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Welcome to the April 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 CBN has a number of projects now confirmed to start in the next few weeks.
Wheelchair badminton—Alternate Saturdays from 8th May, 10.30-12.30 at Torquay Community College

No Strings Badminton— Tuesdays from 4th May, 7.30-9.30 at Torquay Boys Grammar School

Within Exeter we are due to be some additional junior coaching sessions on Mondays starting 10th May.

Posters and leaflets will be distributed over the coming weeks so please look out for further details, alternatively please contact me and I can provide you with more information. I have been meeting with Plymouth clubs, if I haven't made contact with you yet then please let me know and I can arrange a visit.

DEVON SPORTS AWARDS



The Annual Devon Sports Awards, organised by Active Devon, took place on Thursday 1st May at Paignton Zoo. A large number of nominations were received and we are pleased to report that Sharon Hawkins won the 'Coach of Disabled Performers' award. Sharon coaches at Devon Racqueteers Wheelchair Badminton Club and we have recently reported on the successes of the club. Sharon helps coach players with a wide range of disabilities of which 5 have represented England at the 4 Nations Disabled Badminton Championships, bringing home a number of Gold and Silver medals. Sharon is the backbone of a hugely progressive club who have recently been awarded a significant amount of Sport England funding. Congratulations to Sharon on a fantastic achievement.

YOUNG OFFICIALS TUTOR TRAINING COURSE AVAILABLE



Would you like to become a tutor for the Young Officials course? We are holding a tutor training course on Saturday 15th May at the Cranford Sports Club, Exmouth. The course is free of charge and is on offer to potential tutors across the whole of the South West. In order to be eligible you must be either a level 1 coach or a fully qualified teacher, there are further criteria so please contact me if you are interested in attending the training.

We are also looking for potential tutors to complete some training in order to run both the BISI primary and secondary courses for teachers. We are initially looking for an expression of interest with dates yet to be confirmed. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, or you would like to be informed of any other training which may be available then please contact me.



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DEVON SUCCESS AT U17 INTER COUNTIES TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the U17 Devon team who recently travelled to Nottingham to compete in the Inter Counties Tournament. The team played some fantastic badminton, making it into the top 20 on the first day. Devon were then drawn against Ulster, Leinster, Hampshire and Cheshire. Devon finished 4th in their group leaving them with one more group of matches to play to determine their final placing. The final day they played Suffolk, Dorset and Staffordshire coming second in that group meaning an overall placing of 14th out of 39 which is the best result for a generation. Congratulations to the team of Alex Lane, Luke Bovey, Nick Kellow, Simon Brassington, George Joannou, Alice Feesey, Rowan Despard, Hannah Preece, April Richards, Jenny Maddison, lead coach Jim Feesey and assistant coach Nikita Smethurst.

CENTER PARCS NATIONAL SCHOOLS COMPETITION

In early March the South West Regional Finals of the Center Parcs National Schools Badminton Championships took place at Exeter University. Representing Devon were Chulmleigh Community College, Queen Elizabeth's Community College, Torquay Boys Grammar School and Exmouth Community College. All teams played fantastically well against opposition from across the South West. Chulmleigh came 4th in the KS 3 Girls, Queen Elizabeth's finished runners up in the KS4 Girls. In the boys competition Torquay Boys beat Truro School from Cornwall and Exmouth beat King Arthurs from Somerset to win the regional titles for their age groups and they will now go on to represent their school and Devon at the National finals taking place in Nottingham on 24th and 25th April. Congratulations to all 4 schools on their achievements. Look out for a report on the national finals in next months newsletter

BADMINTON TO BENEFIT FROM NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Young people across England will soon get the chance to join one of 3,000 new after school clubs offering exciting opportunities to play Olympic and Paralympic sports.

Sport England is investing £1 million of National Lottery funding in the new Change 4 Life Sports Clubs. Our investment will help sports governing bodies to deliver the programme and employ and train coaches.

Six million pounds of Government and Lottery funding is being invested to create the network of new clubs in secondary schools and colleges. The clubs will give youngsters of all abilities the opportunity to play a range of Olympic and Paralympic sports which includes badminton. For more information please [click here](#). We hope there may be some clubs set up in Devon and will provide more information when it becomes available.

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.