

## Reports to the Herts West Badminton Development Group 4May22

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### Chairman's Report

#### HWBDG Approved Project Funding

**Women's Essentials Badminton Course**, William Penn leisure Centre, approved 30 March Submitted by Craig Hughes, Active Communities Manager.

Briefly: 'The programme will be aimed at Women over the age of 18 and will look to target 16 female participants to the Essentials Badminton programme. The Essentials badminton programme will help engage more female participants to the sport of badminton and support participants in feeling confident enough to engage in the Everyone Active No Strings badminton programmes which are due to be set up alongside the Essentials course at both William Penn, and South Oxhey leisure centre with support from Badminton England.'

Supported by majority vote: Julie Pike, in particular, wrote:

'I'm very pro this project and good to see Everyone Active is committed to providing the facility time to get projects like this up and running. I've had a number of communications with Craig and am looking to get BE to support with junior equipment (racketpack / SmashUp! bags) as he is keen to get a large programme of badminton activity going. Craig is very passionate and driven and I have no doubt he'll do everything to make a success of projects like this – if that helps increase badminton opportunities within the centres I believe this will be money well spent!'

Total cost: £658.49. Approved HWBDG funding £274.49

#### HWBDG Chairman and secretary standing down

I have really enjoyed helping to restart this development group with its strong support from members. I need to stand down because I am spreading myself too thinly, and a new chairman local to this group would be more appropriate.

I would particularly like to thank treasurer, Dave Hill, for his initial resolute struggles to recover our bank account and continued active support, and BE Relationship Manager, Julie Pike, who despite her wide job remit has an excellent grasp, interest, and success with our local needs.

I will write up the minutes of this meeting and notify those on the email distribution list that it was my last meeting as chairman and secretary, inviting replacements. I would be grateful of a contact that I can refer any applicants to.

**Herts Badminton Association AGM**, open to all HBA-affiliated clubs and coaches, Monday 6 June at University of Hertfordshire, Room M232. Contact Simon Gouldstone [sgouldstone007@gmail.com](mailto:sgouldstone007@gmail.com).

Funding for badminton networks/hubs from HBA is deferred to 2023.

**HJBA County Squad trials for the 2022/23 season** for both existing squad members and potential new members will be held on **Wednesday 8 June at Hertfordshire Sports Village**, University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield, AL10 9EU. Timings are as follows:

- Players born in 2011 or later: 1700-1830 hours (Under 10 and under 12 squads)
- Players born in 2009 or 2010: 1800-2000 hours (Under 14 squad)
- Players born in 2007 or 2008: 1930-2130 hours (Under 16 squad)
- Players born in 2005 or 2006: 2000-2200 hours (Under 18 squad).

See <https://hjba.org.uk/> for contacts to attend.

**Herts Sports Partnership Club Advocate Group:** Keith Burns and Dave Bartlett are the badminton representatives on this group. The HSP Club Hub <https://sportinherts.org.uk/workforce/clubhub/> has a number of workshops that will be of interest to clubs. Send any thoughts to us.

**Sustainability for VCSE's.** Free seminar, 18 May, Hatfield. 'To discuss all aspects of sustainability, including environmental, social, economic and governance. A unique opportunity to get your Organisation ahead of the regulations.' Contact: [emailinfo@sustainablex.co.uk](mailto:emailinfo@sustainablex.co.uk)

HJBA and HBA: thoughts so far:

Shuttles – it would be interesting to see if anyone has carried out a sustainability study of feather v plastic. Can plastic shuttles be made from, or into recycled plastic, can feather shuttles be composted? The cardboard tubes are recyclable if the metal foil lining is removed.

There is a market for second hand feathered shuttles but it doesn't seem to be easily accessible? This could be improved?

Could also encourage clubs to ask facilities for their sustainability plans which might encourage halls to do more? We could provide input to new build sports halls.

What happens to broken racquets? I know that there is a guy in Northumberland that repairs broken frames, so it is possible.

Sports shoes – HSV is collecting used running shoes – not sure what happens to them, but they claim that it avoids them going into landfill.

### **Coach needed by East Herts Community Badminton Network**

The Summer event will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July at the White Water Centre in Lea Valley. There will be a carousel of 5 events and the children will rotate round throughout the day. The children attending will be in year 3 and each group will have no more than 30 children. Expenses paid. Mrs D Dexter | School Games Organiser, 01992 308333, [www.haileyburyturnford.com](http://www.haileyburyturnford.com), from Ian Robinson [ianbrobinson@hotmail.com](mailto:ianbrobinson@hotmail.com) .

Dave Bartlett, Chairman and Secretary

### **Kirsty Jones - Everyone Active**

Senior Badminton at Westminster Lodge, Hemel Leisure Centre and Berkhamsted leisure centre continues to run really well, with great numbers – on average 15 at every session.

After the successful running of the GCSE badminton course at Westminster Lodge, there has been a lot of interest for a weekly after school session. This is something we would like to look into and would be keen to source a coach who could commit to this. The session would be for teens and likely 4pm-5pm or perhaps 5pm-6pm.

We would also be keen to deliver another GCSE crash course at all of the centres next year – timing is crucial for these sessions and Jan – Feb works well.

Our South Hill Church Group on Fridays in Hemel, have absolutely loved having Fran there on the last Friday of the month and enjoy using the equipment – some of the individuals attending have said this has been the highlight of their week. They meet 2pm-3pm on Fridays and have a range of people who are currently unemployed for lots of different reasons from redundancy to homelessness and they come together to take part in activity including badminton.

Thanks Dave, I hope the meeting goes well. Speak soon!

Regards,

**Kirsty Jones** | Area Active Communities Manager