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Welcome to the February 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)

The second meeting of the Torbay Community Badminton Network was held in January. Planned projects include: Disability sessions, a programme at Hele Village, a possible women's and girls badminton session and a No Strings Badminton Session. Projects are due to start in March and further details will be available as soon as the programme is finalised.

The Exeter CBN held its first meeting in January and a number of exciting projects are in the pipeline as a result. A delivery plan is currently being written and activities will commence around April time. Once a programme is confirmed in Torbay and Exeter further information will be made available.

I will begin working in Plymouth and the West Devon area from late February onwards.



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CHULMLEIGH BADMINTON CLUB TASTER SESSIONS

Chulmleigh Badminton Club will be running some taster sessions and also a BISI festival during February.

The BISI festival will take place on Saturday 6th February from 10am-2pm at Chulmleigh Leisure Centre. It is aimed at juniors aged 5 –11 and costs £1 per person. All equipment is provided and there is no need to book but if you would like further information please phone 01884 860561.

The club will also be running some junior taster sessions for 4 weeks starting Saturday 13th February with ages 5-8 from 10am-11am and ages 9-11 from 11am-12pm, All equipment is provided but please ensure you wear suitable footwear. The cost is £10 per person for the whole 4 weeks and booking is essential. To book and for more information please call 01884 860561.

SKILLS ACTIVE FUNDING

Your club could gain between £500 and £1000 to up skill your coaches and volunteers through funding from Skill Active. Clubs can apply for funding to train coaches and volunteers in a range of areas including Safeguarding and Protecting Children, Equity, Funding or you can also put together a bespoke package of badminton specific training such as paying for coaching master classes or trips to visit high performance coaches. You can also use the funding to access most of the Active Devon club and coach development packages. The only courses you cannot fund is a UKCC Level 1 or UKCC Level 2 in badminton. If you think your club could benefit from this then please contact me for further details.



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DEVON COUNTY BADMINTON ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

The Devon county Badminton Association website contains a wealth of useful information on upcoming tournaments, county training sessions, leagues, development news as well as information about Devon Schools Badminton Association.

The website is regularly updated and is an excellent first point of contact if you are looking for any information relating to badminton in Devon. As well as links to league websites, you can also find previous editions of my newsletter and in the coming months will find more information about some of the projects we have planned in Devon.

Visit the website at www.devonbadminton.co.uk



DEVON SPORTS AWARDS—NOMINATE NOW

Nominations are now open for the Devon Sports Awards. The Awards are held each year in order to give recognition of the achievements and successes of the many coaches, teachers and volunteers who give their time freely week in week out for the good of sport in Devon. Please take the time to nominate anyone from your club or county who you feel deserve an award as there are many people involved in badminton across Devon who are worthy of recognition. Last year no one from badminton was nominated so lets make this year different. Nominations can be made online or by paper, please [click here](#) for more information and to make a nomination. Deadline for nominations is Sunday 28th February 2010.

SOUTH WEST REGIONAL PLAN

Our South West Regional Plan was launched back in October at the Team England vs. Japan match at Bath University. It sets out the aims and plans of the South West team over the coming four years and how we plan to increase participation in badminton at grass roots level as well developing talented players. If you have not seen a copy yet then please [click here](#) to view the plan. If you have any questions or queries relating to it or would like a hard copy then please contact me.

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 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.