
- Organised and ran pre-C award courses
- Organised and ran Into Officiating courses
- Hosted a B award course and provided players for match play
- Provided support at the Berkshire School Games finals
- Organised and ran the County round of the National Schools competition
- Provided bursaries to all local leagues

Berkshire continues to be well represented at regional level with several board members also on the South Region board (Sarah Feast, Matt Clifford, Julie Arnold) as well as Toni Brunsdon (Chair of Berkshire Prem and Maidenhead Leagues) who is also a general member.

Berkshire's England Netball Development Officer, Debbie Spindlow, has worked closely with and supported the board and is a real asset to the county as she never fails to promote netball at every opportunity. We are looking forward to continuing to work with Debbie over the coming year.

Clubs from within Berkshire were very well represented again within the junior regional leagues with Eagles U14s and U16s going to National Club Finals where they finished an impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively. Eagles U13s also topped the U13 league with Woodley as runners up.

Several Berkshire teams played within the regional U19 and Open leagues. Royals won the U19 league and qualified for Open play-offs where they were unbeaten to earn a place in Division 3 for 2019/20. Woodley were runners up in Division 3 and gained promotion to Division 2 and Eagles dominated Division 2 and Division 1. Eagles 1 once again headed to play-offs for National Prem but narrowly missed out on qualifying.

In addition to these team successes many Berkshire athletes were selected into a number of the U17 franchise academies as well as England academies and we are looking forward to following their progress over the next 12 months. Berkshire athletes have been training within Storm, Mavericks, Severn Stars, Wasps and Pulse.

Our County and Satellite Academy athletes enjoyed a number of Play Days against teams from other counties, some of which were organised by Surrey Storm with others being organised by Surrey County, with the County squad winning at both events. They also attended a Play Day organised by Maggie Jackson on behalf of Bedfordshire which attracted teams from all over the country. Berkshire's County squad were the only team not to lose to the eventual winners, Manchester, as they forced a draw in the pool matches. The Satellite Academy finished 5<sup>th</sup> and the County Academy 6<sup>th</sup> overall.

A number of former Berkshire club/academy athletes featured within the superleague franchise teams as well as national teams, with former Woodley and Berkshire academy athlete, Sophie Drakeford-Lewis, winning Young Player of the Year and another former Woodley and Berkshire academy athlete, Fran Williams, getting her first England Roses cap in November and now being part of the England squad for the World Cup. The success of these players

and others including Hannah Joseph, Sophia Candappa, Chartie Curtis, Suzie Liverseidge, Katie Fisher to name just a few provides real inspiration to our current academy and club athletes.

Berkshire has developed a good relationship with Surrey Storm with our Chair and Performance Lead being part of the Talent Management Group. We hosted a Coaching for Coaches workshop at one of our Satellite Academies delivered by Mikki Austin and Emily Nemeth came to one of our County Academy sessions before she went on maternity leave. We have also enjoyed positional workshops at Surrey Sports Park for our Academy coaches which we were also able to nominate players to attend. Some of our athletes have also benefitted from being able to attend Storm and Mavericks U17 academy training sessions by invitation.

In addition to our athletes a number of Berkshire officials have been involved at Superleague matches as table officials (scorers, timekeepers, etc) and some have been selected to volunteer at the Netball World Cup in Liverpool in July. We will be keeping an eye out for them as we enjoy the matches over the summer.

The success of netball within our County is due to the many players, coaches, umpires, league administrators, team managers, club managers, scorers and other volunteers who give up so much of their time to ensure there are plenty of opportunities for our members to participate in netball in whatever capacity they choose to. It is also due to the hard work of the board members who have also worked tirelessly throughout the year to promote netball within the county and provide opportunities for our members. Thank you all.

Sarah Feast (Berkshire Chair)



## Hampshire

### Hampshire Netball Association Report 2019

HNA have had a very positive season 2018-19. We have a new NDCC (Rose Johnston) who joined us recently.

#### **County Plan**

The county plan is under review and will be completed in line with the South Plan.

Membership remains consistent.

#### **Competition**

HNA continue to have successful Senior and Junior Leagues running with no problems.

We have worked with HSC and all school competitions were supported with personnel and officials

#### **Officiating**

Carol Williams continued to work with officials. We have again held numerous courses, 2 Into Officiating Courses and 5 C courses for Hampshire. On top of that within Hampshire there has been another Into Officiating Course for a team, and 2 C courses for two different Leagues. We had a total of 144 people attend these courses however the number of people going on to complete the assessments is still very low.

We had total of 18 new C award umpires between April 2018 and April 2019 with a success rate of 86%. The spread of umpires from different leagues continues to grow but this year we have seen all leagues develop more umpires to take this assessment. Having said this it is still a small percentage of those attending courses (approx. 30%) and too often it appears that people are attending the course purely so that their teams can enter leagues. In addition, leagues continue to struggle with umpire support to bring new umpires through the system. Of this years people who attended C courses a total of 96 umpires I hope that the return rate on those taking their assessments increases beyond 30%.

We have a total of 9 assessors within the county and I would like to thank them for their support over the past 12 months and to those assessors from Berkshire who have also stepped in to assist us this year.

We continue to look to our C award umpires to encourage those interested to move on through to their B award and I would ask that if there are any umpires struggling to get support to do this that they contact me. The Region held one B award course in the last 6 months of which two umpires from Hampshire attended. Congratulations go to Erin Graham and Ben Vallely on gaining their B award this year and Rachel Tanner for gaining her A award.

#### **Academies**

This season the age groups for Academies has changed to 2 levels U15 and 1 U13 with many of our athletes being selected into franchises. Academies have been co-ordinated by Fran Richards and a team of Coaches.

#### **BTN and NN**

Back to Netball and Netball Now continue to be run by the NDCC and NDO

#### **Hampshire Goiden Globes (HCG)**

HGG which celebrates our volunteers will take place after the Netball World Cup

#### **Finance**

HNA continues to support the development of the Academies.

All local leagues were offered courses for first aid and PCYP courses.

Bursaries continue to be awarded in support of members undertaking courses

#### **Website**

Website is up and running and continues to be updated.

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For a small County we have had a busy season. The IWN committee have all contributed fully to running many events, and offering a variety of Netball around the Island. I thank them all for their hard work and support. Sadly two members are standing down this season who must be congratulated for their dedication to IWN - Carol O'Brien 35+years, and Mandy Piner 25+ years.

We do only have 3 Clubs now. It is hard to get new Clubs up and running, as they find it difficult to find training venues, and of course umpiring and coaching personnel. We have wanted to run another B2N programme, but cannot find available facilities.

We experimented by playing indoors for part of our League programme, which was enjoyed by many, and no cancellations due to bad weather.

During the season we have organised

- \* National Schools County Round
- \* Two Junior Development Groups U12 & U14 involving 30 players
- \* 6 Primary Schools cluster Tournaments and a Finals tournament
- \* Fun Friday Social Netball which is very popular
- \* Senior & Junior IW Leagues and Tournaments
- \* EN Into officiating Course
- \* EN Hi 5 Coaching Workshop
- \* 3 Walking Netball Groups & 2 ladies from one group attended the WN Host course

I am really pleased that we have at last managed to get a Summer League organised up & running, having not had this for several years. We are using it to encourage the umpires that attended the Into Officiating Course to gain more experience and confidence.

As with many Counties, I am sure, availability of facilities is a problem for organising more Netball. We are hampered by newly rebuilt schools having the wrong sized courts, flooring that seems to be sub standard and slippery, and during long building programmes not being available at all.

We will stay positive, and keep pushing, and am sure will offer even more Netball to players of all ages.

Ann Selby  
Chair

**South Bucks**

Report not received

**Sussex**

Report not received

## Oxfordshire

Once again, it has been a busy year in Oxfordshire.

We started the season by purchasing a very posh duty shelter which is fully enclosed and allows the duty teams each week to stay warm and dry during the long winter months. It is used by both the Oxon League, Oxon Junior League and for all the school's tournaments and has been welcomed by all that have used it. We ran 2 coaching workshops this year which was attended by 40+ coaches in Oxfordshire. One in October, and one in February with a 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop having to be postponed and held over to the start of 2019 season. Each workshop was different and delivered by staff/players from Severn Stars. Maryka Holtzhausen delivered the shooting workshop; Denise Eagen and Anita Navin delivered the defence workshop. The final workshop will be run in October 2019 and will be on centre court strategy.

We were able to issue coaching bursaries for 3 x Level 1 courses and 3 x Level 2 courses and 1 x Walking netball. All these coaches passed their relevant awards.

Our Umpire Academy goes from strength to strength and we have passed 10 C Awards and a further 5 Into Awards. Our mentor programme for our umpires has meant that we have been successful in 2 umpires passing their B Award and a further 5 in the programme who are now working towards their B at various stages of the process.

The success we feel has come from not only the mentor programme we offer, but also the creation of what we call our Prem Plus league. Meaning that these umpires can get regional level games during the week locally, as well as also umpiring for region at weekends. Jo Kelly has been mentoring these umpires and it really has been a great success.

We have been lucky to have Jackie Mizon visit us. She has been involved with our Umpire Academy and has been down for a day to mentor our junior umpires. Gary Burgess came to see our progressing B Umpires on the Prem Plus league and to use his words – "I am blown away with the standard of these young umpires"

We had a record number of entries in our Schools tournaments this year, not only in the County qualifying tournaments but also in the other age group tournaments. A record 32 teams entered in the U12/U13 sections. A great achievement for us having been plugging away at the state schools to enter, who have been put off in previous years by the private schools dominating the tournaments.

Oxfordshire teams have had success at regional level, Team Matrix who finished 5<sup>th</sup> at U14 National Clubs championship and I understand that Trinity & Team Matrix will be represented at Junior Regional age group levels again this coming season.

We look forward to another successful season in 2019/20

Lesley Killpack  
Chair