



Annual Report 2017 - 2018



Chairman – Carol Williams

Following our 2017 AGM the new Board of Netball South have been working this year to develop their understanding of what we can do to support our members in the South. The Board was 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.

I would like to send out a huge thank you to all on the Board for their quick learning and understanding of what we need to do and their continued contribution at every level for netball in the South.

With the changes being proposed by EN to align Counties and Regions originally to Franchises and as the South did not have a Franchise we spent most of the year meeting with the three Franchises most connected to the South; Mavericks, Surrey Storm and Team Bath. We had some very successful meetings and were moving ideas forward to support our athletes, coaches and officiating personnel. This was then changed in the early part of 2018 when it has now been suggested that every County is aligned to a Franchise for a pathway for our athletes. This alignment which was due to commence this September has now been delayed until next year and we will continue to work with EN and the Franchises to ensure the best for all our athletes, coaches and officials.

We have continued to see many changes within EN including the staff we have worked with at England Netball. At last year's AGM we met Emma Thomson who has supported the Board this year and I would like to say a huge thank you to her for this.

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 a number of 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.

Thank you all for your support.

Carol Williams
Chair, Netball South

Competition – Jan Johnson

Once again the season started with the Entry Tournament. This year we had a record number of 66 teams applying to enter the U13/14/16/19 Regional leagues and Development 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. As a result of the increased demand we introduced development leagues in every age group from U13 to U19.

Following the Forum held in February and consultation with clubs several changes have been proposed going forward. The Entry tournament for next season will be held in June. 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 2018/19 season, NS will be offering two tier Regional Leagues for U13, U14, U16 & U19 so all (or most) teams can take part in regional competitions. The exact format of these second divisions will be determined once the number of teams is finalised but it is hoped to end up with two divisions of 8 in each age group.

Full league results for 2017/18 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

Woodley

Weston Park Blades

U16 National Club Finalists

4th Eagles

8th Weston Park Blades

U14 National Schools Finalists

7th The Abbey

9th St Swithun's

U16 National Schools Finalists

3rd Hurstpierpoint

5th Wycombe High

U19 National Schools Finalists

4th Worthing College

5th Hurstpierpoint

Another very successful year for all in Netball South

Planning for 2018/19 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)

Coaching – Stephen Ford

The Netball landscape is changing. The VNSL have taken over the pathways at the U17 and above level and now are to guide the Satellite and County squads.

They have become very active in the Coaching CPD area so there is a lot more options available to Coaches to advance their knowledge. EN continue to offer Level 1 and 2 and other supporting courses like Walking Netball and High 5.

EN policy prevents us from promoting the VNSL Coaching CPD at Regional Level and County level. Data protection also means we are unable to use any EN details on coaches to help promote or engage coaches. Our only option is to go through coaching leads in Counties if filled. We could start our own Database but that is a significant investment.

We can ask EN to deliver any course or seminar on our behalf. Counties can do this direct as well. South Region will look to run some Seminars in the quieter period of the calendar in 2019.

We will also work with VNSL teams to influence and support their Coaching CPD. Again, counties can also do this via their relationship for Satellite and County.

With the pathway responsibility held by VNSL clubs then the Performance TSG also has to refocus. This suggests that we join forces to support club coaches, especially at performance clubs.

How best to support grass roots coaching is a challenge.

So the task is to now determine how best to support coaches with the resources available. Currently, I am the only member of the Coaching TSG.

Stephen Ford
Chair, Coaching TSG

The season has been a busy and challenging one for all umpires at Regional and National levels. Our Technical Officials have also been busy getting opportunities at International, Superleague and National competitions. As usual we have supported our other roles such as Assessors, Mentors and Tutors.

At International level we are pleased to report that Alice Johnson was asked to support the Netball Europe U17 event in Ireland, but due to adverse weather conditions, this event was cancelled and we hope that she will get another opportunity in the future.

National Appointments

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

Superleague

This season has seen not only Chris Obin continuing his umpiring at Superleague but also Julie Wilks who has been appointed as part of the Long Squad. We wish them both well with their development and future involvement at this level.

We have been fortunate that a number of our Technical Officials have also been involved at Superleague level at franchises involving Surrey Storm and Severn Stars.

U19 and U21 Leagues

Once again England Netball have run an U19 and U21 competition with Alice Johnson, Lisa Vallely and Liz Sywyj involved at U19 level and Tracy Stubbs, Estelle Ball and Olivia Johnson involved at U21 level.

At the U19 Opening and Closing Day competitions Alice Johnson, Liz Sywyj and Lisa Vallely were involved and at the U21 Opening and Closing Day competitions Julie Wilks, Estelle Ball, Tracy Stubbs and Olivia Johnson were all involved.

Premier League Play Offs

A selection of our A Award umpires will have attended our play-offs at the beginning of May.

National Schools Finals 2018

The South were well represented at the National Schools Finals and some of our umpires were rewarded with the following:

U14 Semi Final – Rachel Tanner

U16 3rd/4th Place Play Off – Liz Sywyj

U19 Final – Alice Johnson

National U14 and U16 Clubs Finals

The U14 Finals were scheduled for the weekend of 28/29 April and the South were once again represented and the U16 Finals for the weekend of 26/27 May.

Courses

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

October 8th – 10 attended – Tutor – Jenny Poore.

The second one was scheduled for February, but due to lack of interest it was cancelled and the umpires who had booked onto this course found alternative courses in different regions.

This was down on last year and we will look to increase the numbers for the coming year. We aim to continue to work in the region to moving umpires from their C Award through to B and A Awards.

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

2 umpires sat the written paper in November 2017

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This number has dropped once again and we will again work hard to encourage the number of C Award umpires to progress and continue supporting the regional competitions.

B and A Awards

Congratulations to the following:

2 new A Awards – Nigel Gill and Megan Samuel

7 new B Awards – Rebecca Moher, Sam Skinner, Katie Palmer, Jodie Morley, Phoebe Dalley-White, Stacey Boxall and Sarah Kucera

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

We have struggled with Assessor availability this season and a new Assessors Course is in the process of being organized with a good level of interest. It is hoped that once held these prospective Assessors will have the opportunity to become qualified.

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. With commitments to Premier League, injuries and illnesses it has proved a challenge to ensure that all the matches have been covered. We are pleased to report that very few had to be rearranged as a result. However, we were further challenged by the adverse weather at the beginning of year which saw two reserve dates being used to enable all the postponed games to be replayed. Many thanks to Kim Schepens who has worked tirelessly with me to ensure minimum disruption.

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 2018 – 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: Ben Vallely, Emma Walker, Rachel Tanner and Sarah-Jane Nicholls

3rd/4th Place: Taylor Highsted and Sharon Moher

Final: Elaine Shannahan and Megan Samuel

Under 16s

Semi Finals: Paul Withers, Megan Samuel, Rebecca Moher and Chantel Moore

3rd/4th Place: Tammy Turner and Sarah Kucera

Final: Chantel Moore and Pat Martyn-Smith

Under 19s

Semi Finals: Lisa Vallely, Dickon Adams, Pat Martyn-Smith and Elaine Shannahan

3rd/4th Place: Sam Skinner and Jodie Musson

Final: Lisa Vallely and Rebecca Moher

This has been my first season as Chair of the OTSG and I would like to thank the members of the group 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.

I would like to finish by thanking Kim Schepens for the last 5 years she has served on this Group, for her dedication and commitment to sourcing and allocating umpires for league fixtures and tournaments. Without Kim's passion, we would not achieve as much as we have. Kim has decided to step down and spend more time with her family and I wish her all the best for the future.

Julie Arnold

On behalf of the OTSG:

Kim Schepens

Jenny Poore

Julie Wilks

Tracy Stubbs

There have been and will be a lot of changes over the past year in how England Netball has restructured the Performance Pathway which has and will result in significant changes at Netball South and a review of what performance means to the region and how we contribute.

What has changed?

IN A NUTSHELL SUPERLEAGUES ARE TAKING OVER THE PERFORMANCE PATHWAY:

1. Superleague franchises set up Performance Youth squads U21 U19 and U17 with “hubs” for U17’s popping up everywhere as a revenue generator for the franchises.
2. Initially, the Superleagues were going as low as u13’s age groups in some regions and even below that age group labelling it “Mini”
3. The County and satellite academies were facing confusion and impossible task in developing and maintain talent because of the confusion on “who was doing what”.
4. In January 2018, Wharton Consulting published a review of the Pathway structure going forward and it has now been put in print, **that the Counties and satellite will continue Sept 2018 onwards, but cease to exist in their current form in Spring 2019 with the franchises taking over at the U15 and U13 level.**

What does this mean for the South Region?

1. South region has to review how it impacts performance going forward and works with the franchises so the coaches and the clubs in the region feeding the franchises are getting the right support and Continuing Professional Development (CPD).
2. **The regional Competition structure provided by the South is regarded as one of the best nationally and helps underpin athlete progression and performance**- this model should continue to be supported and enhanced.
3. The South needs to champion the emphasis on coaching development- “you can’t conduct an orchestra without the right calibre of music conductor” and at a strategic level there needs to be an agreed plan between the South and the franchises on the CPD and content for the coaches to produce an accredited coaching CPD model which in turn will enhance how the club coaches are developing which in turn produces the right “all round athlete”; This approach is aligned with the County and Satellite review document which aims (under the Workforce section) to support franchise coaches via the Franchise Performance Coach role and an SLA - the South could emulate the same model at the Club coach level tapping in to their high performance club coaches knowledge and resources through a formal CPD programme which could be heavily subsidised.

New Developments on the grapevine:

1. Wasps are planning to partner with counties within their “patch”, to establish an inter-county league at u15 and u 13 from Spring next year that will mirror what is going on at the U17 level currently. Representatives from the relevant counties attended a meeting with Tamsin Greenway and in principle gave this the “green light”.
2. Cheshire county ran a national intercounty tournament in March 2018, (outside of EN) **and plans to make this an annual event.** The level of take up from the Counties was disappointing - North Bucks performed strongly in all age groups entered, winning u 16 3rd in U15 and 2nd in u 13, albeit this was not the County or satellite academy, but was represented by the MK Dons performance athletes.

3. MK Dons had a meeting with the Superleague chair Mark Evans and decided not to apply this year for NPL as there is not a transparent democratic process- Mark has visions of filling stadiums/arenas – there is not any tangible evidence that netball is supported by the nation at this level yet with all International events only filling a part rental of any facility on this scale.

Results of the South performance Leagues:

<u>2017/2018 League Results</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Runners Up</u>
U13 Development	Dreams	Eagles
U13 Regional	Team Matrix	CD Phoenix
U14 Development	Bucks Phoenix	Sussex Typhoons
U14 Regional	Woodley Netball Club	Weston Park Blades
U16 Development	still with games to play	
U16 Regional	Eagles	Weston Park Blades
U19 Development	Eagles	Woodley
U19 Regional	Rushmoor	Sussex NRG
Open Division 1	Eagles	Dreams
Open Division 2	Brize Jets	Eagles Two
Open Division 3	Trinity	Sussex Lightning

Results of National Clubs 2018:

Eagles and Weston Park Blades did the South region proud finishing a very credible 4th and 8th nationally, proving that the region time and time again is up there in the “top 10”.

U16 Finals:

- 1st Turnford
- 2nd Oldham
- 3rd Charnwood Rutland
- 4th Eagles
- 5th Bury
- 6th Leeds Athletic
- 7th Oaksway
- 8th Weston Park Blades
- 9th Grasshoppers NC
- 10th Crystal Palace NC
- 11th Hucclecote
- 12th Huddersfield Giants
- 13th Saints Cornwall
- 14th Norfolk United
- 15th Henley NC
- 16th Ryland
- 17th Grangetown
- 18th Cliftonettes

Conclusions/Next steps:

1. A robust performance plan is needed that embraces coaches, athlete and club development and factors in the above changes vis-a-vis the franchises.
2. Any plan must underpin the latest EN strategy document so everyone is working within the same parameters.

2017/18 Finance Report

The Profit and Loss and Balance sheet for the year ended 30th April 2018 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 30th April 2018 made a profit of £12,072 (compared to a £725 loss in 2017) but has a very healthy reserves to carry forward of £149,733. Due to the quick turnaround needed for these accounts there could be some expenses that relate to the 30th April 2018 that will need to be included in the 2019 Accounts.

In the year to 30th April 2018 there was a 38% reduction in Income, £51,921 in comparison to £84,387. This is down to no income from regional academies and we didn't run a summer camp this year. All other income streams have stayed relatively constant and I would anticipate this to continue into the year ended 30th April 2019.

Our key levels of expenditure are as follows:

- **Netball Performance League** – Whilst we did not have an NPL Squad for the 2017/18 season, this figure relates to the final few games of the 2016/17 season plus the NPFL tournament to which we were invited.
- **Open Leagues** – This covers the umpire costs for the open league as well as the play offs for the league. These costs are £1,000 higher than in the year to 30th April 2017.

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

**NETBALL SOUTH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 APRIL 2018**

NETBALL SOUTH
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

	2018	2017
	£	£
INCOME		
Affiliations	25,477	26,094
Regional Academies	-	14,430
Leagues		
Open League	9,961	11,780
U19 League	3,200	3,200
Junior League	6,740	6,130
Officiating	1,970	1,685
National Schools	4,200	4,200
Summer Camps	-	12,575
Academies Festival	-	1,300
Goalden Globes	-	450
Miscellaneous	-	2,140
Bank Interest	373	403
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Total Income	51,921	84,387
EXPENDITURE		
Netball Performance League (Aug 17)	7,780	14,245
Regional Academies	1,525	12,199
Leagues		
Open League (Predominantly Umpire costs)	16,024	15,057
Junior League	2,562	4,451
National Schools	2,159	2,329
Summer Camps	-	11,064
AGM / Goalden Globes	1,688	2,985
Academies Festivals	69	784
TSG Meeting Expenses	3,349	3,584
Officiating	1,284	2,630
RMB Meeting Expenses	3,218	4,125
Admin / Miscellaneous	191	3,719
Bursaries	-	4,340
Consultancy	-	3,600
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	39,849	85,112
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	12,072	(725)
Balance brought forward	137,661	138,386
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BALANCE AT 30 APRIL 2018 CARRIED FORWARD	<u>149,733</u>	<u>137,661</u>

NETBALL SOUTH
BALANCE SHEET
30 APRIL 2018

	2018		2017
	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Prepayments	280		-
Bank Account	153,053		142,946
	<u>153,333</u>		<u>142,946</u>
Deferred Income	(3,600)		(3,377)
Creditors	-		(1,908)
Accruals	-		-
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		149,733	137,661
 NETBALL SOUTH BALANCE		 <u>149,733</u>	 <u>137,661</u>

Regional Unit Report

As ever this year has been busy and challenging, but the team has risen to this challenge and delivered a huge number of successful programmes leading to new clubs, competitions and fun netball experiences. Netball in the South Region and across the country is driven by the volunteers who work tirelessly at all levels of the sport. The Regional team is lucky to be able to work with such a dedicated group of people – thank you for all you do and we are looking forward to continuing to deliver netball with you throughout the 2018/2019 season.

This report produced by the Regional Coordinator (Emma Thomson) includes:

- Regional Participation
- Regional Club Development & Membership
- Regional Education & Training
- Forward Plans & Dates
- Updates & Other News
- Regional Contacts

Regional Participation (Report Run 21/05/2018)

During the 2017/18 financial year the regional team has run the following programmes which has resulted in a total of 4151 participants. 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/Institutions Work With	Number of Participants	Number new to netball (if applicable)	New to netball target
Back to Netball	N/A	1404	1398	1396
Netball Festivals	14	548	234	-
Netball Now	N/A	389	199	101
Walking Netball	N/A	618	595	383
University Netball Officers	14	574	391	62
Colleges	7	158	26	50
Netball Youth Camps	-	-	-	-

The following graphs (figure 2 and 3) show some analysis of the age profile and new to netball versus not new for the region and counties.

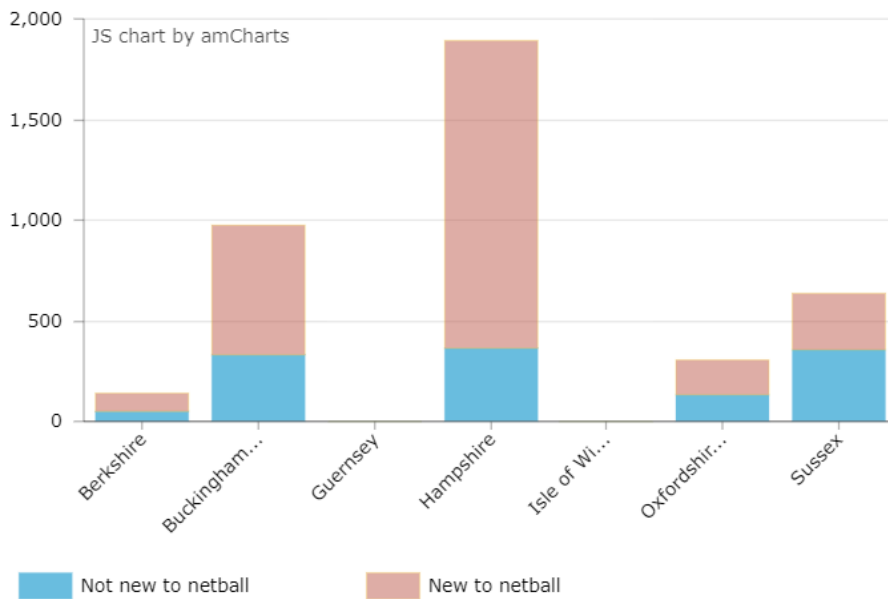
Figure 2: Programme participants by age group for region (April 2017 to March 2018)

JS chart by amCharts



Under 9s	135	9-11	33	12-13	5	14-15	7
16-17	66	18-19	223	20-25	369	26-29	210
30-34	212	35-44	405	45-54	311	55-65	208
Over 65s	131						

Figure 3: New to netball versus not new to netball (April 2017 to March 2018)



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	4
New Junior Sections Formed	4
New Satellite Clubs Formed	0
CAPS Club reaccredited	9
New CAPS clubs gaining bronze	1
Clubs working towards accreditation	11

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

	2016/17	2017/18
Total Clubs	487	455
Total YPG	28	27
Total Primary Schools	455	488
Total Secondary Schools	268	186
Total Colleges/Universities	6	2
Total Organisations	1244	1158
Total Participants O18	8685	8085
Total Participants U18	1814	1854
Total Participants U14	2763	2832
Total Participants U11	2682	2695

Figure 6a: Number of individual members by category and by county for the current season so far compared to the previous affiliation year in brackets.

	Berkshire	North Bucks	South Bucks	Oxfordshire	Hampshire	Sussex	IOW
Members O18	1492 (1477)	854 (879)	565 (588)	767 (835)	2661 (3074)	1500 (1601)	79 (70)
Members U18	327 (313)	150 (151)	188 (181)	300 (292)	490 (507)	337 (310)	32 (25)
Members U14	568 (528)	175 (217)	319 (271)	450 (472)	621 (616)	592 (560)	57 (51)
Members U11	675 (588)	131 (175)	234 (263)	413 (410)	493 (517)	611 (631)	65 (62)
Member Social & Supporting	43 (52)	8 (9)	11 (4)	7 (3)	41 (27)	11 (13)	0 (0)
TOTAL	3105 (2928)	1318 (1431)	1317 (1307)	1937 (2014)	4306 (4741)	3051 (3115)	238 (208)

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	6	6
UKCC Level 2	3	5
CPD Workshops	7	7
Walking Netball Host Training	1	1
Into Officiating	12	12
C Award	18	19
B Award	2	2

Updates & Other News

- The region has continued to have a dedicated staff team who have all played key roles in working alongside the voluntary workforce to ensure netball activities have happened across the region. Over the last 12 months there have been many changes in the staffing as England Netball had to react to a significant reduction in funding from Sport England. The changes in the South meant that we now have a Partnership Manager (shared with South-West region) along with the same Netball Development Officers, Netball Development Community Coaches and Regional Co-ordinator positions. There has been changes in staff in these roles and are pleased to announce that all the South team roles are currently filled.
- In May 2018, England Netball and The National Federation of Women's Institute were delighted to announce that the programme delivering Walking Netball sessions to WIs across the country was officially launched, "Get your wiggle on". An open application period saw over 200 WIs express an interest in being part of this exciting project and April saw the first WIs signed up to the programme begin sessions with specially trained Walking Netball Hosts. As sessions are being setup, hopefully more will be seen in this next financial year.
- As I am sure you all will be aware, The England Roses won gold at the Commonwealth Games in April. This has brought so much new excitement and interest to netball which we hope to continue. On to the World Cup in 2019!

Forward Plans & Dates

Course Name	DATES	Venue full address
UKCC L1	3 rd June & 15 th July 2018	St Piran's Centre, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7LZ
Walking Netball Host Training	16 th June 2018	Northcroft Leisure Centre, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 1RS
UKCC L2	23 rd & 24 th June, 21 st & 22 nd July & 18 th August 2018	Everest Community Academy, Oxford Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG24 9UP
On The Move	27 th June 2018	Warden Park, Cuckfield, Haywards Heath RH17 5DP
Walking Netball Host Training	1 st July 2018	Fleming Park Academy, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 9NL
UKCC L1	28 th July & 1 st September 2018	Bluecoats Sports Health & Fitness Club, Christ's Hospital, Sussex, RH13 0YB
UKCC L2	22 nd & 23 rd Sept, 20 th & 21 st Oct & 17 th Nov 2018	Mandeville School, Ellen Road, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 8ES

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County Reports - Berkshire

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

- 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 Tania Hoffman from Surrey Storm presenting the medals to the league winners and individual award players
- Organised a junior end of season tournament in May
- 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
- Run a successful Satellite and County Academy programme for talented youngsters within the County
- Supported Academy coaches with their Continuing Professional Development through contributions towards their coaching courses
- Organised and run a number of pre-C award courses
- Supported the Berkshire School Games finals by mentoring young umpires prior to the event and on the day
- Organised and run the County round of the National Schools competition
- Provided bursaries to all local leagues

Clubs within Berkshire have been very successful within the South Region junior leagues and two of them will be representing the Region and the County at their respective finals in April and May – Eagles U16s and Woodley U14s.

In addition to this Eagles U13s also played well to finish as runners up in their Development League and Finchampstead U14s ended the season in 3rd place in their Development League.

A number of Berkshire teams also play within the regional U19 and Open leagues with some success – U19 – Royals 3rd, U19 Development League - Eagles 1st, Woodley 2nd, Division 1 Open – Eagles 1st, Division 2 Open – Eagles 2nd.

In addition to these team successes there are a number of Berkshire athletes who have been at various franchise hubs and academies over the past year and we are looking forward to them continuing to do well within the performance pathway. Berkshire athletes have been training within Storm, Mavericks, Severn Stars and Wasps.

Berkshire is now aligned with Surrey Storm for our Satellite and County Academies and Sarah Feast who is Chair and Performance Lead for Berkshire has recently joined the Surrey Storm Talent Management Group, chaired by Emily Nemeth from Surrey Storm, to look at ways that they can support all the academies within the region in the future. We are very much looking forward to seeing how this relationship develops.

Berkshire is very 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 Brunson who is involved with both Berkshire Premier and Maidenhead Leagues.

We have recently welcomed a new England Netball Development Officer, Debbie Spindlow, and are looking forward to working closely with Debbie to drive netball forward within the County.

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

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

Thank you to Debbie Spindlow (NDO) who has supported Hampshire well during Maternity cover for Carey.

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

Statistics for 2017/2018:

Membership

Total Senior Clubs	162 (decrease of 44)
Total YPG	7 (increase of 5)
Total Members over 18	2656 (decrease of 418)
Total under 18	490 (decrease of 17)
Total under 14	614 (increase of 8)
Total under 11	469 (decrease of 37)
Total B2N	0
Total Social & Supporter Participants	41 (increase of 14)
Total Participants	4270 (decrease of 396)

CAPS

A number of clubs are currently working towards and going through the process of re-accreditation

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 2018/19. 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

All local leagues continue to run successful leagues both indoors and out.

Officiating

Hampshire have a robust set up for officiating run by Carol Williams

Hampshire umpires have again supported the Regional Schools at all rounds

Coaching

UKCC level 1 and level 2 courses have been run in Hampshire organised by Netball South

Academies

County Academy and Satellite Academy & Development Academy

Academies continue to be supported by the county.

60 athletes have benefited from the system both with training and friendly fixtures

It was very exciting for the athletes to move their training venue to the new Places Leisure.

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 were extended for a further year as Academies cease to exist in the current format.

Following the Pathway review by EN Hampshire are linked to Surrey Storm as their Franchise. Work in progress looking at how this partnership will work.

BTN and NN

Back to Netball and Netball Now sessions continue to be run and back to netball numbers continue to increase. Walking Netball is a great success in Hampshire.

Hampshire Volunteer Awards

This event will run every other year so no “Awards” evening this year.

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. HNA have supported the cost of a venue to get a new floor as venues are a premium and it is used for Regional, Hampshire and Local Leagues.

Courses

CPD Courses have been run in Hampshire.

High 5 Workshop

Walking Netball training programme

First Aid

Child Protection

Disciplinary

HNA does not have a Disciplinary Secretary as this role was not filled from the AGM. Any disciplinary issues are currently escalated to NS

Website

Jo Coker continues to maintain the web site.

Hampshire clubs all encouraged to send her information and reports.

County President

Bill Alexander was the President of HNA but resigned during the year. The constitution does not state that we have to have a President so this will be addressed at our AGM.

Chris Granger

HNA Chair

Isle of Wight

It has been another successful year for netball on the Isle of Wight. I am happy to report we have been able to expand our Walking Netball from two areas to three, and participation is growing steadily.

The Friday night social netball has been successfully running for five years, a huge thank you to Carol O'Brien for continuing to provide Friday night fun for so many, even in the cold and wet weather.

We have continued with our Gwyn Foster Development Academy, our young athletes are truly benefiting from this experience, I must thank Ann Selby for continuing to run this academy with such enthusiasm.

Congratulations to our two new umpires Kelly Ross and Hayley Williams gaining the "into officiating" award.

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
- Walking Netball
- Back to Netball

We will be concluding our season with an awards evening on Friday 18 June.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Debbie Spindlow NDO for working with us, and wish her the very best in her new post with Berkshire.

The committee has once again worked extremely hard to deliver netball on the island, my sincere thanks to everyone for their support.

Roz Davitt
IOW Chair

South Bucks

South had a year of consolidation.

All the leagues ran smoothly except for weather challenges.

We would like to grow adult leagues sizes as they have been stagnant or shrinking. Other formats like mixed or Fast 5 are being considered.

The Junior League has continued to grow (45 teams) and pleasingly the U16 age group recently introduced now has 2 divisions. We are now considering adding U19s to create a smoother pathway as teams graduating to open age leagues usually have to start in lower divisions which doesn't serve their development. We would like to keep more playing across the later years of Secondary school (+16 years old). The finals systems introduced is now very popular and leads to an exciting, festival atmosphere for the Semi and Grand finals day. It also keeps the season 'live' for longer as teams aim to make the final 4 and peak in form going into the finals. It also relieves the issues of availability affecting final placings (e.g. A school trip that affects a crucial result). We have also created a position of League Operation Mgr that is paid a retainer compliant with HMRC Self-employment to run the league as the volunteers were generally too time poor. This has worked very well.

In the Performance area, we have had a number of teams compete in South Region league. Wycombe High School U16 also came 5th at National Schools.

The Satellite and County programs are nearly completed under the guidance of a new Performance Lead. We have struggled with relevance and competition from Super League hubs. We think this approach has run its course and are taking the opportunity in light of the EN pathway review, to rethink how we do this more successfully. We were lucky this year but finding suitable indoor training venues on the preferred days and times is a major challenge.

We now have a Coaching Development Lead after a long vacancy. She is focused on Introduction to Coaching to support the high number of parents that volunteer to run a team but do not have Level 1 or 2 yet. It is also aimed at growing their confidence to take a Level 1 course. It is run in partnership with LEAP, the Bucks County Sports partnership.

In the umpiring area we have gathered momentum due to the work of the CUS. This is identified as the key challenge in our County - finding umpires is difficult, even when paid generous expenses. Teams often drop out of league for this reason and games forfeited, neither is desirable. The umpiring development process demands a lot of resources and it is a lot to ask of volunteers to lead. We need to continue to increase the momentum in this area to stop holding the game's development back.

In the area of facilities, we have had challenges with court surfaces and safety. We face a major refurbishment of our main, dedicated centre in the next two years so have much to do to fund it.

Sadly, the County Primary School age academy (formerly High Wycombe Junior Netball Club) we had to fold simply because we couldn't find enough coaches on a paid basis. There are a number of private alternatives in the Wycombe and surrounding area with well over 100 girls. We hope to see this grow.

Stephen Ford
Chair, South Bucks

Coaching & Officiating

It has been a better year for coaching in Sussex, with the county gaining 22 newly certified coaches (across both levels) since August 2017. Some of these coaches have come from a successfully run Level 1 course in June/July 2017. In addition, after a 3 year hiatus, we have a Level 2 course which is currently running (April – June 2018) with 13 attending from Sussex so the number of certified coaches will rise following completion of the assessment days and course paperwork.

Three England Netball CPD workshops have also been delivered in the county – Activate (Oct '17), Winning the Ball (Feb '18) & On the Move (June '18)

Officiating continues to go from strength to strength in Sussex due to the tireless efforts of our county umpiring secretary Kim Schepens. In 2016 with no Sussex tutors we were having to rely on the support from neighbouring counties (thank you!) to deliver courses. Since then, Sussex with South's help, has been able to support two individuals through the tutor course. We now have 2 fully qualified tutors in Sussex and have delivered 4 full courses this season.

We have had 16 successful award passes, in addition to two new B award passes and an A award pass and this season Kim also achieved her 100th C award pass for the county since she took on the CUS post in 2008.

Performance

The county have successfully run 1x county (u16) and 2x satellite academies this year with existing athletes progressing through the pathway to NPL franchises Storm and Pulse and into regional junior teams.

With the results from the national consultation on county and satellite academies, Sussex have begun to look at changes to the pathway in advance of the 2019/20 age group readjustment. Ahead of the 2018/19 season the county academy age group will change to u15s whilst the satellite academy age groups will remain at u14 until the following season.

Claire Guy (Satellite 2 Head coach, Surrey Storm Hub Coach) has been nominated by the county to sit on the newly formed Talent Management Group with Surrey Storm. She has been proactive in bringing together the schools and clubs within the county for a meeting with Emily Nemeth, however the meeting had to be rearranged due to a venue issue. Sussex looks forward to working with Emily, Claire and Surrey Storm to ensure our girls can continue to push themselves within the performance pathway.

Competition

Across the junior, development, open and u19 divisions Sussex teams have had mixed results this season, however successful season performances include:

2nd Place: CD Phoenix u13s, Sussex Typhoons u14Dev, NRG u19s & Sussex Lightning Open Div3

3rd Sussex NRG Tigers Open Div 1 (after promotion into the division last season)

4th NRG u14Dev & Sussex NRG Pumas

NRG u16Dev top 4 place secured – but final placing subject to final 2 fixtures in May

In addition to the successes within the regional leagues Sussex has also seen a success across the England Netball National Schools competition with three Sussex school teams progressing to the national finals.

Sussex would like to extend its congratulations to:

Hurstpierpoint College u16s (3rd), Worthing College u19s (4th) & Hurstpierpoint College u19s (=5th)

The county round is often dominated by independent schools, with the same names reoccurring. However this season the county saw an increase in entrants from other independent schools, and more pleasingly from state schools. It is Sussex's hope that an increase of state school entries will continue into 2018/19 and beyond.

England Netball Programmes (NDO Delivery)

We have successfully delivered a range of England Netball programmes within the county:

Back to Netball – 6 programmes delivered with 78 participants new to netball

Walking Netball – 6 programmes delivered with 96 participants new to netball

Netball Now – 3 programmes delivered with 60 participants new to netball

University Netball Officers – 1 established in each of the three universities with 243 students engaged, 72 were new to netball

Sussex would like to extend its thanks to all within the county who give their time to creating opportunities for people to enjoy netball, and ensuring that our sport continues to grow.

Helen Willard

Sussex Chair

Oxfordshire

It's been a quiet year for Oxfordshire, after the manic one we had last year with our 65-year celebration. We were able to fill all positions on the board and have been working this year on updating our website with one that is user friendly, for those who have no knowledge of coding. We are trialling the results section of the website over the summer months for a full release to all 3 leagues starting this coming winter season. With the remainder of the website fully up and running for September 2018.

We have also been developing further our Umpire Academy. The programme ran as a pilot last year and has been so successful in getting umpires qualified much more quickly, that it is being rolled out in full this summer. We have so far tested and passed 15 Into Officiating and 8 C Awards with a further 2 more Into Officiating and 7 more C awards to be tested by the end of this summer. The programme launches again in May with a further 10/12 trainee umpires to come on board.

It is a 6-month programme, looking at developing umpires' skills away from competition. There are 6 sessions over a 6-month period and is run by Jo Kelly with the back up from our A & B Award umpires. The programme focuses on a different umpiring skill each month:

1. Fitness, whistle, voice, movement
2. Minor infringements
3. Vision
4. Obstruction
5. Contact/Contest
6. Mop up and Written paper

A clear pathway for training umpires has been designed and is really working for us. Everyone that attends an Into Officiating or C Award course now has a clear pathway to becoming qualified, instead of going on a course and falling into a void.

We nominated people for the Oxfordshire Sports awards and this year we were finalists in 4 categories. The event is organised by Oxfordshire Sports Partnership and hosted by Jerome Sale Central News broadcaster.

We were finalists in the following categories:

Junior Club of the Year – Team Matrix U14s, runners up

Club of the Year – Banbury Blues, runners up

Young Volunteer of the Year – Lois MacDonald who won

Unsung Hero – Jo Kelly, runner up

We continue to build links with Oxfordshire Sports Partnership and have helped to mentor young leaders and develop umpires for their School Games.

Our new NDO has just come on board – Alison Hathaway – and we are looking forward to working with her closely to build back up all the good work Nicola Young had done before she left. Being 6 months without an NDO has knocked us back a bit on our B2N and Walking Netball Sessions which were running regularly before Nicola left.

Lesley Killpack
Chair