



# London and South East Netball

## January 2020 Newsletter



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## A Message from the Region

What strange times we find ourselves in. There's no denying that the public health situation has been hard on all of us in some way. Whether that's from illness, isolation, loneliness, lack of loo roll, or just dearly missing being out on court, we have all felt the impact of Covid-19. However, in amongst the noise we have seen some fantastic achievements and brilliant initiatives which we hope will last long after lockdown. From the physical prowess of Swanley Netball Club on #WorkoutWednesdays, to the creativity of Inglis Netball Club with their terrific 'pass it on' challenge, we've loved seeing how everyone is clubbing together (excuse the pun) to inspire positivity in the face of adversity. Together, we shall ensure that Netball is stronger than ever when we're back up and running, and part of that is centred around ensuring the continuing good governance of our region's clubs. To help, England Netball have released some guidance on holding AGMs to ensure the smooth running of clubs at this time.

On behalf of the London & South East Netball Association, we continue to wish you all well and remember, you can always count on us for help or support at any time - Covid-19 or not.

# CAPS

In light of the current and ongoing Coronavirus situation, England Netball has taken the decision to suspend the next CAPS assessment during June 2020.

This decision will mean that some clubs will be unable to submit their information in time to re-accredit in line with the CAPS accreditation timescales. England Netball has also taken the decision to extend the accreditation of all those clubs who were due to re-accredit from 1st March 2020 – 30th June 2020 by 6 months, and those clubs affected will be contacted by England Netball directly. If you are unsure of the expiry date of your CAPS accreditation, please don't hesitate to get in contact with the London & South East Regional office and we can happily advise you.



During this time, we know many clubs may take the opportunity to update areas of their CAPS accreditation in readiness for future assessment dates, hopefully in the autumn. Our network of Netball Development Officers are able to help and support you through this as fully as possible (contact details can be found at the bottom of this Newsletter). There are a small number of elements that are unable to be completed or updated at this point due to the suspension of all netball activity, these include;

- **DBS checks** – find out more [here](#).
- **Site visits**
- **Coach and umpire courses and qualifications**

We will continue to review the situation and clarify if there need to be any further changes in line with Government guidance as soon as possible. In addition, England Netball have set up a [webpage](#) with a range of information specifically for clubs to help support you through the current situation.

## Regional Goalden Globe Volunteer Awards

Nominations for the Regional Goalden Globe Volunteer Awards closed on Sunday 15th March, and we have been blown away by the nominations we have received. Although we have unfortunately had to postpone our Regional Celebration event we are hopeful that we will be able to hold some kind of celebration - in whatever form that may be - when it is safe to do so.



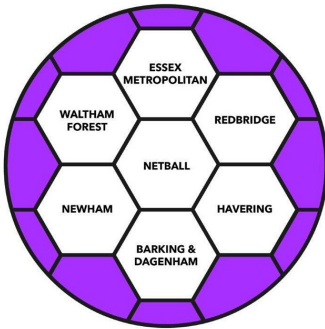
Thank you to those who took the time to submit nominations. Those volunteers who have been nominated for an award will be notified shortly, so keep an eye on your inbox!

## #ClubCorner



We want to hear more from our wonderful Netball family. On the last Friday of every month we're going to be sharing #ClubCorner where we will pick one club to put in the spotlight. If you have something you'd like us to share with the Netball world then get in touch! We want club milestones, success stories, pictures, videos, achievements, shameless plugs and proud moments. If there's something you want to shout about then we want to hear it. Get in touch at [lucy.goodman@englandnetball.co.uk](mailto:lucy.goodman@englandnetball.co.uk) if you'd like to be featured, and keep an eye out later today, Friday 24th April, for our next edition!

## County News - Essex Met



Essex Met are working on a brand new project to collate the history of Essex Metropolitan Netball Association for current, past and future players to enjoy. Part of the history of the Association is centred around clubs that have participated in the league, both past and present, and that is where they would like clubs to join them in this exciting venture!

All Club histories will be kept on a new section of their website as an archive, and will be retained indefinitely.

If you would like your club to be included in this fantastic project then get in touch with Shelley Wyatt (Publicity Officer) on [scwyatt@sky.com](mailto:scwyatt@sky.com).

## County News - Kent



The local netball community across the Canterbury District and beyond were sad to hear of the passing of one of the league's founding members, Margaret Ansted. Margaret and her husband Don formed the first committee of the Canterbury District Netball League beginning with 12 teams in October 1977, and for over 40 years Margaret held many positions on the league committee. Margaret was also responsible for developing netball at the University of Kent, where she was awarded Sportswoman of the Year in 1987 for her commitment to the sport. Margaret had an incredible impact on many, many women in the district who have been able to play local league Netball as a result of her vision to set up a league that is still going strong over 40 years later, and she will be sorely missed. (Margaret, pictured centre below).



## County News - Surrey



Congratulations to the 'Blue Swans' Walking Netball Group who celebrated their 3rd birthday last month. In the true spirit of Walking Netball, the group celebrated with cake, coffee and lots of laughs in between the morning and afternoon sessions at Leatherhead Leisure Centre, before hosting a friendly match with the Burgess Hill Bees Group the following week and raising £100 for Sport Relief!

## County News - Middlesex

The members at Castle Haven in Camden were introduced to Walking Netball for the first time this year. With only a small number making it to the first session, they spent the time learning, remembering and laughing. Over tea and biscuits after the session the ladies exclaimed how they couldn't wait to come again, impressed by how they could still enjoy the exercise and how much fun they had. By the following week the session had doubled in size, and in the third week they had enough interest to form 2 teams! We are so happy we were able to inspire so many to join Walking Netball for the first time and we are looking forward to going back to Castle Haven - the ladies can't wait either!



## News & Opportunities

Below are some opportunities that may be of interest to our Netball family:

- The expression of interest period has been extended for the [England Netball President](#) role.

- **Sport England Club Funding** - This [new fund](#) aims to help community sport organisations who are experiencing short term financial hardship or the ceasing of operations due to the ongoing coronavirus crisis.

- If you would like your club to feature in the **Regional Club Directory** on our website then please complete this quick [form](#).





# Staff Contacts



To keep up to date with everything that is going on in the region, don't forget to follow us on social media – see all socials and contact details on the following pages...

We recently said goodbye to one of our Netball Development Community Coaches, Lucy Hantson, who has left England Netball after 8 years of service. We wish Lucy all the very best for the future and have no doubt we will see her around a netball court soon!

## England Netball London and South East (LSE) Regional Team Who we are and what we do...



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The network support manager provides national, partnership area, project and partnership network support to achieve key outcomes and the 'Your Game, Your Way' strategy.

**Netball Development Officers (NDOs)** work closely with the netballers and partners in the County to develop and deliver a local plan for netball. They focus on: developing netball for children and young people; helping clubs gain CAPS accreditation; organising back to netball groups and festivals; and promoting and organising suitable development opportunities for coaches, officials and volunteers. They also contribute to the planning and organisation of regional events.



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