



# Annual HBA Development Report for HBA AGM

## 1 County-wide

BE Head Office: Email from Nick Rimmer update post lockdown

'Aleisha [Challands, BE Relationship Manager for Herts] is back off furlough but I know she is very busy with a whole range of tasks I've given her!

[Regarding BE grants:] Everything is off the table at the moment. We've had to repurpose all our money, including Sport England funding, to keep the business going.

Unfortunately, at the moment, that means that our programme offers and funding support are suspended and unlikely to return in the same format, if at all ... We are working hard to secure additional funding to help clubs, counties etc restart play but no news on that front at the moment. We will, of course, update when we have something to share. Hope that helps. Let me know if you need anything else.' See also separate BE report.

### 1.2 Support during Lockdown

The following activities to do at home or open spaces have been collated from various organisations including: BEatHome, Herts Sports Partnership, Sport England, BE FaceBook, BE Twitter and BE Coaching, and Sport England, and have been published on HBA website and FaceBook:

- BEathome,
- BEFaceBook,
- England coach, Anthony Clark's Instagram,
- BE Virtual Activity Finder,
- SE's StayinWorkOut
- HSP's WorkOut From Home
- Airbadminton reviewed by BE Head Office Player Coaches (link on HBA FaceBook)

### Covid-19 Impact Grants

A number of Community Foundations and other organisations have launched funding programmes to assist local organisations in response to the challenges of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Please view the link below where you will find a useful compilation of new covid-19 grants

Communities 1st: <https://www.grantsonline.org.uk/coronavirus.html>

### 1.3 Communication

Lockdown Club support

PW attended 'Grow Your Badminton Club' and 'Making your Club offer Fit for Purpose' and made the slides available.

HBA Social Media/Publicity Officer, Ben Vranjkovic has enabled HBA FaceBook for clubs' discussion after sign-up.

Support to BE Head Office

Head Office questionnaire on impact of No Strings on Health (to support BE's application to SE for next 4-year round of funding) was completed by 25 HSV No strings participants and distributed to to EH CBN.

HBA Website

FixturesLive have decommissioned their support for badminton leagues and websites.



Alternatives for the website are being evaluated by SG and DB.

## 2 East Herts Community Badminton Network

The highlights from East Herts CBN activities over the past year are as follows:

- Organised friendly tournament between the junior clubs from Abbey, All Saints, Gadebridge, Wizards, Dane End, Much Hadham, Hertford and Comets in November 2019
- Ian Robinson received a grant from Awards4All to extend his work in schools across Broxbourne and A10 corridor

## 3 North Herts Community Badminton Network

To follow.

## 4 Welwyn Hatfield Community Badminton Network

### .1 Treasurer's Report

Currently, healthy for next season thanks to HBA contribution (£500).

### Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council Grants

Community and voluntary organisations that have been financially impacted by COVID-19 can apply for a Welwyn Hatfield community grant of up to £2,000. The Welwyn Hatfield Small Community Grant, which funds projects from a range of sectors including music, dance, drama, sport, youth and health, is extending financial support to those organisations that have a positive impact on the local community but have incurred costs or have not been able to operate, due to COVID-19. Guidance notes and application form are at [www.welhat.gov.uk/communitygrants](http://www.welhat.gov.uk/communitygrants). The closing date for all applications for the July award, is 30 June. For help and advice regarding eligibility or completing the application form, contact the Grants Officer on [grants@welhat.gov.uk](mailto:grants@welhat.gov.uk) or call 01707 357 2299

### .2 Development

#### **Sessions, Clubs and Schools:**

Gosling Sports Park

DB stood down from the Chairman's role end of March 2019 when GLL agreed to keep the centre open outside the working week. The interim committee, Nick Croft, Melisa Davey and Peter Watts announced at a public meeting in the Autumn that they would recruit new members and establish a formal committee in April 2020. The role would include, subject to agreement, representing member interests to GLL, as well as distributing community grants.

HJBA Countywide Social Junior Badminton, 8 March at Gosling, thanks to Mike and John Stobo: 19 participants who enjoyed the event.

Postponed from March 23 Lockdown:

Welwyn Garden City Centenary 2020 Celebration's 7 badminton events and Gosling Sports Park AGM.

### .3 Facilities:

Monks Walk school's Sports Hall – a Potential Badminton Centre

PE Teacher and SSCO Stu Williams invited DB (as HBA Development Coordinator) onto the committee in December. The result of Monks Wak's application to the DfE for the standard DfE 4-court hall is now expected end of June. Stu has provided the plans. Nick Goode,



HJBA, has suggested that if the centre was upgraded to 6 courts with associated rooms for ancillary activities it might be a viable HBA-HJBA centre if support and funds were available. HBA and HJBA support the project.

Matt Rayner, Community Partnerships Manager, WH BC, said that their sports facilities strategy would support this aim. He suggested a joint venture with Herts Football Association (who already have pitches there): jointly Business and Development roles could be funded. Nick Rimmer, BE Head of Development is supportive. Paul W. has provided ideas of costs and suggestions of what works/fails from his knowledge of Birchwood LC management.

#### **.4 Clubs Lockdown support to members is largely unknown**

Gosling Sports Park No string have bene kept informed (by Mark Wiltsire). Comets JBC have a WhatsApp group sharing members 'at home' badminton activities

With the help of David Connell, Director of Sports at UoH-HSV they are evaluating the use of outdoor space at HSV for 4 'courts' and may be bidding for portable nets, airshuttles and coaches to Communities 1<sup>st</sup> grant.

#### **.5 Borough Council's Big Summer to go ahead**

The BIG Summer campaign will be going ahead in Welwyn Hatfield, with special precautions in place for everyone's safety during these unprecedented times. Events or activities taking place between 1 to 23 August that you'd like to be part of BIG Summer complete the activity form on Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council's website - [one.welhat.gov.uk/bigsummer](http://one.welhat.gov.uk/bigsummer): the deadline to be included in the online calendar, initial publication 1 July, is 24 July: see opportunity from [WH BC Grants](#), above.

### **5 South West CBN**

DB and David Hill, Treasurer (Harpenden BC) were in the initial stages of resurrecting this CBN with Aleisha's help when Lockdown postponed it.