

# Report To Herts West Community Badminton Network Meeting June 2024

## Live Longer Better 50+ Badminton Project

I've had some queries regarding the administration of the project and thought it might be useful to provide answers for the meeting.

**Q1** Can we transfer some of the funding from one CBN to another?

DB: If there is good reason, yes.

**Q2** How rigid are the allocations of funds to each of the categories (venue hire, coaches etc) and how were these set?

DB: How set:

They were set by each CBN saying what they wanted to spend money on and then collating the results and rationalising them. All CBNs were informed of the final version of the bid with an opportunity to discuss/amend before it was submitted .

DB How Rigid

Not rigid at all as long as there are good reasons to shift amounts around to achieve the objectives (Our SE Summary att.). If in doubt we can ask HSP's Will Slemmings/Charlotte, and Richard 'Funding4sport', who produced and submitted the bid for us.

**Q3** Why are marketing and admin excluded from the grant?

DB: Because we all agreed to absorb them. Also, SE like that.

In fact, HSP's Active local team have done more than their share. They've been very generous in the project support and marketing they have provided so far, including:

- Encouraging their Active Local officers to promote the projects with GPs/SPs
- Free adverts in all GP's surgeries on their screens: HSP media team producing the media and arranging for the GP surgery admin to put them up in the relevant surgeries. Also, making changes when requested by CBN members sometimes at short notice.
- Their media people producing the generic flyer for the county – see att.
- Producing 2 banner stands – same as the flyers. Do use these: LLB is a national movement <https://www.livelongerbetter.uk/> and we enhance each other by spreading the word. Also if we get more money next time. Photos of groups with the bannerstand with the SE logo will go down well with SE.
- Organising and providing opportunities to promote LLB50+B and Herts badminton generally in the Market Place of the NHS Integrated Care Board Conference, 5 June. And taster sessions delivered to ~ 50? by Bob Green (NH CBN) and Brian Jackson (EH CBN),

leaflets given to MarketPlace arrivals and each of the taster session participants. HSP produced an extra 30 leaflets, when we ran out on the day.

[We were the only organisation allowed (maybe I was the only one to ask) to put out 30 leaflets at the HSP Partnership Conference, 20 June. 350 attendees]

- A few GPs were concerned, in health quality terms, about what we were/are providing: when they refer patients to Fitness organisations they can monitor cardiovascular changes; with what we were providing it might have been seen just as a 'jolly'. See benefits att.  
HSP's countywide 'Awareness training' to GPs and SPs on the quality of our LLB50+B provision has been ongoing for a couple of months.

**Q4** Do we retain any unspent funds or will Sport England expect any under-spend to be refunded?

DB: No, we'll have to give any unspent back.

An SE grant I got 10 years ago for WHSPAA SE did an audit about 4 months after the end. SE didn't like one of the items I claimed for (tennis court refurb) and we had to give £300 back. HSP and Richard say SE are not so rigid now.

**Q5** Who will be auditing the accounts and how will that be done?

DB: with your help we'll produce a countywide draft, and then HSP and Richard Funding4sport, who produced and submitted the bid for us, will review and massage it before submission to SE.

DB: I think it would be good if we could have a CBN's LLB50+B meeting late August/early September. That way if we need to shuffle money around we'll have time?

## HW BDG webpage

DB has maintained the HW BDG webpage (not always 100% efficiently)

<https://www.hertsbadminton.net/herts-west-community-badminton-network/>

Keith has been given access.

## Countywide

HBA AGM was held 3 June. In due course minutes will appear on

<https://www.hertsbadminton.net/archive/>

HJBA AGM will be held 19:30 Thursday 27 June in the Academy Room, HSV. Minutes, in due course will appear on <https://hjba.org.uk/>.

All queries/comments welcomed.

Dave Bartlett HBA Development Coordinator