

REGIONAL OFFICER NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the November 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 NETWORK NEW ACTIVITIES

We are currently looking at setting up some new activities across the CBN areas. In Torbay we are planning on starting a women and girls session at Torbay Leisure Centre, in Exeter we are looking at a family session in Riverside, in West Devon we are planning some activity in Okehampton and in Plymouth we are looking at increasing opportunities for juniors. Details of any new sessions will be made available as soon as they are confirmed but if you are interested in any of these activities or have suggestions of something you would like to see then please contact me.

EXISTING CBN ACTIVITY

- Wheelchair badminton**—2nd and 4th Saturday of the month 10.30-12.30 at Torquay Community College. £3 per session.
- No Strings Badminton**— Saturdays 11-12pm at Plymouth University. £2 per session, just turn up.
- No Strings Badminton** — Tuesdays at St Lukes campus, Exeter University 12-1pm and Tuesdays at Streatham Campus, Exeter University 4-5pm. £2 per session.
- Junior Coaching in Brixham**—Brixham College Sports Hall on Tuesdays from 5-7pm. Cost £2.50 per session. First hour for primary school ages, second hour for secondary school ages.
- Coaching session for Exeter College students**— **DAY CHANGE**: Wednesdays from 5-6pm. Exeter College, cost £2 per person.

DEVON COACHING CONFERENCE

Active Devon are launching the Devon Coaching Conference 2011 in partnership with UCP Marjon, Plymouth to be held on Sunday 27th March 2011. The conference will provide a keynote address, interactive seminars/workshops and observation sessions delivered by high quality coaches in Devon and across the region. A full conference programme with booking information and joining instructions will be available in due course. In the meantime by completing an expression of interest you will qualify to book at the early bird rate of £40.00. This will include all keynotes and workshops as well as a delegate pack and catering. Click [here](#) to complete online registration of interest.

DEVON COACH WINS AT VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Sharon Hawkins the Head Coach of the Devon Racqueteers wheelchair badminton club has won the Devon Community Foundation Volunteer Award for 2010. Sharon who coaches disabled badminton players of all abilities beat off stiff competition to land the award. Sharon has helped to build the club into the largest Wheelchair badminton club in the UK, coached 5 players to represent England at the 4 Nations Disability Championships and helped players to achieve 10 gold and silver medals in national competitions. The Club is open to wheelchair users of all abilities and has been supported with a £3,900 grant from the Foundation to buy two new specialist wheelchairs. Congratulations to Sharon on a fantastic achievement coming just a few months after winning an award at the Active Devon Sports Awards.





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PLYMOUTH & WEST DEVON CBN

Both Plymouth and West Devon CBN's have now had 2 meetings. Within West Devon the priorities have been agreed and we are planning on running an adult programme in Okehampton, increasing the number of level 2 coaches in the area and also linking in with the Active Villages programme to increase opportunities for badminton within village halls.

The plan for Plymouth is still being agreed but we are looking at establishing a new junior section within one of the clubs, work with Ivybridge to increase opportunities for 16+ and increase the number of coaches within the Plymouth area. If anyone is interested in being involved in either West Devon or Plymouth CBN then please contact me.



TORCH TROPHY TRUST BURSARIES

The Torch Trophy Trust is a charitable organisation, whose main aim is to encourage voluntary work in sport and other related outdoor activities within local communities. They offer bursaries of between £100 and £1000 to help volunteers to improve their skills as coaches or officials but are unable to do so without funding. The Bursaries provide financial support for those wishing to undertake training. Bursaries can be applied for by individuals or clubs themselves and must be accompanied by a letter of support from Badminton England which I am able to provide. Application forms and further information can be found by [clicking here](#). Don't forget you can also apply for funding towards coaching courses from Active Devon or Plymouth City Council (for Plymouth residents only). If you would like more information then please contact me.



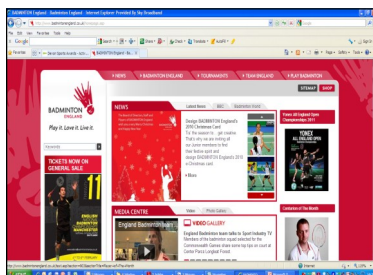
BATS REACCREDITATION AS PREMIER CLUB

Congratulations to BAT's BC who have successfully been recredited as a Premier Club. BAT's first achieved the status in 2006 and this year had to complete the process again to show the club was still a safe, equitable club who have good plans for development. Premier Club also helps clubs when they apply for external funding as it shows they are a well organised club. Congratulations to the club on their achievement. If your club is interested in finding out more about Premier Club then please contact me.



GET YOUR NEWS STORIES IN BADMINTON ENGLAND PUBLICATIONS

Would you like to get your clubs news on the main Badminton England website, in the newsletter or the Courtside magazine? A new e mail address has been created for clubs, counties, schools and coaches to send news articles about the work they have been doing. Each month news sent to this e mail address will be used to collate information for the various Badminton England newsletters and website sections and the team will try to use as many suitable stories as they are able. If you have a story you would like to see included then please send it to community@badmintonengland.co.uk



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.