



Annual Report 2016-2017



Acting Chair's Report – Carol Williams

As you will be aware I took over as Acting Chair towards the end of this year and I would like to thank everyone who has supported the South Region this year in what has been a very difficult period for a number of reasons. The small core of Board Members have each rallied throughout the year to ensure that we have continued to be able to meet our objectives and those of England Netball.

I would like to specifically acknowledge and thank Bill and Carol Alexander for their work over many years for this Region, for their support of our officials, athletes and the whole structure of volunteers working to ensure that the South Region is and continues to be a strong, successful region.

We have seen many changes during the year including the staff we have worked with at England Netball to the structure of competition for the future aligned to Franchises. Our volunteers within the region sitting on the Board or on 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.

I would like to say thank you for the support from England Netball Staff especially Holly Hart and Emma Whitehouse who have kept us all up to date and supported us with all kinds of administration and on the web site. Neither Holly nor Emma are with us now but we are looking forward to working with our new colleagues.

In addition I would like to thank the County Boards and particularly the Chairs who have supported me over the last few months and worked with the Regional Board to ensure that we kept on track.

Looking forward there is 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. We also now need to build firm relationships with the franchises and have been actively doing this over the past year.

Thank you all for your support.

Carol Williams
Acting Chair, Netball South

Competition – Jan Johnson

Once again the season started with Entry Tournament. This year we had a record number of 57 teams applying to enter the U13/14/16/19 Regional leagues. As last year this meant a two day tournament playing two age groups on each day. This was a fantastic response from around the region showing a huge demand for regional level netball in the South.

Following the Forum held in January and consultation with clubs several changes have been proposed going forward. The Entry tournament for future seasons will be held in June and this will start from June 2018 for the 2018/19 season. Whilst the Regional Leagues are performance leagues there is a requirement for Regional netball competition beyond the 8 qualifying teams in each age group. So, starting in the 2017/18 season, NS will be offering a Regional Development League for U13, U14 & U16 teams who are not successful at the Entry Tournament. The exact format of these Development Leagues will be determined once the number of teams is finalised. However due to numbers of umpires/venues available these new Development fixtures will be played on alternate dates to those published for Regional Leagues.

Full league results for 2016/17 can be found on 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

2nd Eagles
12th Weston Park Blades

U16 National Club Finalists

5th Eagles
6th Team Matrix

U14 National Schools Finalists

5th Brighton
7th Headington

U16 National Schools Finalists

3rd Brighton
13th Hurstpierpoint

U19 National Schools Finalists

1st Beaconsfield High
9th Hurstpierpoint

Another very successful year for all in Netball South.

Planning for 2017/18 has started with league dates and some tournament dates already on the website. We are currently reviewing the regulations with input from clubs and 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)

Officiating – Carol Williams

The season has been an extremely busy one for umpires at all levels whether officiating in the local leagues or at Regional and National levels and we are very pleased to see the continued success of our umpires in the South. In addition we have supported our volunteer work force to do other roles such as assessors, mentors, tutors and Bench Officials.

At an more international level we are really pleased that a number of our A award umpires are being asked to take part in different events including

The Maccabiah Games in July 17 – Chris Obin, Julie Wilkes and Alice Johnson

National Appointments

We have had great success this year with our umpires being appointed for many different National Events including the following

Super League

This year we have seen Chris Obin join the ranks of this umpiring at Super League and we would like to wish him well in his development at this level.

This year England also introduced an U19 and U21 competition linked to their franchises. The south officials have been used by many of the Franchises on the Technical Officiation level as well as our umpires being used in the competitions

U21 – Carol Williams, Liz Sywyj, Lisa Vallely, Alice Johnson

U19 – Julie Wilkes, Tracy Stubbs, Nicola Lindsay, Olivia Johnson

NPL U19 League finals held in Loughborough

Semi Final covered by Julie Wilkes and Olivia Johnson

Final Covered by Julie Wilkes and Olivia Johnson

Premier League Play Off

Many of our A Award umpires attended the playoffs at the beginning of May.

National Schools Finals 2017

With the National Round played in Hertfordshire the South turned out in force and the following umpires represented our region

Our Umpires on their performance on the day were awarded

Semi finals – U16 Olivia Johnson

U19 Alice Johnson

Finals – U19 Julie Wilkes

National Under 16 Finals in Redbridge

A number of our umpires from the South attended, Liz Swyji, Estelle Ball, Carol Williams, Alice Johnson, Olivia Johnson, Tracy Stubbs, Julie Wilkes and Lisa Vallely both of whom took charge in the final

U 14 Finals in Birmingham

This event was attended by Julie Wilkes who took charge in the final and Nicola Lyndsay and Tracy Stubbs

Courses

OTSG has organised two B Award courses this year:

October 16 attended by 15 umpires: Tutor – Margaret Deighan

January 17 attended by 16umpires: Tutor – Carol Williams

4 People sat the written paper in May 17

7 People sat the written paper in February 17

6 people sat the written paper in November 16

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This is a drop on last year and we have been working hard to look to increase these numbers for the coming year. It is vital that we continue to work in the region to move people on from the C award through to their B and A awards in order that we can continue to support the Regional Competitions.

Into Officiating and/or C Award courses have been held by Hampshire, Berkshire, Isle of Wight, Oxford, Sussex, and South Bucks throughout the year.

B And A Awards

Congratulations to the following:

1 new A: Olivia Johnson

2 new Bs: Emily Harvey, Eloise Smith

C Awards

This year saw the continuation across the region of a high number of assessments for into officiating and C Awards umpires. During the coming year the region will be working with the county umpiring secretaries to increase our number of learner umpires and those acquiring their umpire awards.

Assessors.

Following on from last year we are now able to get new assessors and so far we have 6 new assessors in the Region.

Open League

Over 90 A, B and C Award umpires have been eligible to officiate during the season for Divisions 1, 2, 3 and U19 but with commitments to Premier League, some who coach as well as umpire, injuries, and being away at University it is a difficult balance to ensure that we have enough umpires for every match. Many thanks to Julie Arnold and Kim Schepens who organised the umpire schedule this year and dealt with continuing changes right up to the last minute. Unfortunately this year we had to cancel a few matches due to shortages of umpires and to avoid even more a number of umpires committed to doing 2 matches some weeks.

Once again umpires a huge thank you to all the umpires for working with us to support the region. Many thanks to them for their professionalism and commitment but we do desperately need more umpires and are working with all the Counties to make this happen

Schools Regional Round U14/16/19 – January 2017 Farnborough

Umpires officiated on the day:

This tournament would not have been possible without the support and full cooperation of all the umpires who officiated, many of whom went home with some positive feedback provided by experienced non-active umpires who combined this with the role of court manager.

The following umpires featured in the final rounds:

Under 14s

Semi: Dickon Adams and Nikki Dewick

Semi: Megan Samuel and Pam Nebbet

3rd/4th Erin Graham and Helen Turton

Final: Chantel Moore and Elaine Shannahan

Under 16s

Semi: Lisa Vallely and Mark Sheen

Semi: Chantel Moore and Paul Withers

3rd/4th Sarah Kucera and Sam Skinner

Liz Sywyj and Mark Sheen

Under 19s

Semi: Julie Wilkes and Liz Swyji

Semi: Chris Obin and Elaine Shannahan

3rd/4th Rebecca Moher and Ben Vallely

Final Julie Wilkes and Chris Obin

Once again, I would like to thank the OTSG for their hard work. We have had a number of meetings this year to discuss the organisation of umpires for the many tournaments which are now being held as well as confirming tests and courses taking place. We have also built on our working relationships with the Competitions Group and now match up with colleagues as required to ensure that umpires or mentors are provided for competitions.

Carol Williams

On behalf of the OTSG:

Julie Arnold

Estelle Ball

Jenny Poore

Kim Schepens

Julie Wilks

Tracy Stubbs

Performance – Phyllis Avery MBE
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Regional Academies

This programme is largely funded by England Netball.

The South **Regional Performance Academy** has been running since July 2013 at Oasis Community Hub (now renamed **Testlands Hub**), Lord’s Hill, Southampton on Monday evenings from 8.00 to 10.00 pm, preceded by 1.5 hours Strength & Conditioning and physio treatment at Solent University, and attended by approx. 20 athletes. Some additional court sessions have been held on Thursday evenings and at day camps during school holidays to make up the required number of coach-contact hours of eight every week.

Coach is Elly Moore, Performance Pathway Coach, who is employed by England Netball, with Linda Cairney, who is a volunteer, as Assistant Coach.

The **Regional Academy** has also been running since September 2013 at Testlands, this year for four hours each week on Monday evenings from 6.00 to 8.00 pm, and some Thursday evenings, and attended by 20+ athletes. (The numbers vary as most graduate to RPA, and a few drop out due to the competing demands of school work and training, or are de-selected.)

These sessions are open to all county academy coaches to watch/participate, and some take advantage of this opportunity to develop their coaching.

N.B. The last RPA and RA sessions are to be held on 31.07.17, as England Netball have withdrawn funding, pending a review of the effectiveness of the program. Our thanks and appreciation must go to Elly Moore for her commitment and hard work over the past four years, and to those volunteers who have assisted.

County and Satellite Academies will continue for at least another year.

County and Satellite Academy Festival

This was held at The University of Chichester on 2nd April 2017. At the request of the counties, the format was changed this year with both county and satellite academies’ teams playing on the same day at the festival.

The aim of the Academies Festival is to bring together the best of the South’s Academy athletes for a competitive match play event, allowing benchmarking by both athletes and

coaches. The emphasis is not so much on winning, but on the athletes displaying their netball skills alongside fellow academy players and against others who have had the same level of training.

Awards were made at the end of the Festival based on the five England Netball 'trademarks' – We are United – We are Relentless – We are Diverse – We are Resilient – We are Fearless.

Scouting Workshop

This was held at Testlands Hub, Southampton, on 4th June 2016, and attended by 16 experienced coaches. All counties were represented with one exception. Tutor was Danielle Titmuss, with Lisa Manning as the Scouting Expert.

Summer Camp

A very successful residential Summer Camp was held at Bradfield College in August 2016, attended by 46 athletes, mostly from the region's Performance Pathway Academies. Most left exhausted(!) following a week of high-intensity training and match-play, strength and conditioning, technical and tactical on-court sessions, pool recovery sessions - including synchro swimming with a Synchro Swim squad who were also on a training camp - and 'Netball South's Got Talent' Show.

An entertaining interactive sports psychology workshop was delivered by Stephen Ford, which was the first time a number of the athletes had ever been faced with identifying 'confidence' and how to remain confident, and having strategies to control anxiety and other emotions.

On the final day, the Camp finished with a tournament, organised entirely by the athletes. This was the final opportunity for the athletes to practise their new skills, and the outcome was a series of competitive matches with some truly excellent play.

The coaching staff, who worked from dawn to dusk, to ensure that the girls had a fulfilling week included Elly Moore, Linda Cairney, Sonja Payne, Fran Richards, Laura Cox, Katherine Ratnapala, Stephen Ford.

Netball Performance League

Both Team South Tigers and our Under 17 squads took part in the England Netball 3-day tournament held at Loughborough University from July 22 – 24 2016. Head Coach for Tigers was Elly Moore, assisted by Lisa Manning, with Sue Baldwin as Team Manager, and the Under 17s were coached by Linda Cairney with Laura Cox as Assistant Coach and Emma Whitehouse as Team Manager. Training had been held every Tuesday evening for six weeks, with a residential weekend at HMS Nelson on July 9/10, to give the squads every opportunity to build motivation and team spirit.

The U19s unfortunately did not have a good tournament and came 8th out of 10 teams.

The U17s played very well, and only missed out on playing for third/fourth position by 0.03. They played strong attacking netball throughout – final position was sixth out of 12 teams.

Following on from the weekend, Shelby Harris was invited to National Academy Summer camp, and has subsequently made her debut for England U17s at Netball Europe.

Susie Liverseidge was asked to attend GA/WA/C National Academy positional days, and is now a full member of National Academy, and Amber Bains was asked to attend GD National Academy positional day, and Talia Jones to attend National Academy Tri-regional Day.

Trials had been arranged for the new season, when the board of Netball South was advised in September 2016 that, with immediate effect, England Netball was asking Netball Super League franchises to take on the responsibility for NPL and NPFL teams for the coming season. As a result, the board was dismayed and upset to learn that EN would be looking to Surrey Storm/other franchises to cater for the South athletes in terms of fielding NPL and NPFL teams.

Although the board was aware that this reorganisation was planned for post July 2017, no consultation had taken place, and many of our young athletes had nowhere to go as trials for the U19s and U17s had already taken place at the franchises.

Since then the board has been busy building relationships with the franchises in adjoining regions, and the majority of our U17s will be continuing on the pathway at either Surrey Storm, Mavericks, or Team Bath. It has been a difficult time, and we would like to thank the athletes and their parents for their resilience under very difficult circumstances.

Coaching – Stephen Ford

Since joining the board and taking on the Chair of the Coaching TSG late last year, I have found it a significant challenge. This is for many reasons including: no applications to join the TSG at this stage, the changes at EN have created some uncertainty that has taken time to settle, the adoption and expansions of Performance pathway responsibilities by Superleague teams is also leading them to take a more active role in Coach Development but this has taken time to unfold, and understanding the needs of the members beyond workshops.

The challenge is what to do to make a difference in the South Region (aside from perhaps just running some Masterclasses). There are a lot of very good coaches with a desire to develop in South Region.

The obvious place to start was with the Superleague Clubs and we will endeavour to work with them to enhance Coach development. This dialog has only begun in most cases. The aim is to work with them to develop a more sustainable, strategic, long term impact on coach development and build from there. Of course, combining limited resources means we can achieve more together.

This year we also had two South Coaches join the Severn Stars performance coaching program they ran during the Superleague season.

To maximise the outcomes, we need to work more closely with County's to ensure a good flow of communication in both directions. I will work to re-engage Counties so that I can better understand their needs and we can ensure any activities we are undertaking are communicated to local coaches.

I will also continue to seek members for the Coaching TSG.

Stephen Ford
Chair, Coaching TSG

Finance – Kelly Hartney

The Profit and Loss and Balance sheet for the year ended 30th April 2017 have been prepared in accordance with general accounting practices. The Accounts have been subject to an Independent Examination to which the Examiners, PRB Accountants have found no issues to be disclosed.

The accounts show that Netball South in the year to 30th April 2017 made a small loss of £725.00 (compared to a £11,280 profit in 2016), but has very healthy reserves to carry forward of £137,661. Whilst Netball South did make a loss in the year there were several expenses submitted post 30th April 2016 that related to the prior year. If we could re-state the previous year accounts then the April 16 Accounts would show a lower profit level and subsequently would mean there would be a profit in the accounts to April 17. Due to this I am asking that any expenses are submitted within 2 weeks of them being incurred so we can ensure expenses are declared in the correct years moving forward.

In the year to 30th April 2017 there was a 15% reduction in Income, £84,387 in comparison to £99,361. This is predominately down to a reduction in funding from England Netball for the Netball Performance League, but also because we didn't run any Coaching courses during the year and therefore lost the subsequent income that went with this. All other income streams have stayed relatively constant and I would anticipate this to continue into the year ended 30th April 2018, although we may be affected by smaller numbers of over 18's affiliating with England Netball due to the £10.00 membership fee increase. We have not increased our fees, which currently stand at £2.00 for over U18's so will have to monitor this going forward.

Our key levels of expenditure were as follows:

- **Netball Performance League** – Whilst we didn't have an NPL Squad for the 16/17 season, this figure relates to the final few games of the 15/16 season plus the NPL and NPFL tournament which we were invited.
NB – Some of the expenses here relate to the year ended 30th April 2016 but the expenses were received after the previous year's accounts had been closed and as such have had to be included in these accounts reducing the profit levels.
- **Consultancy Fees** – The Netball South Regional Management Board sought to review the NPL set up in the South Region. This was commissioned before we were aware of

England Netball's decision not to award us with an NPL team for the 16/17 season and as such this document became redundant.

- **Bursaries** – During the year the Regional Management Board gave several bursaries which included contributions towards the travel expenses of two South athletes who represented England at the Indoors Nets competition, hardship bursaries for qualifying athletes and a £500 amount to each county following receipt of £1,980 from the Youth Trust.

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 via email on beccakel@hotmail.com

Kelly Hartney
Treasurer

NETBALL SOUTH
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2017

	2017	2016
	£	£
Affiliations	26,094	25,262
England Performance League	-	8,031
Regional Academies	14,430	14,634
Leagues		
Open League	11,780	8,785
U19 League	3,200	3,813
Junior League	6,130	4,430
Coaching	-	7,280
Officiating	1,685	3,276
National Schools	4,200	4,400
Summer Camps	12,575	13,065
Academies Festival	1,300	1,425
Goalden Globes	450	858
Miscellaneous	2,140	3,988
Bank Interest	403	114
Total Income	84,387	99,361
EXPENDITURE		
Netball Performance League	14,245	12,174
Regional Academies	12,199	14,846
Leagues		
Open League	15,057	13,499
Junior League	4,451	3,761
Coaching	-	8,650
National Schools	2,329	2,023
Summer Camps	11,064	11,399
AGM / Goalden Globes	2,985	4,122
Academies Festivals	784	230
TSG Meeting Expenses	3,584	8,345
Officiating	2,630	4,018
RMB Meeting Expenses	4,125	1,526
Admin / Miscellaneous	3,719	1,893
Bursaries	4,340	1,595
Consultancy	3,600	-
	85,112	88,081
(Deficit) / Surplus for year	(725)	11,280
Balance brought forward	138,386	127,106
BALANCE AT 30 APRIL 2017 CARRIED FORWARD	137,661	138,386

NETBALL SOUTH

BALANCE SHEET

30 APRIL 2017

	2017		2016
	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Prepayments	-		1,299
Bank Account	142,946		156,577
	<u>142,946</u>		<u>157,876</u>
Deferred Income	(3,377)		(13,490)
Creditors	(1,908)		-
Accruals	-		(6,000)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		137,661	138,386
NETBALL SOUTH BALANCE		<u>137,661</u>	<u>138,386</u>

Regional Unit Report

2016 has been a transitional year for England Netball, during which the South staff team continued to deliver programmes that grow the game of netball and support existing members. As ever, the team are indebted to the network of volunteers who they work with to make this possible.

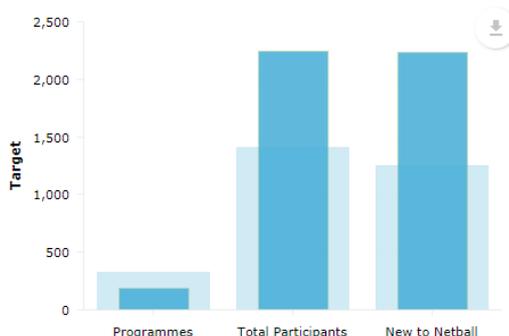
A summary of how participation in programmes continues to grow in the South Region is below.

Back to Netball

Back to Netball programmes continue to go from strength to strength in the South and the table below shows that whilst the number of programmes was lower than we anticipated, participation levels and the number of women new to netball has over exceeded targets by a considerable amount. Overall it's been a fantastic year for this programme in the South with 2243 participants engaged, 1,250 of whom were new to netball.

Participation summary

Progress against targets for Back to Netball from Q1 16/17 to Q1 17/18



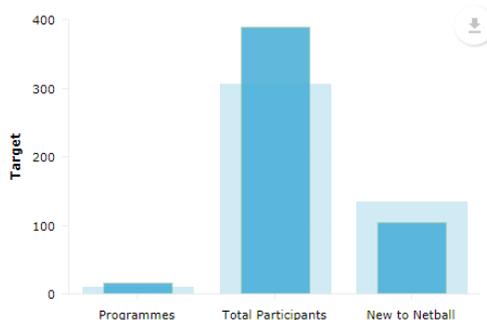
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Netball Now

The number of Netball Now programmes (turn up and play) is significantly smaller than Back to Netball, with programmes taking place during the summer months to maintain participation levels amongst existing members. That said, it is still a valuable programme, with 389 participants engaged, 104 of which were new to netball.

Participation summary

Progress against targets for Netball Now from Q1 16/17 to Q1 17/18



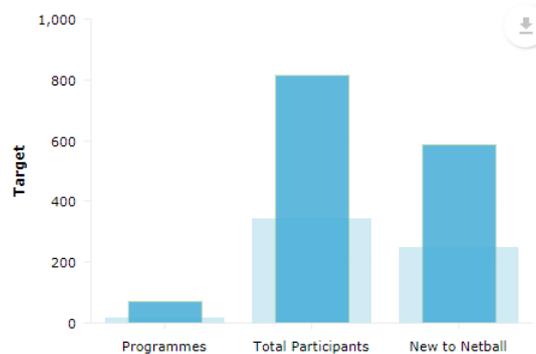
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Walking Netball

Walking Netball is a fantastic new programme introducing a low impact version of the sport to those with limited mobility. It was launched nationally in 2016 and has exceeded all expectations within the South. Overall there has been 814 participants engaged with 586 being new to netball. Well done to the wonderful network of walking netball hosts who attended training and got themselves up and running so quickly and successfully.

Participation summary

Progress against targets for Walking Netball from Q1 16/17 to Q1 17/18



2690 [Throughput](#)

Netball Youth Camps

Whilst not directly focused on growth, Netball Youth Camps are organised by NDOs where there is a demand for fun netball coaching and game play within the school holidays. During the summer of 2016, a total of 5 Camps were planned, with 4 going ahead, 75 participants, 5 of which were new to netball. Overall, the Camps in Oxfordshire and Hampshire were very successful and popular.

CAPS Accreditation

Meeting quality standards is by no means easy in today's voluntary sports sector and supporting Clubs to achieve with CAPS accreditation or reaccreditation is a key part of a County NDO's role. During the course of the 16/17 season, the following Clubs were successful in (re)gaining their Award.

Bronze

Fareham Fireflys
Gosport Gators
Hoops

Silver

5Ways Netball Club
Magnet Netball Club
Mid Sussex NC
Ravens Netball Club
Trinity Oxford

Congratulations go to all those who put in the hard work and were successful.

Any Club who would like to become CAPS accredited or are due for either reaccreditation or an annual health are encouraged to make contact with their County NDO for guidance in the new season.

CPD

Support and development of the coaching workforce has continued throughout the season coordinated by the Regional team, with the following workshops being held in the South region between 01/04/16 and 31/03/17:--

- 3 x Walking Netball Host Training
- 2 x High 5
- 1 Scouting and Selection

Facility Development

The South Region has benefitted from England Netball's capital investment programme during 16/17 with grants being awarded to support the development of netball courts at Fleming Park Leisure Centre (FPLC), Eastleigh and the refurbishment of outdoor courts at Southampton Outdoor Sports Centre (SOSC). The total grant funding allocated to these projects were as follows:-

	EN Grant	Total Project Costs	% contribution
Redevelopment of FPLC	£91,000	£28.13 million	0.3%
Refurbishment of SOSC	£24,666	£107,000	23%

Staffing

The region has continued to have a dedicated staff team of Netball Development Officers, Netball Development Community Coaches, Regional Manager, Regional Co-ordinator and a Performance Pathway Coach who have all played key roles in working alongside the voluntary workforce to ensure netball activities have happened across the region. As the report notes above; the last year saw the largest number of new participants engaged; something that the staff team worked hard to achieve. The next 12 months will see some changes in staff as England Netball has to react to a significant reduction in funding from Sport England but the Netball Development Officers, Netball Development Community Coaches and Regional Co-ordinator will remain in post and continue to support the delivery of netball across the region.

Thank you to all those members of staff who have shown great commitment to their roles over the last 12 months.

Regional Co-ordinator	Emma Whitehouse and Jenny Obin
Regional Manager	Holly Hart
Performance Pathway Coach	Elly Moore
Netball Development Officers	Stacey Boxall (Sussex), Carey McCormick (Hampshire & IOW), Joanne Odro (Nth & Sth Bucks), Nicola Young (Berkshire & Oxfordshire)
Netball Development Community Coaches	Debbie Laycock, Louise Exton

Helen Wynn
Head of Programmes & Partnerships
England Netball

County Reports – Berkshire

Berkshire Netball has once again had a busy year in lots of different ways:-

- Run a very successful indoor Junior league which attracted teams from outside of the County as well as within Berkshire
- Organised a Berkshire Junior Netball League Awards Evening with special guest Phyllis Avery presenting the medals to the league winners and individual award players
- Organised a junior end of season tournament in April
- Provided financial support to coaches to help them to gain their qualifications
- Provided financial supported to umpires to achieve their awards
- Provided financial support to tutors/testers
- Run a successful Satellite and County Academy programme for approximately 60 talented young players, some of whom participated in the Regional Festival in April
- Funded Academy coaches to attend the National Coaching Conference in September 2016
- Organised and run the County round of the National Schools competition
- Provided bursaries to all local leagues

On a sad note, Berkshire Netball lost two huge figures within the netball community in the County – Gillian Frackelton and Lisa Wise.

Gillian had been involved with netball for many years at both club, county and regional level. She was well-respected among the netball community for all her work with umpires which was recognised by Netball South not long before she died. She also received a posthumous award at the Wokingham Borough Council Sports Awards for her services to netball which was collected by her children.

Lisa had also been involved in netball for many years but more recently had become well known as “Netball Lisa” and was prolific with her tweets and appearances on local radio promoting netball far and wide to anyone who would listen. She was passionate about the club that she helped to establish, Laurel Park, and was a true ambassador for the sport we all love. Her untimely death was a shock to everyone and a real loss to netball.

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

Hampshire

This year the committee has continued to be proactive with all roles being co-ordinated by Val Banks, Honorary Secretary.

Congratulations to Carey McCormick (NDO) who has given birth to a beautiful daughter.

County Plan

- The County Plan was reviewed and all objectives were met or exceeded.
- Going forward the HNA plan will be reviewed when Netball South have completed their review and we will feed into the bigger picture
- Funding has been significantly decreased (by 34%)
- Sport England have awarded England Netball £16.9 million for development and £3 million to help England team to prepare for the 2019 World Cup in Liverpool
- Affiliation fees to EN have been increased by £10 per adult with Junior affiliation unchanged.

Statistics for 2016/2017

Membership

Total Senior Clubs 187 decrease of 5

Total YPG 4 decrease of 2

Total Members over 18 3026 decrease of 68

Total under 18 501 increase of 16

Total under 14 606 increase of 56

Total under 11 506 increase of 20

Total B2N 0

Total Social & Supporter Participants 27 decrease of 6

Total Participants 4666 decrease of 82 which is an additional 6 on the total loss for the 2015/16 season

CAPS

A number of clubs are currently working towards and going through the process of re-accreditation with 3 reaccredited at Bronze Level and 2 at Silver Level.

Competition

HNA continue to run successful Senior and Junior Leagues.

The junior league was run indoors very successfully and was subsidised by HNA and will continue in the same format for 2017/18. Well done to Dreams N.C. who won all their games in division 1 and will represent Hampshire in the entry tournament for division 3 of the regional league

Officiating

Hampshire have set up and run by Carol Williams

3 into officiating courses

4 C Award courses

107 participants at the courses

26 new C Award umpires

1 new B Award and 8 umpires working toward their B Award

Hampshire umpires have again supported the Regional Schools at all rounds

Coaching

4 UKCC level 1 courses have been run in Hampshire

1 UKCC Level 2 courses have run in Hampshire

Academies

County Academy

We commenced the season with 18 athletes in the September 2016 every Tues at King Edwards School (26 sessions held altogether), through the season we had 6 athletes graduate into the South Regional Academy & some moved up into the Regional Performance Academy.

We have had friendlies against Sussex & Dorset Academy, which, gave us as coaches a perfect opportunity to see what the athletes had taken on board from the sessions taken but also whether we continued the athletes on the pathway or send back to club with items to work on. We had about 4/5 U14 graduate early since Christmas ending with 16 athletes up t the end of the season. All remaining County Academy Athletes represent Hampshire at the South Regional Academy festival held on the 2nd April 2017.

Satellite Academy & Development Academy

This season saw the groups divided into one Satellite Academy & one Development Academy this year, both held at King Edwards School every other Wed in turn, saw 2 Development graduate to Satellite & 4 athletes joined through the season into the development group after being seen at Hampshire League matches.

Both groups had friendlies against Sussex 1 & Sussex 2, which helped with the selection of athletes to represent Hampshire at the South Regional Academy festival with one athlete being awarded a certificate for her play throughout the day.

Trials have been held for the Satellite/Development (~80 athletes) and County Academy (~70 athletes) for the 2017/2018 season, with pending second trails for final selections on 5th June.

Sarah Ellard is unable to continue in the role of co-ordinator and coach so Fran Richards will co-ordinate and I would like to record our sincere thanks to Sarah

Thank you to the County Academy Coaches – Fran Richards and Sonja Payne, and to the Satellite Academy coaches – Bev Crook, Sarah Ellard and Paige Richards. All coach contracts have been extended for a further year when Academies will cease to exist in the current format as the pathway will transfer to the Franchises. Academy Trials for 2016 – 2017 season are extremely well supported with over 150 athlete applications for 60 places.

Details and achievements in Academy report.

BTN and NN

Back to Netball and Netball Now sessions continue to be run and back to netball numbers continue to increase –

- 71 programmes running across Hampshire
- 7,000 participants through session and festivals

- NN has seen over 200 participants
- Walking Netball is a great success in Hampshire

Hampshire Volunteer Awards

Hampshire Volunteer Awards was a very well supported evening to recognise our volunteers. Yasmin Parsons attended to present the awards, well done to all those nominated and winners and many thanks to Barbara Snow and Carey McCormick for organising the evening.

Finance

Academies continued to be developed this year and will continue to be supported for a further year. All Local Leagues were offered funding to run First Aid and PCYP courses. Bursaries continue to be awarded in support of members undertaking courses. A separate Financial Report has been produced by the Honorary Treasurer, Jackie Gibbings.

Courses

CPD Courses have been run in Hampshire.

High 5 Workshop

2 x high 5 courses

Walking Netball training programme

Disciplinary

HNA have dealt with disciplinarians throughout the season with Carol Alexander standing in as Interim Secretary at the start of the year for which I would like to thank her. Since Carol was unable to continue in the role HNA has not had a Disciplinary Secretary. This role is vacant and was not filled from the AGM.

Website

Jo Coker continues to maintain the web site.

Hampshire clubs all encouraged to send her information and reports.

Chris Granger

HNA Chair

Isle of Wight

The Isle of Wight has had a steady season of netball. The pilot scheme of walking netball in West Wight has proved to be popular with a number of committed participants. We have now expanded this to the Cowes area and again we are seeing regular attendance. A friendly match was arranged between the two areas and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

After losing our dear friend Gwyn Foster 10 years ago, an evening was organised to recognise all that Gwyn achieved for the Isle of Wight. This included inviting Gwyn's old county netball teams to return to the court and to show off our young junior talent. Cakes were made with all donations going to the Earl Mountbatten Hospice. We all enjoyed a great evening of netball, it was lovely to see so many of our past netball friends. My thanks to Carol O'Brien for organising the evening.

The Gwyn Foster Academy has run to great effect. The academy has overseen the progression of 31 enthusiastic girls split into two age groups. Anne Selby has been at the heart of this academy supported by our newly qualified Level 2 coaches, Gemma Cowley, Ellen McVicar and Carol O'Brien. I would like to thank them all for their efforts.

Over the season the Isle of Wight has organised:

- The Friday night social netball evenings
- IW Senior League & Junior Leagues
- IW Senior & Junior tournaments
- Five primary school Hi 5 Cluster Tournaments including a finals competition
- The County round of the National Schools Competition.
- Gwyn Foster Development Academy

We will be concluding our season with an awards and fundraising evening on Friday 7 July.

I would like to thank the Isle of Wight committee for their continued hard work in supporting myself and netball as a whole.

Roz Davitt – Chair

South Bucks

Some of the successes in our County in the past 12 months have been:

- Junior League moved from mid-week to Sunday morning to support further growth. There were many teething problems but is now settled.
- The growth of the Junior league which is up to 41 teams (from 20 in 2014) in 5 divisions including a new U16 Division. This is around 400 girls playing regular netball year round. We are fast approaching the scale of the local Adult leagues.
- The introduction of a finals series to the Junior league resulted in a live league for longer (teams working to make final four) rather than only a couple of teams in a position to win the league. There were many very exciting games with many results by won by 1-2 goals.
- The Performance Pathway was again successfully run. It is being reviewed and a different model tried in view of the Super league clubs taking over the Pathway responsibilities.
- High Wycombe and District Junior Netball Club (county run Junior training programme) was about to collapse and the volunteers that have contributed so much felt it was time to step back. This has been revamped: paying coaches and administrators, adding years 3 and 4, finding clubs to adopt the 2 league teams so it could focus only on training and feeding players into local clubs. We have stabilised it and can now start moving it forward. We renamed it the South Bucks Netball Academy.
- Walking netball was successfully introduced.
- Back to Netball also has a league that runs with good numbers.
- Two mixed Netball tournaments were introduced and enjoyed.
- The Kingsmead Netball Courts Committee successfully secured another long-term lease. They have also made continued improvements to the facilities for our safety and comfort.
- Schools and Clubs have participated well at regional level as they do each year.
- Winter league ran smoothly although the number of teams dropped which was disappointing.
- Summer league is also running very smoothly.
- The Chalfont league is ticking over but has had its challenges with court conditions and umpiring supply. These need to be addressed.

The challenges:

- Umpiring is a big challenge. It is clear we are well behind compared to many other Counties. We have started more programs but we know we need much more as this is holding the growth of the game back. Umpires are the lifeblood so we must be excellent in our delivery in this area. This has to be our highest priority.
- Setting and mobilising a direction that preserves what is going well but progresses Netball in South Bucks. This includes letting go of old ways of doing things to make Netball a more appealing experience for a diverse cross-section of players. It also includes supporting our talented athletes, clubs and teams in reaching their potential. As a County, we do well but it is clear other counties are more progressive and structured in their approach. EN will release a new plan soon and we will build off that.
- Our finances are stable and there are plenty of reserves. We now need to use the funds to help grow and improve the provision in our County, particularly in light of the funding cuts received by EN.

Stephen Ford
County Chair, Sth Bucks

North Bucks

It's been another very busy season in North Bucks with lots happening across the County. The start of the season was always set to be an extremely busy time with the new rules coming into force- I think you'll all agree these have been positive for the game and the new rules forums were a great success. Well done to Anita for her work on that.

We have worked hard as a committee this season and I am looking forward to the 2017-2018 season as we have some exciting times happening.

A few highlights from the past year have been

- We continued to stick to the EN 4 year plan which has now completed and we will be now review this and have a new plan moving forward. If anyone has any plans or ideas they would like to add please email me these before the 31st August 2017 as the meeting to discuss the plan will be held in September when the committee return from holidays.
- Back to netball and walking netball continue to grow
- We have again stayed within budget and we propose the same for next season
- The numbers of passes for assessments for the Into officiating and C awards has seen a huge growth – Congratulations to Anita on the success this year.
- We now have a county policy in place for anyone interested in officiating to follow a pathway
- Links for this pathway will soon be on our website so all learners will have easy access to all the information required
- We are looking to create a coaching database and we will be looking to work with league representatives from both ADNL and MK for this. Anyone interested in helping with this please see Marj after the meeting
- Another successful year in the performance academies across the county – lots has been happening. Huge congratulations to Sachel and the team for all their hard work this season
- The presentation evening is a great addition to the calendar and congratulations to all the winners.

UPDATE ON NETBALL FACILITY:-

- A location has been found. This is in Weston Turville
- Business plans have been put together
- EN are on board
- Funding options are being explored
- Update will be on our website as and when they happen

I would like to personally thank the committee for all their hard work this season – I had some unexpected time out due to illness at the start of the year and I'd like to thank the committee for their continued support. We must remind ourselves that these are voluntary positions and a lot of time and effort goes into each and every role.

Heres to another great season of netball!!

Irma Walker

NBNA Chairman

Sussex

It's been another fantastic year of netball in Sussex, but a year that is ending with some very big changes. We have welcomed some new clubs to the fold in Sussex, and I am excited to continue to support the development of new junior clubs across the county as we get more young girls playing the game. We have also achieved some incredible results this year at the opposite end of our age range with some fabulous ladies re-engaging with us as Walking Netball takes off in Sussex.

The 2017/18 season is going to take some getting into, with the governing body finding its feet after taking a big cut in funding from Sport England, but I'm committed to working with you all in Sussex to keep those successes coming in!

Below you'll see some updates from England Netball, reporting figures for the programmes I am tasked with developing each year, and some club updates from around the county.

Sussex would like to congratulate Shelby Harris (Sussex NRG) who made her debut for England u17s at the Netball Europe Championships in March and was called up into the U21 squad u21 Netball Europe Championships in Aberdeen this May!

National Schools Standings 2016/17

Congratulations to Brighton and Hurstpierpoint Colleges for their displays of netball across all three rounds of the annual competition. To have four of the regional qualifiers coming from Sussex was an achievement in itself, but the schools performed fantastically at the national competition.

u14 Standings

Brighton College: =5th

u16 Standings

Brighton College: 3rd
Hurstpierpoint College: =13th

u19 Standings

Hurstpierpoint College: =9th

Regional League Standings 2016/17

u13 – CD Phoenix 3rd

u13 – MSN 7th

u14 – CD Phoenix 8th

u16 – MSN 5th

u19 – CD Phoenix 2nd

u19 – NRG Jnrs – 4th

Div 1 – Sussex Storm 1st

Div 1 – CD Phoenix 6th (play offs to go down)

Div 2 – NRG Tigers 2nd (play offs to go up)

Div 3 – NRG Pumas 2nd

Div 3 – Sussex Lightning 4th

Div 3 – MSN 7th (play offs to stay in)

Congratulations to Sussex Storm who finished a second season unbeaten! They are now on a 30 win streak of league games!

Netball programmes & club success

- We have hosted 7 back to netball programmes across Sussex this year engaging with 184 women, 135 of whom were new to netball.
- Eastbourne and Crawley hosted Netball Now programmes and engaged with 93 women who wanted to 'top up' their netball.
- We have run 7 incredibly successful EN Walking Netball programmes engaging with 120 women, 80 of whom were new to netball, and 47 over the age of 65!
- Our university programme has had its most successful year to date, with all three Sussex based universities getting involved in the programme. Our UNOs (University Netball Officers) have engaged with 279 students, 132 of those were new to netball.

- Congratulations to Mid Sussex Netball Club for reaccrediting as a Silver CAPS club, and to 5 Ways Netball Club for successfully achieving a Silver CAPS accreditation for the first time. We're currently working with Eastbourne NC and Sussex NC so keep an eye out for more CAPS success in the coming months.
- I'm currently working with three clubs to expand the age range they are able to offer so we may be seeing even more junior netball across Sussex in the 2017/18 season.
- Congratulations must also go to Sussex Thunder who have gained instant promotion into Division 2 of the England Netball Premier League this year after a fantastic season in Division 3.

Coaching & Officiating

- Sussex has hosted one UKCC Level 1 course
- 2 Into Officiating umpire courses delivered (32 attended) / 4 awards obtained
- 3 Towards C umpire courses (43 attended) / 12 C Awards obtained

Festivals

- Junior clubs festivals this year
 - High 5 sections (u9-u11) engaged with over 300 juniors
 - 7s section (u12-u16) engaged with over 500 juniors
- 1x Back to Netball Festival (32 attended)
- 1 team each from Chichester, Brighton and Sussex UNO programmes went to the England Netball HE 'SHOTS' festival at the copper box on the 1st of March.

Funding Opportunities

- Working with clubs in the county we have successfully secured £1300 of funding for two projects, with additional applications waiting for assessment (this figure does not take into account Sussex Netball bursaries).
- Sussex Netball bursary has successfully supported clubs/individuals with funding for:
 - Coaching qualifications (Level 1, Level 2)
 - Attendance at officiating courses and for officiating assessments
 - Purchasing equipment
 - Attendance at the National coaching/officiating conference

I'd like to thank all of the volunteers, clubs, coaches and individuals I have worked with this year. I always welcome the feedback and involvement of anyone who has a passion for the sport, so if you have any ideas on how we can improve what netball is happening in Sussex, or you'd like to be involved in any of our projects please get in touch!

Stacey Boxhall
Sussex Netball Development Officer

Oxfordshire

There were changes to the Oxfordshire Committee this year with the Chair, Vice Chair, Officiating, Coaching & Treasurer all stepping down.

It's been a tough year to get the county back on track as it hadn't had much guidance the previous couple of years and communication with our members was pretty much non-existent.

The new committee came with a new vision to bring Oxfordshire right up into the 21st century by using the technology available. We took on a Marcoms person to help us develop our social media campaign which was launched successfully in November. We are now on Facebook, twitter & Instagram – find us @OxNDB and our audience is growing daily.

It was quite evident when we took over that communications were not getting to its target audiences. Information was being sent to club secretaries and not being passed on. We took the time to set up new secure email address hosted by an external company and embarked on the long laborious task of entering into a database ALL our members email addresses so we could communicate directly with them. This was completed in December and since then communication has been flowing and all our members are fully aware now what is going on in netball in Oxfordshire.

With social media and email we are now able to reach ALL our members at the click of a button.

This year Oxfordshire Netball turned 65 years old. For the past year we have been planning a celebration event for our 65 years and Goalden Globe awards which took place on 17th June. 225 people attended the 3-course dinner & wine and enjoyed an amazing night of guest speakers, pre-filmed videos, our Goalden Globes and to finish off a Live Band. This was the biggest attendance at any Goalden Globe awards we have done and I think a testament to the new committee and their vision to bring Oxfordshire together again (last year's GGs only had 49 attend!). The buzz that was created on the night I think will stay with a lot of people for years to come and we hope to encourage more people to want to volunteer. We recognised a special lady at this celebration and Joanna Kelly was presented with a Special Recognition Award for 52 years of dedicated service to Oxfordshire Netball through Playing, Umpiring and Coaching. On top of all of that we have continued our work with performance squads and increased participation with the introduction of an U12 development satellite group in the North & South of the County allowing a further 45 girls into the programme a whole year early to help them develop the skills need for U14 Satellite. A great vision from our Lead Performance Coach Maggie Fisher.

Our new Officiating Officer has done some great work this year. All 3 leagues in Oxfordshire were in crisis with lack of new umpires, and old ones retiring. She responded by running 4 Into Officiating courses early in the season October/November and a further 2 into officiating course in April and 2 C award course in May.

In February of this year we set up an Umpiring Academy to take those people directly off a course and into a development programme to speed up the process – a programme that looks at fitness, movement of an umpire, in-depth knowledge of the rules and plenty of practical sessions away from a competitive environment. This has allowed us to progress people quickly to take their Into Officiating and to start working towards their C. The Umpire Academy is headed up by Joanna Kelly – ex international umpire and some of our A & B Award umpires. The first trial Academy finished in April and we now have 12 umpires being mentored on a weekly basis, umpiring competitive league matches with the approval of the league this has allowed us to move umpires quickly through the process. So far, we have tested 10 Into Officiating awards and all have passed. We have tested and passed 2 C award umpires with a further 2 to be tested this Summer and 4 at the start of the winter league. The next Umpire Academy with 16 new umpires starts on 25th June.

Our new Coaching Officer continues to offer bursaries to all Oxfordshire members who wish to attend a UKCC course. She has also been busying this year organising Oxfordshire's first coaching conference which is due to be delivered early September.

A great year for the new committee. Lots achieved in a small amount of time and they are all looking forward to progressing netball in Oxfordshire for the forthcoming season.

Lesley Killpack
ONDB Chair