



# REGIONAL OFFICER NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the March Badminton England Regional Officer newsletter for Devon. This newsletter will provide you with details of my work as well as news and information which I feel may be of interest to you. It is produced on a monthly basis at the start of each month. I would welcome any feedback you have so please contact me if you would like to offer your opinions. Please distribute to anyone else you feel may be interested.

## COMMUNITY BADMINTON NETWORKS (TORBAY & EXETER)

Torbay Community badminton Network has now received its funding and projects are ready to commence, these include disability sessions, additional junior sessions and a No Strings Badminton programme linked to one of the club. We will begin promoting the sessions once start dates are finalised so look out for more information coming soon. The delivery plan for the Exeter CBN is just being finalised and we have also received the funding to run a number of activities. These will include expanding the school sport coaching programme, increasing capacity at the junior club and running some pay and play sessions.

I have now held a number of initial meetings with key partners in Plymouth and over the coming month I will be looking to meet with the clubs in the area to discuss plans.

## DOUBLE CELEBRATIONS FOR DEVON RACQUETEERS BC



4 players from the Devon Racqueteers badminton Club travelled to Scotland for the 4 Nations Disability Championships and returned with 4 Gold and 1 Silver medal. In the men's singles class 2 an all Racqueteers final resulted in a win for Rowen Crossman who beat David Follett 2 nil. In the men's doubles Follett and Crossman beat the no1 seeds 2 games to 1 and Follett with his partner Bernadette O'Driscoll won the mixed doubles 2 games to nil. David Crossman reached the semi-final of the men's singles class 3 and Paul Gray who has been playing for less than 4 months made the semi-finals of the singles and doubles. Well done to all players on a fantastic achievement. The club are also celebrating after securing £9,975 from Sport England Small Grants Scheme to put towards new equipment, attending competitions and coaching courses. The money will make a huge difference to the club and I look forward to reporting more from them in coming months.

## UPCOMING COACHING COURSES

We will be holding a Level 1 coaching course in Tavistock on 2nd, 9th and 16th May 2010. Course details are just being finalised but you will soon be able to access booking forms and dates from the link below.

There is also a Level 2 course taking place over the border in Cornwall at Saints Gym, St Austell on 3rd, 4th April and the 17th April 2010 with the assessment day taking place on 29th May 2010. For details of both courses including eligibility, cost and booking forms then please [click here](#)



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## DEVON COUNTY BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to the Devon U13's who took part in the U13' National Team Challenge at Hatfield at the end of February. A total of 36 counties entered and 12 teams made it through to the finals with Devon coming 8th out of the 12 teams. One of their matches was against Yorkshire and Devon beat them, a real achievement for the team.

Congratulations to the whole team on a fantastic achievement. The team were Ben Lane, Alistair Prades, Callum Owens, Charlie Otto, Sophie Laidler, Victoria Prouse, Caty Weiner, Hannah Down and Lauren Elliot. Remember you can also view further information on the [Devon County Badminton Association website](#).



## CLUBMARK CLUBS CAN NOW COLLECT SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Those clubs who have achieved Badminton England 's Premier Club (or formerly Silver Club) accreditation can now collect Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers to exchange for equipment for your junior teams. From now until 8th June Sainsbury's shoppers can earn Active Kids vouchers for every £10 they spend in a main store (or every £5 spent in Sainsbury's Locals), at Sainsbury's petrol stations or online at [sainsburys.co.uk](http://sainsburys.co.uk). These vouchers can be donated to your club for you to redeem for any of the products featured in the Active Kids 2010 catalogue. Any Premier Club who wants to take part will need to register by calling the Active Kids helpline on 0844 415 8440.

For more details please visit the [Sainsbury's website](#).



## QUEENS BC AND PERFORMANCE CENTRE

Queens BC have recently undergone a series of changes to improve their coaching delivery to the selected performance players, training within the performance centre. Sessions have now begun to take place mid-week during the evenings to allow players to train during the week and then compete at the weekends. Helen Ward (Head Coach) would like to welcome any player with the desire and performance level, within the area who would like to consider accessing some of these performance centre sessions. If you are interested in finding out more about the performance centre programme and coaching, then please contact Helen on [h.l.ward@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:h.l.ward@exeter.ac.uk) or 07764189880. You can also visit the [Queens BC website](#) for more details.

Any feedback on the newsletter would be gratefully received. Its purpose is to inform clubs on the work of the Regional Officer, any BADMINTON England initiatives, local activities and funding information as well as any other news which may be of interest. It is important that it is of benefit to clubs and coaches so any views and opinions are welcome particularly around what information you would like the newsletter to contain. If clubs have any events, activities or news they would like included in the newsletter then please e mail me by 20th of each month.