

Netball East  
Annual Report 2018



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This is my last Annual Report as Chairman of Netball East as I have decided not to stand again for reelection as Chair after serving 10 years in the role.

I want to start by thanking everyone involved in delivering Netball in our Region for the outstanding support and leadership provided by the various Members of the Regional Management Board, our Regional staff and Technical support groups. My sincere thanks to Nas Khan our Regional co-ordinator for her contribution to the region who works very hard and is always willing to support and help in any way that she can. And to the EN National managers for their advice and support especially Emily St John and Laura Elson whose guidance has been invaluable. I am also very aware of how much we rely on our County Committees and all the other hard-working volunteers throughout the region. So, thank you everyone.

In 2009 we launched the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Netball in the East Region and so next year (2019) Netball East will start its 70<sup>th</sup> year celebration. Netball East continues to thrive and grow and we are one of the most successful regions in the country.

The past 12 months have been very busy with the Regional Management Board meeting four times and the Technical Support Groups (TSG) meeting regularly to plan the delivery of their designated areas of work. The established TSG's are Finance and Business, Competition, Officiating and Talent and Performance. Unfortunately, we have not managed to recruit a lead for the Coaching TSG so this area needs to be addressed going forward. We have continued to increase participation figures and the Netball East specific achievements can be read in the TSG lead reports. The County committees have also worked hard and their reports illustrate the great work being done throughout the counties.

This has been a long and demanding VNSL season for benecosMavericks and congratulations to them for coming 5<sup>th</sup> in the league. One of their home matches was held at the Copper box and it was great to see the large number of spectators who turned up for the event. The regional performance and regional academies transitioned to Mavericks from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

Congratulations to the England team on winning gold at the CWG and to the umpires from the East who were selected to officiate – Gary Burgess and Jackie Mizon. And well done to Gary and Louise Travis who have been appointed to umpire the VNSL superleague final.

We shared our plans at the AGM in 2016 to undertake a review of the structure of the Regional Management Board, its technical support groups and the Mavericks board as there were some identified synergies. That review started and progressed well but was subsequently put on hold until we were clearer on the expectations from EN of the roles of the regional and county boards and the impact of the EN staff restructuring. This work has now been reactivated and included in the plans for the future which are being shared for discussion at the interactive workshop preceding the upcoming AGM where we will discuss in more detail the suggested changes and the reason for the changes with a theme of **'Talk together, change together'**.

The RMB held a strategic planning day with an external facilitator and the outcome was a draft high-level strategy and plan with **the Vision: Grow Netball, Grow the East**. Work has now started on the detail of the Regional plan and over the coming months we will be working with EN and our counties to prepare our 4-year operational plan.

The board has also signed up to achieve Tier 1 status of the Sport England code of governance (best practice in sport governance). To reflect this commitment suggested changes to the constitution have been circulated to members for approval at the AGM.

This year the regional Golden Globes event is an afternoon tea following the AGM where we will celebrate the achievements of our volunteers. We had some good nominations in most of the categories and my thanks to the regional Golden Globes panel who assessed this year's nominations. Well done to all the regional winners and good luck for the National event. A huge thank you to all those people who took the time to write the nominations.

At the AGM members will be electing the members of the board. The current board is:

**Elected directors – term of office 3 years:**

Cheryl Danson Chair, *not seeking reelection*

Jo Stentiford Treasurer, Chair of Finance and Business TSG, term of office expires 2019

Chris Laundy – TSG lead Talent and performance, *not seeking reelection*

June Snellin – TSG lead Officiating, *not seeking reelection*

Jan Burke – TSG lead Competition, *not seeking reelection*

Paul Clark - joint TSG lead Talent and performance, term of office expires 2019

**Appointed directors – term of office 2 years:**

Yvonne Adshead, term of office expires at AGM 2018

Sally Smith, term of office expires at AGM 2018

**Co-opted director – term of office – 1 year**

Gloria Keech

Members of the Board are all volunteers and they make a significant contribution to Netball in the region. My sincere thanks to the board for their hard work and I want to especially mention the retiring directors Chris Laundy, Jan Burke and June Snellin for their leadership, expertise and commitment.

To the new regional board, I wish you success and hope that together with our members you realise our **Vision: Grow Netball, Grow the East**.

**Cheryl Danson OBE**  
**Chair**

## COMPETITION

### **Premier League**

Turnford (Herts) gained promotion to Division 1. Hertford Hornets (Herts) Norfolk United (Norfolk) and Billericay (Essex East) maintain their positions in Division 3.

Thoroughbreds (Norfolk) unfortunately were unsuccessful to play in the Premier League 2018/19.

### **Open Regional Clubs League**

The 2017/18 season was another successfully organised season for the following Clubs

#### *Division 1*

Winners – Thoroughbreds (Norfolk)

Runners Up – Turnford (Herts)

#### *Division 2*

Winners – Omega (Herts)

Runners Up – Thoroughbreds 2 (Norfolk)

#### *Division 3*

Winners – Hertford Hornets (Herts)

Runners Up – Billericay (Essex East)

June Griffith needs to be commended on her seamless continued Lead for the organisation of Regulations, Fixtures, Administration and complaints.

The Region's umpires ensured the matches were successfully officiated and our thanks go to Carolyn Davies for her organisational skills that all matches were serviced.

The results service continues to be provided by Gwen Foster from Suffolk again our thanks to her support and communications.

### **Clubs Entry Tournament**

Hertfordshire hosted the RL Entry Tournament, we would like to welcome Harpenden (Herts) and Grangers (Beds) who achieved entry to RLC for 2018/19.

### **Under 16 & Under 14 Clubs**

The format for the Feeder Competition to National Clubs Finals continued as a day Tournament on 8<sup>th</sup> April at Stanborough School Welwyn Garden City.

Following a request from Bedfordshire to increase qualifiers from each County to Regional Level, it was agreed by the Competition Group that the introduction of Winners and Runners Up from each County would qualify for the Regional Tournament, this would be supported by a Wild Card Draw if a County were only entering a Winner or if there was a late withdrawal.

At the Under 16 Finals on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> April in Nottingham, the Region were represented by Turnford (Herts) & Norfolk Utd (Norfolk).

Congratulations to Turnford who are National Champions with Norfolk finishing 14<sup>th</sup> out of 18 entries.

Teams qualifying for U14 Finals on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May in Newcastle were again Turnford (Herts)

Congratulations to Turnford who finished as Runners Up to Oldham (North West) & Hatfield (Herts) who achieved 4<sup>th</sup> from 18 entries.

All entries were emailed asking for their feedback about the day and to acknowledge that as East Region Members it was important to seek their views for the future.

### **Regional Schools Competition**

Stanborough School Welwyn Garden City AL8 6YR was the venue for Regional Schools which was held on Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup> 2018. The competition was, in effect, a “dry run” for National School Finals by providing the organisation in a similar manner.

Qualifiers for National Championship were achieved in the following age groups

#### **U19 age group**

Winners - SEEVIC College (Essex East) 7<sup>th</sup> place / 18 entries

Runners Up - St Albans High Schools for Girls' (Herts) 11<sup>th</sup> place / 18 entries

#### **U16 age group**

Winners - Southend High School (Essex East) 11<sup>th</sup> place / 18 entries

Runners Up - Bedford Girls' School (Beds) 15<sup>th</sup> place / 18 entries

#### **U14 age group**

Winners - Berkhamsted (Herts) 1<sup>st</sup> place / 18 entries

Runners Up - Presdales (Herts) 11<sup>th</sup> place / 18 entries

**Congratulations to Berkhamsted who improved on their result from 5<sup>th</sup> in 2017 to Winners in 2018.**

All entries were emailed asking for their feedback about the day to acknowledge that as East Region Members it was important to seek their views for the future. i.e. Participation Certificates to be made available has been identified. This communication was well received by the Schools

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers in the Competition TSG for their contributions to East Events this season.

**Jan Burke**

**Competition TSG – Chair**

## OFFICIATING

Once again following another busy year, I should like to thank all the members of the East Region Officiating T.S.G. and County Officiating groups for their commitment and hard work.

Our meetings during this season have involved the Regional Umpiring Secretary, all County Umpiring Secretaries, the Regional Lead Mentor, all County Lead Mentors, and the RCL Umpire Co-ordinator, enabling every county to have the opportunity to contribute to the decision making of the Regional group.

With the relocation of the England Netball Offices and new staff being appointed, there have been a number of changes taking place which now seem to be settling down well, and Gary Burgess and his team continue to update paperwork and procedures.

The NE Assessment Awards has been reviewing some of the assessment paperwork which has been in operation since 2013, and changes are now being rolled out by them, including some new Award papers.

Umpire Assessments at all levels - results are as follows:

### Assessments/Testing

<u>Previously Beginner Award/YUA – now IOA Award</u>	<u>Passes</u>	<u>NYMC (not yet met criteria)</u>
Bedfordshire	20 Grace Ferry Kirsty Catherell Shannon Fuller Tim Fairweather Jodi Johnson KatyNorsworthy Alison Taylor Verity Binks Louise McKendrick Helena Moffat Emily Wade Mary Hull Catherine Ungeprapakorn Catherine Johnson Victoria Lewzey	

	<p> <b>Simran Patel</b>  <b>Laura Simmonds</b>  <b>Hannah Knowles</b>  <b>Tracey Barringer</b>  <b>Roseanna Till</b> </p>	
<b>Cambridgeshire</b>	<b>No details</b>	
<b>East Essex</b>	<p> <b>9</b>  <b>Donna Thomas</b>  <b>Regan Boyle</b>  <b>Katie Chimes</b>  <b>Charlotte Coldicott</b>  <b>Charlotte Gatt</b>  <b>Micha Dornan</b>  <b>Emily Brown</b>  <b>Hannah Phipps</b>  <b>Megan Fraser</b> </p>	
<b>Essex Thurrock</b>	<b>No details</b>	
<b>Hertfordshire</b>	<b>Not recognized</b>	<b>in County</b>
<b>Norfolk</b>	<p> <b>10</b>  <b>Debbie Sutton</b>  <b>Kayleigh Livett</b>  <b>Erin Price</b>  <b>Megan Murray</b>  <b>Victoria Arnull</b>  <b>Claire McGill</b>  <b>Joanna Donnelly</b>  <b>Krystal Foley</b>  <b>Rebecca Rimmer</b>  <b>Karla Snowling</b> </p>	
<b>Suffolk</b>	<p> <b>18</b>  <b>Laura Dennis</b>  <b>Victoria Beswick</b>  <b>Edelle Emery</b>  <b>India Foster</b>  <b>Nadia Bolton</b>  <b>Licci Percival</b>  <b>Rochelle Gordon-Scott</b>  <b>Angella Gordon-Scott</b>  <b>Jessica Wyatt</b>  <b>Emma Mather</b>  <b>Jane Mailey</b>  <b>Rebecca Lane</b>  <b>Chrissie Osborn</b> </p>	

	<b>Marie Garnett Olivia Steward Tabitha James Laura Payne Beth Allen</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>C Award</u></b>	<b><u>Passes</u></b>	<b><u>NYMC (not yet met criteria)</u></b>
<b>Bedfordshire</b>	<b>5 Jennifer Lorito Hannah Young Ali Harrison Emily Wade Julie Wilkins</b>	
<b>Cambridgeshire</b>	<b>No details</b>	<b>No details</b>
<b>East Essex</b>	<b>25 Rebecca Price Chloe Taylor Drew Murray-Gill Annabel Munson Megan Potter Katie Rawlings Jordon Burdett Claudia Robb Rosalind Croot Diane Gerrard Laura Townsend Jamie-Louise Farnworth Gabrielle Pearce Mercedes Lancaster Cahrlotte Livingston Lea Plank Angella Gordon-Scott Maise Barnham Claire Foreman Dona Bord Yazmin Ross-Dean Michaa Turrell Joanna Frost Kayla Buryt Elizabeth Finch</b>	



<b>Essex Thurrock</b>	<b>No details</b>	
<b>Hertfordshire</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Jane Bilton</b> <b>Sylvia Warwick</b> <b>Abigail Charnock</b> <b>Joanne Weller</b> <b>Julia Kay</b> <b>Maria Warry</b> <b>Melanie Cassey</b> <b>Abby English</b> <b>Nicola Bailey</b> <b>Katie Reimann</b>	
<b>Norfolk</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Libby Gates</b> <b>Samantha Harewood</b> <b>Hannah Holmes</b> <b>Sandra Meikle</b>	
<b>Suffolk</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Louise Jackson</b> <b>Samantha Wardley</b> <b>Kirsty Seymour-Crone</b> <b>Rebecca Lane</b> <b>Emma Mather</b> <b>Angella Gordon-Scott (taken in Colchester, EE)</b> <b>Holly Voller</b> <b>Amme Bullett</b> <b>Jennifer Pullen</b> <b>Hannah Clarke</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>0</b>

<b><u>B Award</u></b>	<b><u>Passes</u></b>	<b><u>NYMC (not yet met criteria)</u></b>
Bedfordshire	0	
Cambridgeshire	0 (+ 1 pre-assessment)	
East Essex	2	
Essex Thurrock	0	
Hertfordshire	1	1
Norfolk	1	
Suffolk	0 (+ 1 pre-assessment)	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 (+2)</b>	<b>2</b>

<b><u>A Award Practical</u></b>		
Bedfordshire	1	
Cambridgeshire		
East Essex		
Essex Thurrock		
Hertfordshire		
Norfolk		
Suffolk		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

<b><u>AB Written Assessment</u></b>	<b><u>Nov 2017</u></b>		<b><u>Feb 2018</u></b>		<b><u>May 2018</u></b>	
	<b><u>Pass</u></b>	<b><u>NYMC</u></b>	<b><u>Pass</u></b>	<b><u>NYMC</u></b>	<b><u>Results awaited</u></b>	
Bedfordshire	1 (A)	1(B)			1?	
Cambridgeshire			1 (B)		1	
East Essex	1 (A) 1 (B)					
Essex Thurrock						
Hertfordshire	1 (B)	1(B)		1 (B)		
Norfolk	1 (A)	1(A)				
Suffolk						
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2 to come</b>	

## **Courses**

Once again, a programme of Officiating courses has been arranged by counties and the Region – and this calendar has been regularly updated, amended and circulated both through Regional and County websites.

The Region, itself, has held one very successful B Award Course in Hertfordshire in November, tutored by Sue Brown and Anne Marie Riddle, attended by 13 candidates as 3 withdrew on the day.

## **Mentoring**

The Mentoring/Coaching reassessment programme has now been completed. Sue Brown took over the role of Regional Lead Mentor part way through the season and she is now working with County Umpiring Secretaries and the RCL Umpire Co-ordinator to ensure that those umpires who are ready are included in the regional league umpire allocations.

Although she was unable to be present herself, Sue arranged for the regular mentoring programme to take place at the Regional Round of Nationals Schools in January and the Regional Round of National Clubs in April.

The Region continues to support umpires at all levels in a comprehensive range of events.

June Snellin has continued to undertake the role of Co-ordinator for Mavericks Support, so that once again umpires have been provided at Mavericks training sessions – NSL, NNL and NPL – and a range of Mavericks NPL and Mini Mavericks Match days.

## **Umpiring**

Another successful season has been completed by our three top Umpires – IFNA Internationals, Jackie Mizon and Gary Burgess, and Louise Travis who is now also in our Region. All have been selected to undertake a number of international events both at home and abroad, and both Jackie and Gary were selected to attend the unforgettable Commonwealth Games in Queensland earlier in the season. Congratulations to them all!

In conclusion, once again, I should like to thank all the members of the Regional Officiating TSG group for their cooperation and support throughout the year.

June Snellin  
Officiating TSG - Chair

## FINANCE AND BUSINESS

The accounts for the year 12 months ending August 2017 are attached as Appendix 1 and will be presented for adoption at the meeting having been circulated previously to Counties. The position shown remains healthy and the Association has, in my opinion, sufficient resources to meet the challenges which lie ahead.

Based on the current forecasts, there is no need to increase the rates of affiliation for the next financial year.

The Region continues to provide grant assistance for coaches and tutors who wish to attend the UKCC and assessor courses.

**Jo Stentiford**  
**Treasurer**

## PERFORMANCE

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following athletes: -

Ellie Rattu and Zara Everitt maintain their places in the National Academy.

Zara Everitt is the England U.19 Vice-captain and will be going on the tour of Australia.

Ellie Rattu (Beds) - benecosMavericks U.21 Vice-Captain.

Georgia Sasse (East Essex)– benecosMavericks U.19 Captain

Eliza Barclay (Norfolk) - benecosMavericks U.17 Captain

Eleanor Butt (East Essex) - benecosMavericks U.17 Vice-Captain

The 2017/18 season for Performance athletes from the East Region has taken a slightly different pathway. The Regional Academy and the Regional Performance Academy now come under the benecosMavericks franchise, with Sachel Grant being the PPC. The athletes now train in age group squads.

Training comprises of a lot more 'match play', with increased competition emphasis. 6 'Futures' Academies have been established, with 4 being within the East Region, namely Basildon, Bedford, Loughton and Norfolk. This is to enable talented, younger athletes to attend high level coaching without having to travel too far in an evening. Skills and fitness training are a large part of the programme. Recently, County Academy squads being invited to attend for match play opportunities.

The 'Futures' head coaches have complimented the East athletes on their keenness, dedication, hard work and commitment whilst training.

The next benecosMavericks Youth selection opportunities will be on

September 10/11/12<sup>th</sup> at Oaklands College.

Counties have continued with their Academy programmes, with Suffolk entering their athletes in the Colchester Netball League in order to participate in a competition environment. The Performance TSG decided to establish some 'match play' opportunities for both Satellite and County Academy athletes.

Gemma Aston, Norfolk, organised a CA competition, with CA's playing against another CA on their home training night. Counties have enjoyed these matches despite some having to travel long distances on week nights. The Satellite academies played in a 'Round Robin' tournament every half term, at a different County venue, each time. Again, a very enjoyable and worthwhile experience.

The members of the Netball East TSG would like to continue their twice-yearly meetings in order to share 'best practice' and information.

I would like to THANK all the TSG members for maintaining their support and enthusiasm, in order to make East Region athletes the best they can be.

Chris Laundy  
Talent and Performance TSG - Chair

## MAVERICKS

A year has passed all too quickly and we are again at the end of another season, the 13th of Mavericks' involvement in the Netball SuperLeague Competition. It has been a very compacted short season with games being played between 12 February to the last game taking place on a Thursday evening in Glasgow on 21 June, the extended finishing time was to allow for a 5 week break for the Commonwealth Games between 19 March through to restart on 21 April.

In September 2017, we made the decision to accept a naming rights sponsorship offer, which resulted in the VNSL Squad being re-named "benecosMavericks".

### **Squad Information**

Several changes to the playing squad occurred this season. We have again utilised two overseas players, Karyn Bailey from Australia and Kalifa McCollin from Trinidad & Tobago, and welcomed returning player Sasha Corbin back into the Squad; who joined up again with existing squad members Lindsay Keable; Michelle Drayne; Raz Quashie; Summer Artman; Zara Everitt to this group we added in Gabi Marshall; Frankie Wells, Alice Travis, Clare Drakeford and Steph Collard, and delighted to report that Ellie Kelk and Beth Ecuyer-Dale were moved up into the senior squad from our NPL Squads.

Kat Ratnapala was appointed Director of Netball and Head Coach, with Camilla Buchanan as Assistant Coach. We also welcomed former Malawi player and coach, Mary Waya as our specialist shooting coach.

### **Match Information**

Despite our best efforts we just missed out on achieving a top four place finish. Our final league position does not reflect some of the performances put in by the NSL Squad, particularly in the earlier league games when we had won 6 from our first 7 games only losing to Wasps in a very closely fought game. The break for the CWG did not suit us and we suffered a defeat against Loughborough. Mixed results followed and it came down to the last game of the season to determine where we were to finish. Sadly 3 games in 5 days, including two away games did not help our cause, one of these being the Glasgow trip; a finish of 5th place for the season.

As you are aware due to our capacity at HSV allowing us a maximum of 800, we are committed under the VNSL regulations to utilise venues with an increased capacity when practical. Hence, we took the decision to play one game at the Copper Box, and 2 games to the brand-new venue at University of Essex in Colchester.

Our showcase game this year held at the Copper Box enabled us to improve attendance figures over last year, with approximately 1,980 spectators. Moving away from playing Storm, we took on TeamBath and recorded a great win, 57-41. The whole event was a great showcase for netball, encompassing two Workshops in the morning; Officiating – "Be the Best that You Can" offering attendees the opportunity to have some great Tutors Gary Burgess, Yvonne Adshead, Bernadette Palmer and Cheryl Danson. The other Workshop – Coaching CPD, led by Maggie Jackson was well attended and requests for further Workshops expressed. Mavericks would like to record a big Thank

You to all these Tutors for giving up their time to support the Workshops. We continued the day with an U21 friendly match vs the UKAF Netball Squad clocking up a substantial win. During the break before the main match we held a small Tournament inviting 6 teams to take part in Walking Netball and Back to Netball games. All activities showed the wide spectrum of netball and were well received by spectators.

We again thank our loyal fans who have supported the team through another season, there is no doubt the amount of support that our fans give us at home matches is second to none. Our matches are still well attended at HSV and the Essex games have given us the opportunity to increase our fan base.

### **Mavericks Performance Pathway**

Responsibility for the delivery of the Performance Pathway to the SuperLeague Clubs came into effect on 1st August 2017. Sachel Grant was appointed as Performance Pathway Coach, and a coaching structure for all the age groups was completed and appointments made. A lot of work then took place over the summer months to get everything up and running for the beginning of October 2017. The following age groups have been running:

Mini Mavericks groups taking place in St Albans (2 groups), Loughton, Oxford Futures Academies being held in Bedford, Harrow, Basildon, Henley, Loughton, Thetford/Norfolk; NPL U17 St Albans; NPL U19, St Albans; NPL U21 St Albans.

All in all, a very challenging season but one we have again embraced and will continue to maintain the ethos and philosophies of Mavericks Netball.

Our thanks go out to all our sponsors and partners for their continued support throughout the season, and to all the volunteers who support us also.

On behalf of Mavericks I would like to offer sincere thanks to everyone, too numerous to mention, for all the support we have received over the years – benecosMavericks would not exist without you.

**Gloria Keech**  
**Director, Mavericks Netball Ltd**

## BEDFORDSHIRE

The 2017/18 season has passed by very quickly again with continued successes and challenges for the County. However, the commitment and dedication of volunteers in both County and League roles continues and without all of their efforts our continued netball development would not be possible.

### **General**

We were successful in recruiting a Coaching Secretary and now have a full complement of members on the County Committee. Overall our affiliated member numbers show an increase over the previous year, we currently have 2253 in total, so another positive to report.

Our three local leagues continue to maintain the number of clubs/teams taking part with no serious problems reported through the season. The Heritage League has a great success with the local Youth Academy, this now has 70 girls training regularly and this season they have had fielded youth, junior and High 5 squads in the Bedford & District League.

We continue our financial support for our SuperLeague Team, benecosMavericks.

### **Bedfordshire NDO**

In October Jo Brewster joined us as our new Netball Development Officer. Her latest report highlights that all programmes have shown an increase in participation across the county; with the following activities taking place.

**Back to Netball**, Luton: still large numbers and need to use two courts, Leighton Buzzard and Bedford, also a Back to Netball Tournament was held with 8 teams taking part.

A **Netball Now** programme has been initiated with around with around 26 people per week taking part.

**Walking Netball: Silsoe:** Increased numbers now being regularly recorded at sessions at various locations across the County at Luton, Silsoe and Bedford. A taster session has taken place to introduce Walking Netball to the Bedford WI; with a plan to run a 20-week programme. 2 teams from Bedford entered the Aylesbury WN tournament and Silsoe WN managed to take 1<sup>st</sup> place with Bedford WN taking runner up ... Great results.

### **Performance – County Academies**

The County Performance Academies have run this year from September 2017 to May 2018, with two Satellite Academies taking place in Bedford and one County Academy running in Bedford with approximately 63 players involved.

Due to setting up of two franchise Academies in Bedfordshire (Mavericks and Wasps Academies) the County Academy was reduced in numbers until further selection took place. This has now settled down and the squads remained consistent for the remainder of the season.



The County Academy Squad has been competing as two teams against the other East Regions County Academies through the season. The Satellite Academy Squads trained on alternate weeks and in February took part in a Tournament.

The County Academies entered an invitational Academy Tournament in Chester in April. It is envisaged that this Tournament will become an annual event to be included in the Academy programme.

A Coach Education Workshop in association with benecosMavericks has been organised and will take place on 7 August in Bedford, alongside the Academy Summer Master Class and all coaches are welcome.

### **Officiating**

The Officiating TSG has worked hard throughout the season overseeing officiating activities. We are delighted to be able to acknowledge a successful 'A' Award pass gained by Katie Sanders from Bedford.

So, another busy year comes to an end and we will continue to work hard to ensure continued success, which cannot happen without all the support of all our volunteers across the County whose assistance is recognised and very much appreciated.

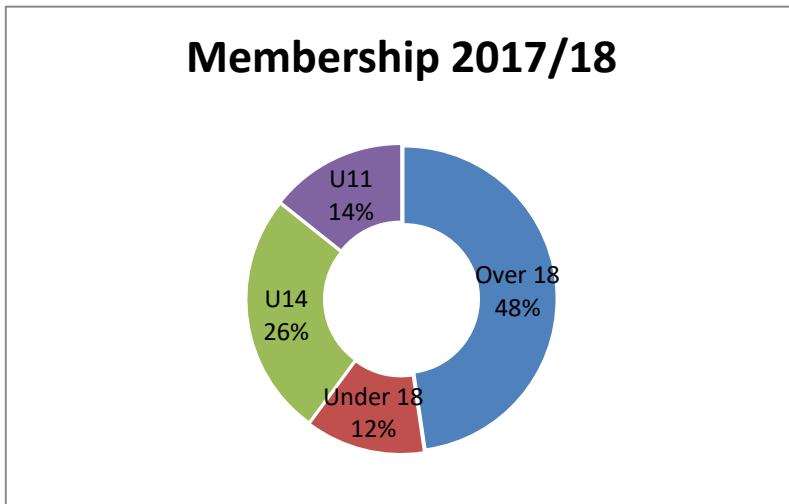
**Gloria Keech**

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

Once again it has been another excellent year for netball in Cambridgeshire: competition and playing is rife in Cambs. The continued growth of our junior leagues has been fantastic; it is brilliant to see our youngsters (and many of our more senior members) so encouraged by the Roses win. To see so many young girls playing netball, being active, participating in coaching and officiating does bode well for the development of netball. As always innovation is the key in Cambs netball, changes to websites, coaching, County Charity Cup and county selection tournaments have all been highs this year.

**1. MEMBERSHIP:**

Total membership: 2171



**League Breakdown**

County Premier League	18 Teams
Feeder Leagues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wisbech</li> <li>• HPNL</li> <li>• CDNL</li> </ul>	3 Divisions 2 Divisions 5 Divisions
Junior Development Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U16</li> <li>• U14</li> <li>• U12</li> </ul>	A&B Division A&B Division 1 Division
Summer Leagues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elite Summer League</li> <li>• Wisbech</li> <li>• CDNL</li> </ul>	1 Division 2 Divisions 7 Senior Divisions 4 Youth Divisions
Back to Netball	1 Division 2 x Tournaments
High 5 Club Competition	1 x Division

## 2. NDO INFO

- New pilot scheme in Cambridgeshire for the Emergency Services – next year prisons will be invited too.
- 7 locations now running regular Walking Netball sessions.
- 20 x programmes.
- 637 participants; 333 New to Netball.
- 2 School Games
- 1 College League
- 3 Festivals
- 1 Netball Now
- 6 Back to Netball
- 7 Walking Netball

## 3. PERFORMANCE/ACADEMIES

- 75 athletes were selected this time last year to join the Performance Pathway this season.
- Successful season with the athletes benefitting hugely from the continuing Strength and Conditioning Programme. This has noticeably improved their strength and agility.
- Over 200 athletes have trialled this year to enter the Performance Pathway for next season.
- This year we offered a second venue in Peterborough for first stage nominees which encouraged more nominations from the north of the county to attend, which is one of our target areas.

Area	Coaches' Player	Most Improved
County	Lauren Macdonald	Hannah Freeman
South	Sophie Coady	Lucy Kay & Emily Jelley
North	Mary Barnes	Elena Baldry

## 4. COACHING

- People qualifying in Cambridgeshire with umpiring and coaching is one of the highest in the East Region.
- In response to player's requests new coaching courses were devised to help support lower clubs and B2N players. These will hopefully be delivered next year

Qualification	Number of new coaches
Level 1	7
Level 2	3
Walking Netball Hosts	8

**5. SCHOOLS:**

<u>Age group</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Runner up</u>
High 5's	William Westley	St Albans
Under 14	Stephen Perse	St Bedes
Under 16	St Marys	Stephen Perse
Under 19	Hills Road	St Neots

**6. SPECIAL MENTIONS:**

Huge thanks to Linda Swain who has been a veritable pillar of the County Committee, supporting and sitting on it for longer than any other individual. She has been Vice Chair for the last four years supporting Cambs and our committee's development. She has stepped down as Vice Chair but will remain on the committee as a JDG representative.

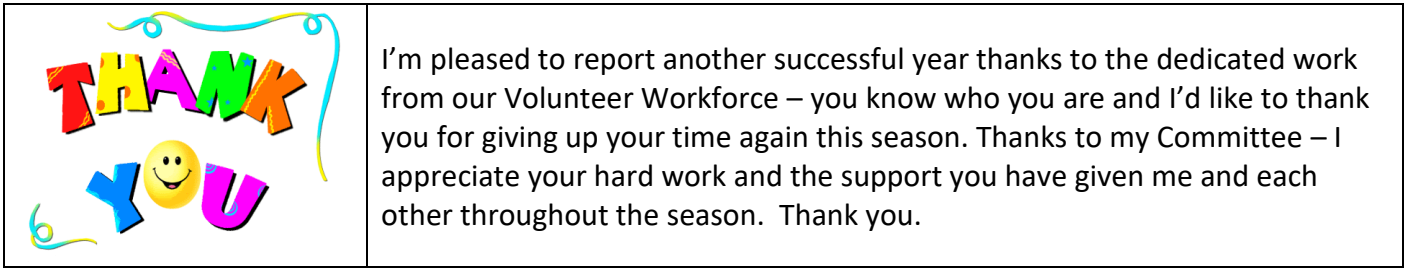
Huge thanks to Floria Marshall who has now been County Secretary for 10 years. She has completely overhauled the way county administration works and has successfully kept committee after committee in line. We could not do what we do without her.

We have to say a goodbye to our South Satellite Head Coach Charlotte Malyon. Charlotte has been a very key influence in the creation of the current structure of the Academy, instigating key procedures while she was Performance Lead. She proved to be an effective leader with considerable drive and enthusiasm. She has been a popular coach and passed on an incredible enthusiasm for the game of netball.

**7. CLOSING COMMENTS**

As always, I am hugely grateful for all the time and dedication of our tireless individuals. We are very fortunate that for the third year running we have a full and extremely proactive committee ensuring that netball keeps moving forward at quite a pace. Thank you to anyone within our County who has been able to support netball this year and ensure its continued growing success.

**Olivia Petherick**



**General Report**

East Essex currently boasts 122 clubs with over 3,913 affiliated members. There are currently 5 Adult Leagues and 2 Junior Leagues operating in the County.

Successes within the County this season include:

- Talent Performance, special mention is given to the efforts and achievements of the youngsters through the Talent Programme. Trudy Jones, Head Coach, has done a fantastic job and has been supported by Coaches: - Kimberley Collins, Ashleigh Jones and Felicity Ayre. Corinne Rawlings completed the Management role supported by Michele Quaife MBE, Greg Bluck, Chris Laundry, Cathy Chart and Sue Lloyd. Thanks to the whole team for the time you've given up and the distances you have travelled all culminating in some wonderful successes for the County Squads and individual athletes.
- Congratulations to Georgia Sasse who is the recipient of this year's Wendy Hale Outstanding Player Award
- National Schools County round – U14 winners - Southend High, U16 Winners – Brentwood, U19 SEEVIC – Congratulations to Southend High and SEEVIC who went on to reach National Finals
- National Clubs County round – U14 winners – Brookshaw, U16 winners – Eastwood
- Congratulations to Billericay NC who have retained their position in the Premier League Div 3 and to Eastwood, Tegate and Billericay who continue to be successful in the Regional Clubs League
- Congratulations to all recently qualified coaches (15 Level 1 and 3 Level 2) and to Felicity Ayre for passing the B Umpire Award

<p><b>The Talent 'Academy' programme for East Essex and Thurrock</b></p>	<p>This year we have run</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 x Satellite Academy with 20 x 2-hour sessions.</li> <li>• 1x County Academy with 30 x 2-hour sessions.</li> </ul> <p>This was the first year in which the super league clubs ran their talent programme and this gave us quite a few problems at the beginning of the season. Some girls who had been selected for County and Satellite moved up to Mavericks, Pulse and Surrey Storm Hubs.</p> <p>Satellite Academy this year was run on a weekly basis as it was felt that running the programme every other week wasn't effective. We</p>
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started a little later at the beginning of October and finished in April.

The Satellite coaches this year were Kim Collins and Felicity Ayre and admin was taken on mid-way through by Greg Bluck. I would personally like to thank them all for their hard work and dedication to the programme it's been an incredible season, on the occasions I attended the satellite sessions athletes were completely engaged in the skills and drills being taught and the athletes played brilliantly at the match play days. Essex Satellite Academy finished first on more than one occasion.

We ran an extra Trials session mid-way through the season as we had lost a significant number of athletes to the hubs. We took in 11 athletes into the Satellite Academy at this point and all girls progressed significantly during their trial period and all were asked to stay to the end.

County Academy this year was run on a weekly basis for 30 sessions but we were also asked to compete in an inter county competition which involved the athletes traveling to other counties mostly on a week night for match play. County Academy put forward 2 teams to ensure all girls were involved in the match play.

I would personally like to thank the coaching team and support for their hard work and dedication to the programme, I was able to watch a couple of the matches played in the inter county competition and was pleased to see how the girls were putting into practice what they were being taught. The County First team were unbeaten.

I have totally enjoyed my time as Performance Lead and wish all committee members well.

I would like to thank Chris Laundry and Dawn Bullimore for their help and patience during this time, and I also wish the Academies great success in the future.

Corinne Rawlings, Performance Lead

**Coaching Teams:**

- County - Trudy Jones and Ashleigh Jones
- Satellite – Kimberley Collins and Felicity Ayre

**Lead Coaches supported by:**

- Michele Quaife MBE and Greg Bluck

### A fitting end – ‘Awards night’:

On 11th May we acknowledged and rewarded our young talent at a very successful awards evening. The event was held in the Millennium Room at Great Baddow Recreation Ground and players and their families attended the evening.

The Guests of Honour were Michelle Drayne, Northern Ireland International Player and member of the current Mavericks squad and Mary Waya from Malawi, alongside our President Beryl Webb and East Essex Life members. Michelle gave a very inspiring and motivational speech about her experience representing Northern Ireland at the recent Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in Australia. Mary gave a brief summary of her career as a netballer growing up in Malawi.

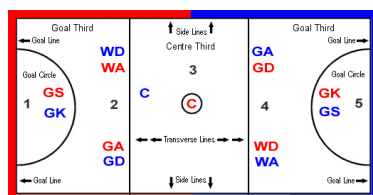
The Wendy Hale trophy for Outstanding Player was presented to Georgia Sasse. Georgia won the trophy because she has such commitment to netball. She has always wanted to play for Mavericks and trialled for several years, without success, until 2017/18 when she became the U.19 Mavericks Captain. She is a 'C' award umpire and coaches a Year 7/8 team at Eastwood

Satellite	County
Most Improved: <b>Lily May</b>	Most Improved: <b>Niamh Mills</b>
Coaches Player: <b>Katie Bluck</b>	Coaches Player: <b>Lucy Bluck</b>
Player’s Player: <b>Emma Sims</b>	Player’s Player: <b>Ella McNaught</b>

We would like to say a big thank you to all who attended the evening including our life members and committee members and to Felicity Ayre for organising the event.

### Coaching in the County:

#### Coaching:



**Congratulations** to our newly qualified coaches. This year we are pleased to confirm that 15 coaches completed their Level 1 Qualification and a further 3 completed their Level 2.

**East Essex are pleased to offer funding support to the coaching community on request**

#### Umpiring, Officiating and Mentoring

East Essex is proud to support the Umpire and officiating community.

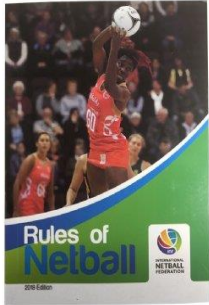


#### Umpire Assessments and Courses:

Details of successes are reported via the East Region Report

#### Umpires

Thanks to all qualified umpires who support the County activities as well as your own league activities. Your support is really appreciated. Thanks to Jo Dickson for organising the umpires for our County events.



### Mentoring

East Essex have now held the Reaccreditation Course for Mentors as well as Coaching Course for B to A umpires. I am pleased to say that we are now moving towards recruiting more Mentors and welcome those that would like to help our new IOA and C award umpires. A course was held on Monday 11 June in Chelmsford for active C award umpires who would like to become Mentors. Additionally, if you are a new umpire looking for mentoring please get in contact with me

Sue Wilkinson [susan.dr.wilkinson@gmail.com](mailto:susan.dr.wilkinson@gmail.com)

### The success continues...

#### Schools and Clubs Competition Report



I am pleased to report successes from both our Club players and Schools in East Essex.

Sue Wilkinson  
[susan.dr.wilkinson@gmail.com](mailto:susan.dr.wilkinson@gmail.com)

#### East Essex Clubs: -

<u>Age group</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Runner up</u>
Under 14	Brookshaw	Flames
Under 16	Eastwood	Tegate

#### East Essex Schools




<u>Age group</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Runner up</u>
Under 14	Southend High	Chigwell
Under 16	Brentwood	Southend High
Under 19	SEEVIC	New Hall

**Congratulations to Southend High and SEEVIC who went on to National Finals**

#### Essex Schools Competition

<u>Age group</u>	<u>Winners</u>
Year 7	Woodlands
Under 14	Forest
Under 16	Southend U16
Under 19	Barking Abbey



<p><b>And over to the adults..</b></p>	<p><b>The East Regional Club's League (RCL)</b></p>
	<p>The RCL is a highly competitive league offering great matches for the Region's best players. Winners of Division One gain automatic entry into the National Premier League Play Offs. The league comprises of 3 divisions of eight teams playing on a home and away format. Many congratulations to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tegate who finished 6th place in Division One</li> <li>• Eastwood who finished 7th place in Division One</li> <li>• Billericay finished 2nd place in Division Three and will be promoted to the second division</li> </ul> <p>Congratulations to all</p>
	<p><b>Netball Super League (NSL)</b></p> <p>Congratulations to Billericay who finished 4<sup>th</sup> in Division 3 of the Premier League</p>
	<p><b>The East Essex 'Family'</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change of President - I extend special thanks to Beryl Webb who has held the role of President these past three years. Beryl you have been a wonderful and supportive President, we all thank you for fulfilling this role with great esteem. We're very proud of you. We welcome Janice Bannister who has gratefully accepted this responsibility from Beryl. Janice, we wish you well.</li> <li>• We are delighted to invite Jean Hamblyn to our team of Life Members in recognition of her past services to East Essex Netball</li> <li>• We were all sad to say Goodbye to Zoe Lynch, our NDO, who left us to take on a new role working with England Table Tennis. Zoe is doing very well and says to be remembered to you all. The great news is that Louise Davey has taken up the role and promises to be another great asset to the Netball Team here in East Essex. A huge welcome to you Louise.</li> <li>• Last, but not least, I would like to thank the numerous volunteers who 'get roped' in to undertake County activities – you know who you are - "Thank you for giving up your time too"</li> </ul>



- Goalden Globes nominations – (Members of East Essex nominated for an England Award for voluntary services)

✓ Mandy Hales	Muriel McNally
✓ Jackie Webb	Unsung Hero
✓ Corinne Rawlings	Mary Bulloch
✓ Sue Simpson	Teacher
✓ Laura Townsend	Teacher

I'd like to wish this year's nominees the very best of luck at the East Regional Goalden Globe Award Ceremony on 14 July 2018

### **Essex Netball Development:**

I would like to start by thanking everyone at East Essex for being so welcoming and assisting me in my first few months. I have thoroughly enjoyed my start as Essex netball Development Officer and hope to continue helping develop the netball in this great county.

We have had a successful few months with new and existing programmes. Starting with Walking Netball, we have had three new sessions that have started since March. These are as follows.

### **Swan walking Netball**



These sessions now run every Friday at Lord Butler Leisure Centre.

Time: 10am-11am

Cost: £3

The first session was really successful with 20 Ladies in attendance. The hosts at the session made it really fun and all ladies left with smiles.

### **Clements Hall Leisure Centre**

These sessions now run every Thursday 9:30am-10:30am run by Sally Jackson. These ladies are given a free tea or coffee after each session.



Cost: £5 for Non-members £3.50 for members

Basildon Sporting Village

Basildon Sporting village have added their second walking netball session. This started as 3 pilot sessions but proved successful, so the leisure facility continued them.

This additional session now runs every Monday 12:45pm – 1:45pm

Cost: £3.50 including free tea and coffee after the session.

Day	Monday			Tuesday		Thursday					Friday		Saturday
Where	Southend Tennis and Leisure Centre	Essex University Wivenhoe	Basildon Sporting Village	Blackwater Leisure Centre – Maldon	Braintree – Alec Hunter School	Clements Hall Leisure Centre-Hawkwell	Chelmsford Sport & Athletic Centre	Basildon Sporting Village	Marks Hall Harlow	Clacton Leisure Centre	Lord Butler Leisure Centre-Saffron Walden	Waterside Farm Leisure Centre	Braintree – Alec Hunter School
When	8pm-9pm	11am-12pm	12:45pm-1:45pm	6pm-7pm	8pm-9pm	9:30am-10:30am	9.55am-10.55am	9:45am-11:15am	11am-12pm	11am-12pm	10am – 11am	10am-11am	10am – 11am
Cost	£3	£3	£3.50 (Tea and coffee included)	TBC (starting 12 <sup>th</sup> June)	£2	£5 Non-members £3.50 Members	£3 (session is currently at full capacity)	£4 (Tea and coffee included)	£2	£2.50	£3	£3	£2



I have also Provisional booked a Back to Netball Festival for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July. This will be held at Writtle college 10am – 2pm.

Day	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Friday
Where	Southend Tennis and Leisure Centre- Eastern Ave, SS2 4FA	Manningtree Sports Centre- Colchester Road, CO11 2BN	Blackwater Leisure Centre- Maldon Park Drive, CM9 5UR	Clacton- On- Sea Leisure Centre- Vista Road, CO15 6DB	Mountfitchet Romeera Leisure Centre – Stansted- Forest Hall Rd, CM24 8TZ	Eastwood Academy - Rayleigh Rd, SS9 5UU	Eastwood Academy- Rayleigh Rd, SS9 5UU	Lord Butler Leisure Centre- Saffron Walden- Peaslands Rd, CB11 3EG	Brightlingsea Sports Centre- Church Rd, CO7 0QL
When	7pm – 8pm	6:30pm-7:30pm	7:30pm-8:30pm	5:30pm- 6:30pm	7pm- 8pm	8:15pm- 9:15pm	7pm – 8pm	10am – 11am	6pm-7pm
Cost	£3	£4	TBC- Starting 12 <sup>th</sup> June	£3	£4	£2	£2	£4	£3

### Netball Youth Camp



I have also provisional booked a Netball Youth Camp to be held in the county, but the details are not yet confirmed. At the moment I am hoping to host this at Braintree Sport and Health Club on the 30<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August. It will hopefully run 10-3 and will be for 11-16 year olds. I am just awaiting confirmation from the venue for this to be published.

**UKCC Level 1 course** - planned for delivery in Essex in September 2018

To finish up I would just like to thank you all again for welcoming me and continue to look forward to working with you all. If you have any enquires or need my help with anything please feel free to contact me. In case you do not have my contact details they are email- [Louise.davey@englandnetball.co.uk](mailto:Louise.davey@englandnetball.co.uk) phone- 07545924991.

Thanks Louise.

Phew, that just about covers everything!

Overall, East Essex has had another successful year and I hope it will continue

Just leaves me to repeat my thanks to everyone and wish you all an enjoyable summer. See you next season.

Dawn Bullimore

## ESSEX THURROCK

### 1. **General**

This year has seen a growth in numbers within our small area of Essex in both our junior and senior leagues, we are very small in comparison to other counties with just one senior league (80 teams) and one junior league (66 teams) with 3 CAPS clubs, so unique, but this does not stop us from continuing to grow and flourish.

We went into our year with a depleted committee after a difficult time but after appeals to our members we started the year with a full committee enabling us to deliver not only two full seasons of netball, winter and summer but also:

- B2N
- Netball Now
- Handicap rally
- Two award presentation evenings
- Game Management course
- IO Course
- Increased members using Facebook
- Updated Website

### 2. **Membership**

We have 36 clubs within our league, our membership stands at 1440 members, 837 over 18 and 603 under 16, this includes 244 second claim members.

### 3. **NDO**

We hold a six-week session of both B2N and Netball Now during the school holidays in July/August, last year saw quite a poor attendance of only just 26 participants for B2N, however we fared much better in our Netball Now sessions, with over 400 attendees. Our NDO Jodie Pearce was only recently appointed we have started working with her and look forward to our joint partnership.

### 4. **Coaching**

We have several members working towards both their UKCC level 1 and level 2 coaching awards, we offer and have awarded bursaries in both coaching and officiating to our members. We also held a coaching course in June in collaboration with benecosMavericks.

## **5. Schools**

We had representatives for both U14 and U16 from William Edwards and St Clere's, although they were unable to go forward to the National finals we congratulate them on winning our County rounds.

## **6. Special Mentions**

We annually have two players within our senior league nominated by umpires at each match as player, Lyndsey Nicholls and Ria Briggs were successful Summer 2017 and Winter 2017/18, they were presented with trophies at our awards evening. We also awarded two of our volunteers, Anne Goodman and Donna Eagling with a plaque and £250 each to be spent on anything relating to netball in recognition of the great work ALL our volunteers do in the County, this is awarded in memory of Marlene Morton-Holmes who sadly passed away in 2010. We have sponsored a benecosMavericks player this year, Ellie Kelk.

Two of our longest standing committee members have retired this year, Carol Shaughnessy and Barbara Verlander, each with over 30 years of commitment and dedication to netball in Thurrock, they were presented with gifts at the annual AGM in June and will be sorely missed.

## **7. Closing comments**

It is with regret that I will no longer stand as Chair for SETNA, it has been an honour and a privilege to serve its members since 2011, but a massive thank you as always to those who volunteer tirelessly in all aspects of Netball to deliver netball in our County, I want to say a huge thank you on behalf of SETNA members to its retiring committee members and welcome to our newly elected committee members.

**Donna Eagling**

## HERTFORDSHIRE

I must start this report by saying that we have all missed our chair, Janice Cook, who sadly passed away last November. She gave a huge amount of her time and enthusiasm to Hertfordshire netball and her legacy lives on.

Although this last year has been a difficult one, I have done my best to fill the gap left by Janice in my role as Vice-Chair and I continue as Treasurer. I have been ably supported by the county Technical Support Group leads. We have been lucky to have Becky Gray (our ex NDO) join us as County Secretary as well as Florrie Jones as our Development Officer. Both have been a great support to us all.

National Schools U14 winners – Berkhamsted School

National Clubs U16 winners – Turnford

National Clubs U14 runner-up – Turnford & 4<sup>th</sup> place - Hatfield

### Membership

- 95 affiliated clubs + 4 YPGs
- 4661 affiliated members including 2000 under 14s
- 11 adult leagues
- 1 new junior league
- 2 teams in EN Premier league
- 7 teams in East Region league

### NDO Information

- Support for our 19 CAPs clubs - 2 new applications made
- Support for Junior Clubs
- 900 new participants via Back to Netball, Walking Netball, Netball Now & I Heart Netball leagues (2 leagues)
- 20 Back to Netball groups
- 12 Walking Netball groups
- 4 Netball Now sessions
- Mixed Workplace Netball league launched in April 2018 (12 teams entered)
- All with the support of Lucy Ponting our NDCC

### Performance/Academies

- County & Satellite academies
- 75 girls on the pathway
- 11 girls selected to be in Mavericks, London Pulse or Wasps franchises
- Satellite & County tournaments attended
- 265 girls have applied for next season's pathway, the highest amount ever!

### Coaching

- Our grant scheme has this year awarded 2 Level 2 and 4 Level 1 contributions

- Numerous other applications agreed, awaiting completion of the courses
- Level 1 course to be held in St Albans in September/October

### **Schools**

- Under 14s Winners Berkhamsted, Runners-up Presdales
- Under 16s Winners St Edmunds College, Runners-up Berkhamsted
- Under 19s Winners St Albans High School for Girls, Runners-up Berkhamsted
- Berkhamsted School went on to be U14 National Schools Champions!
- New Schools County Cup introduced with Cup & Plate competitions for Years 8, 10 & Senior group
- Herts Emerging Schools tournament continues for schools not entering the main County Schools competition

### **Special Mentions**

- At Herts AGM our award winners are as follows:-  
Helen Swain – contribution to a Herts league  
Bishops Stortford league – most qualified umpires  
Tring Tornadoes – Nextgen club's award  
Jessica Baird – Coach award  
June Griffith – Umpire award  
Jenni List – Youth volunteer award  
Karen Cartwright – Administrator award
- A special mention for Beryl Davy who is standing down as Chair of Bishops Stortford league after 30 years and 70 years involvement in netball as a volunteer, player, coach and umpire. Well done Beryl!
- I am delighted to report that we have appointed a new Chair at our AGM, Cathy Williams, who we welcome to our county committee.

### **Christine Beasley**



## NORFOLK

Norfolk has enjoyed another hectic and busy year. With weather conditions being so varied games have had to be called off and rearranged on several occasions but nothing seems to deter netballers, games must go on. This spirit runs through our committee too. I am increasingly aware of the pressures put on our volunteers who keep giving hours of their precious time to ensure that we can all continue to play, officiate, coach and enjoy our wonderful sport. Without these dedicated people Netball events wouldn't take place so again, as always, I must extend a huge thankyou to our army of volunteers. So many people gain a great deal of pleasure from being part of our Netball family but in comparison to the number of players to the number of people willing to support us by volunteering to help, you must realise that we need more willing bodies. Too many sit back and take but are not willing to give back!

### Membership

1. 75 clubs
2. 1847 Members first and second claim
3. 643 under 18's
4. Lowestoft League has 8 clubs
5. Norwich – has 41 this includes all Norfolk United and Thoroughbreds clubbed together under one club
6. South Norfolk – 6 clubs
7. West Norfolk – 17 clubs
8. North Norfolk – are made up of the Norwich League

### Junior Leagues

	No. of teams	Affiliated players
Norfolk United	16	367
Thoroughbreds	5	90
Trowse	2	45

### RCC/PREM LEAGUE

Thoroughbreds ER 1 1<sup>st</sup>  
ER 2 2<sup>nd</sup>

Norfolk United National Prem League 3 5<sup>th</sup>  
ER 1 4<sup>th</sup>  
ER 2 4<sup>th</sup>

### NDO

Our NDO has again been very busy and has had her hours extended but she still exceeds the time she is expected to work.

### Other news

- Back to Netball League started at East Anglia Tennis and Squash Club
- Junior indoor league for under 11 and under 12 teams at the UEA
- Summer and winter Netball Now sessions
- Work place challenge tournament
- This Girl Can tournament
- Walking Netball tournaments
- Back to Netball sessions in Norwich, Stalham and Wymondham
- 2 x Back to Netball teams and 1 Walking Netball team played at the Copper Box before the Mavericks and Team Bath game
- County High 5 tournament
- Junior coaching at Wymondham Leisure Centre
- Students from Wymondham College supported the High 5 netball tournament and attended an Into Officiating course. Students from Norwich School umpired at the High 5 tournament

A huge thank you to all the Back to Netball coaches, Walking Netball hosts, all the volunteer umpires, scorers and officials who helped to make these events a success.

During the 2017/18 financial year we have run the following programmes which has resulted in a total of 1099 participants. The table below shows the number of programmes run, participants engaged in this financial year, which of those participants were new to netball (had not played in the previous 12 months prior to joining) against the target for the financial year.

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Number of programmes delivered/institutions worked with</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>	<b>Number new to netball (if applicable)</b>	<b>New to netball target</b>
<b>Back to Netball</b>	4	68	59	50
<b>Back to Netball/Walking Netball sessions</b>	6	394	185	150
<b>Netball Now</b>	2	88	27	19
<b>School Games</b>	1	310		
<b>Walking Netball</b>	19	193	137	100

### Performance Academies

Satellite squad. 40 years 6, 7 and 8

County academy. 20 years 9, 10 and 11

We have competed in two satellite academy tournaments.

Our year 7 athletes took part in a tournament run by Suffolk and finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 12.

Norfolk have trialed a pilot county academy league with other counties in the east. This allowed athletes to perform in a competitive situation. Next season the fixtures will be additional to training.

### **Norfolk Representation**

We progressed 7 County Academy athletes into the Mavericks Futures Programme last September. Amelia Barclay, Eliza Barclay and Isla McLaren have been members of the Mavericks Under17's squad this season. Eliza was named as captain. Former county athlete Caity Rump, has also been an integral member of the Under19 Maverick squad. County athlete Chloe Webb, has been playing East Region for Norfolk United.

### **Moving Forwards**

We will be introducing some new "Hub academies" for 2018/19 for years 5 and 6. There will be one in the North South East West and Central to engage athletes from the more rural areas. 20 at each location.

### **NORFOLK SCHOOLS**

Schools Netball continues to flourish with all areas running leagues and tournaments. The private sector continues to dominate which is something the schools committee are trying to address. They need to encourage more state schools to really push our sport but this may prove difficult. However, our teams did well at the East Region finals.

	<b>U14</b>	<b>U16</b>	<b>U19</b>
<b>Winners</b>	Norwich Girls	Norwich School	Norwich School
<b>Runner Up</b>	Framlingham Earl	Wymondham College	Greshams

**Anne Harper**

## SUFFOLK

### **Volunteering TSG**

As ever Suffolk are supported by many enthusiastic volunteers which enables clubs to progress on and off the court.

It's good to see more young people getting involved with officiating and coaching and many of our youngsters are also

Registering with England Netball's volunteering programme Pass on your Passion. Some young volunteers are also registering with Suffolk Sport's Top Leader programme too. Both programmes acknowledge the generous work these promising young people offer to Netball in Suffolk.

### **Performance**

The 2017-2018 season has been another fantastic year for Suffolk's Academy athletes. In September a number of our County Academy girls trialled for Mavericks with amazing results.

3 athletes were offered a place in the Maverick U17 squad and 13 girls in Maverick Futures. We had not anticipated this success and this proved to be challenging for the coaches with our County Academy numbers then depleted. Athletes had to be moved up from the levels below.

This was the first year the East Region ran a County Academy league. The new County squad applied themselves throughout the season and went on to win the league. A superb achievement considering the changes with the athletes at the start of the season.

The County girls had the opportunity to regularly work as team in the division one Colchester league. This enabled them to apply the skills learned in the Academy as a team unit. We believe this also attributed to the success in the County league this year.

The Satellite girls have also had a good year and enjoyed some success at the festivals. In October at the festival in Bedfordshire, Suffolk Gold team were undefeated and at the festival in February they came 2<sup>nd</sup>. The future looks promising for these girls.

We are currently in the trial process for the 2018 season. Following the England Netball review this year, they recommended a change in age bandings. Where possible we will try to adhere to the guidelines and run Satellite with year 7/8's, and County year 9 and above. We do not understand the reason for the age adjustment and feel it does not benefit late developers.

### **NDO Annual Report**

#### **Playing the game & competition**

##### **Schools:**

- Primary schools affiliations have increased from 64 to 78 but Secondary Schools have decreased from 40 to 30.
- School Games Netball finals are due to be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017. 15 schools across the county. 24 Youth Umpires provided from Ipswich School helped to officiate the finals.

### **Club Development**

- Collegiate Netball Club, Newmarket Netball Club and Suffolk Rockets were all newly affiliated clubs to Suffolk this year, Collegiate with a large junior section including High 5 teams.
- Wattisham NC achieved Bronze CAPS status.
- Orwell NC and Collegiate are both working towards Bronze CAPS status
- Ipswich Ladies and Finborough retained their Silver CAPS status
- The junior section in the South Suffolk League continues to grow with more and more teams entering, they now have two junior divisions.

### **B2N Team/Section**

- Successful B2N sessions ran in Hadleigh, Newmarket and Beccles.
- Back to Netball Tournament held in October and February with 5 and 6 teams entered into each one.
- Back to Netball session launched in Ipswich, however this was not very successful. More work needed to establish this with regular coach and venue needed.

### **Higher Education**

- Little work was done this year with this age group. Plans for next year are in place working with Suffolk Sport to deliver.

### **Community Netball**

- Netball Now – Ipswich, Westbourne another successful year, 77 (up from 74) netballers attending the Ipswich session and 41 (up from 20) at the Bury Session. Sudbury League also ran Netball now programme in their gap in the season but still waiting for the numbers for those sessions.
- Back to Netball – five sessions;  
Hadleigh – 49 attendees  
Bury (Culford) – Still waiting info  
Bury (Skyliner) – 12  
Bury (Thurston) – still waiting info  
Newmarket – 12
- B2N festival ran on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at St Joe's, 5 teams entered with 50 participants and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018 with 6 teams entered and 60 participants.
- High 5 League started with 3 fixture meetings per term. Total of 7 clubs involved with approximately 15 teams playing. Will be creating a permanent High 5 League based at Needham Market courts on a bi-weekly basis.

### **Education & Training Coach Development**

- Worked with Suffolk Sport to deliver at Suffolk Show, School Games and Leadership Days for youth umpires.

- Ran three workshops – “Coaching Masterclass” with Maggie Jackson which was a success, High 5, also successful and the new Key Stage 3 workshop, which was oversubscribed.
- Five Netball coaches through the Suffolk Sport TopCoach Academy Programme.
- Working with the Coaching TSG Lead to develop coaches in Suffolk further and encourage more people into coaching.

### **Committee liaison**

- Attended Suffolk AGM and meetings throughout the year when available
- Produced and distributed Suffolk Newsletter on quarterly basis
- Continue to manage NDO social media pages and assist with Suffolk Netball website
- Provide regular updates with my activity and attend the committee meetings

### **Schools/Club Competition Report**

#### **Schools**

The Suffolk Schools Round took place on 11 November 2017 with a great turnout.

The results from the day were;

- U14 Winner Ipswich School, Runner up Culford
- U16 Winner Culford, Runner up Royal Hospital School
- U19 Winner Thurston, Runner up St Josephs

These schools progressed through to the regional round held at Stanborough School, Herts on 27 January 2018. Unfortunately, none of the County’s schools were placed but did well in their groups. Preparations are already underway for next seasons school round to take place on 10 November 2018.

#### **Under 14/16 Clubs Competition**

This year’s tournament was well supported once again from clubs within the CAPS system, well done to Ipswich Ladies and Thetford Netball club who represented the under 16’s and Ipswich Civil Service and Thetford Netball clubs who represented the under 14’s in the Regional Tournament.

#### **Pre-Entry for Regional League**

This year we only had two clubs that wanted to see if they could get into Regional League Division 3, the game was tightly fought and had to go into extra time. Congratulations to Thetford Netball Club but were once again unfortunate not to gain entry.

#### **Communications and Marketing**

The new Communications and Marketing Chair has set up a new website for Suffolk Netball Association – [SuffolkNetballAssociation.weebly.com](http://SuffolkNetballAssociation.weebly.com) and an email address – [SuffolkNetball@gmail.com](mailto:SuffolkNetball@gmail.com) which is monitored regularly.

#### **Gwen Foster**

**EAST REGION NETBALL ASSOCIATION*****Income and Expenditure Account for the Year 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017***

	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2015/16</u>
<b><i>Income</i></b>		
Affiliations		
Member clubs and schools	15,841	14,590
Bank Interest	11	14
Sundry Income		
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>15,852</u>	<u>14,604</u>
<b><i>Expenses</i></b>		
Postage/ Stationary	13	81
Officers Travel	168	153
Regional Management Board	796	948
Technical Support Groups	1,876	2,371
Affiliations	36	36
Conference, AGM & Goalden Globes	2,203	949
Website & software costs	303	14
Miscellaneous	0	150
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<u>5,395</u>	<u>4,702</u>
Net Surplus before Special Items	10,457	9,902
<b><i>Special Items</i></b>		
Umpiring (Note 6)	-278	-159
Umpire mentoring	-1,414	-1,358
Schools (Note 1)	-133	-278
Contribution to Mavericks	-1,500	-1,250
Coaching expenditure	0	-123.9
Competitions (note 5)	-774	-279
Talent Scouting	-214	-166
Workshops		
Regional Talent programmes (Note 2)	14,840	3,390
Amount set aside for UKCC award grants	-1,500	-1,500
Assessor grants paid out	0	-390
Amounts transferred to Hardship	0	-200
	<u>9,027</u>	<u>-2,314</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>	19,484	7,588
Transfer to Performance Reserve	<u>-14,840</u>	<u>-3,390</u>
Transfer to/(from) General Reserve	4,644	4,198

## EAST REGION NETBALL ASSOCIATION

### Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>General Reserve</b>		
Opening Balance	18,783	14,585
Surplus / Deficit for the year	4,644	4,198
Closing General Reserve	23,427	18,783
<b>Grant Scheme Reserve</b>		
Opening Balance	3,928	3,810
Transfer from Income and Expenditure	1,500	1,500
Less Grants paid out	-1,525	-1,382
Closing Balance	3,903	3,928
<b>Hardship Reserve</b>		
Opening Balance	1,500	1,500
Payments made	0	-200
transfers from Income and	0	200
	1,500	1,500
<b>Performance Reserve</b>		
Opening Balance	18,643	15,253
Transfer of unused funds/	14,840	3,390
	33,483	18,643
<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>	<b>£62,313</b>	<b>£42,854</b>
<b>Represented by</b>		
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Computer Equipment	400	
Debtors and prepayments (Note 3)	10,038	4,342
Less Creditors (Note 4)	-10,936	-14,217
	-898	-9,875
Cash at Bank Current Accounts	20,401	10,329
Deposit Account	42,410	42,400
	62,811	52,729
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>£62,313</b>	<b>£42,854</b>



## Notes to the Accounts

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>1 Regional Round of National Schools 2016/17</u>		
Entries	2,535	2,400
Concession Income	-	36
Courts inc St John's		
Ambulance	993	770
Umpires & Expenses	1,675	1,568
Miscellaneous Exp	-	376
	<u>2,668</u>	<u>2,714</u>
Net Income	<u>-£ 133</u>	<u>-£ 278</u>

### 2 Talent Programmes

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Regional Screening</u>		
<u>Regional Talent 2016/17</u>	0	-547
<u>Income</u>		
Player fees	22,307	18,384
Grants from England	12,500	12,500
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Coaches Fees and Travel expenses	12,411	13,128
Inter Regional events	-735	4,259
Venue Hire	7,712	9,560
Kit for players	-	-
Summer workshops	579	-
	<u>-19,967</u>	<u>-26,947</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	14,840	3,937
Creation of performance reserve		
Total Surplus	<u>£ 14,840</u>	<u>£3,390</u>

### 3 Debtors & Prepayments

Within Debtors is a Loan to Mavericks Netball Association Limited amounting to £10,000. This amount was repaid in full on 2nd October 2017.

### 4 Creditors

#### *Includes*

Advance affiliation payments received from clubs and schools  
Cash received for league entries and umpire costs for 2017/18

5 Competition account

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Regional leagues</b>		
Entries	540	658
Other income	55	
<b>Expenses</b>		
Expenses	-	-364
	<u>595</u>	<u>294</u>
<b>Under 14/16</b>		
Entries	1,150	1,300
Concession income		
	<u>1,150</u>	<u>1,300</u>
Venue	835	780
Workforce	1,125	670
Expenses	278	323
	<u>2,238</u>	<u>1,773</u>
	-1,088	-473
<b>RCL Entry</b>		
Entries	100	120
Expenses	-300	-220
	<u>-200</u>	<u>-100</u>
<b>Walking Netball</b>		
Entries	470	-
Expenses	-551	-
	<u>-81</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<u><u>-£774</u></u>	<u><u>-£279</u></u>

6 Umpiring

Test fees		
B	455	315
Less Test Expenses	-413	-552
	<u>42</u>	<u>-237</u>
Tester		
Reaccreditation programme	-142	214
Courses	-178	-136
	<u><u>-£278</u></u>	<u><u>-£159</u></u>

## 7 Grant scheme

During the year the Region made 32 awards of grants totalling £1,525 (2016 £1,808) to support coaches on the UKCC level 1 and 2 courses, including Level 2 upgrades.

## 8 Future Liabilities

As at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017, the Region had sanctioned a further 28 grants applications totalling £1,843. These grants will be paid over the course of the next 12 months.

The funds represented by any grants that lapse during the course of the year will be reallocated to other new applicants.

## 9 Other Funds

### *Chris Harpham Memorial Fund*

The Region received a bequest from the estate of Chris Harpham of £5,000 to be used as the Region thought fit. The Management Board considered the options and decided that the funds would be held and used to provide a trophy and an annual bursary for a Young Volunteer (under 25) to assist that person with their volunteering role. As at the year end the funds held were £3,672 (2016 £3,772) .

These funds are not shown in the accounts

## 10 Post Balance Sheet Events

### *Performance Reserve*

Under direction from England Netball, the responsibility of running the Regional Performance Academies passed to Mavericks Netball Limited (Mavericks) on 1st August 2017.

The Management Board decided that the Performance Reserve be transferred to Mavericks in tranches, and under specific conditions.

As at 30th June 2018 £25,000 has been transferred to Mavericks Netball Limited.