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This week we hear from Ria Mills at Phoenix Flames Netball Club in Waltham Forest about their quest for sponsorship

DESCRIBE YOUR CLUB IN 3 WORDS



Friendly, Fun, Fabulous!



WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHOUT ABOUT?

Phoenix Flames was officially established in 2012, but we've grown rapidly since the Commonwealth Games of 2018 and now have 100 members - a big difference to the 5 players that would park their cars with their lights on so we could see the court! We are now at a bigger venue with four courts and sessions running at various times to accommodate the different age groups.

Our teams are varied, with some aiming for promotion season after season and other teams learning the trade and improving their game play week after week. We offer something for everyone.

We would love to find a sponsor to support us and our hardship fund, currently managed by fundraising events, as we just cannot keep up. We want everyone to be able to play, regardless of money, and many of our juniors pay reduced fees or nothing at all. We will not let austerity or deprivation prevent our young people from being able to play netball. We also have a number of adult players accessing our hardship fund which helps to alleviate stress and reduces their mental health needs.

Some of our juniors have made it through to County which has been a major achievement for them (and us!). We are all very proud of them. We want to build on this success and take our club and our players to the next level, and are looking for the right type of support to enable us to do this.



WHAT'S NEXT FOR PHOENIX FLAMES?

We are training up coaches and umpires every year, which is fabulous as it means we can provide even more high quality netball sessions. This does cost money so we are always looking for funding streams to tap in to to help us out! We have also started to get full team kits and would love for this to spread across the club.

Walking netball is our next step (see what I did?!) and we are looking forward to getting stuck into this for the 2020/21 season.

HOW CAN PEOPLE FIND YOU?

Under 12s: Wednesdays 4.30pm-6pm (term time only)

Venue: South Chingford Foundation, RushCroft Road, Chingford, London, E4 8SG

11-14 year olds: Mondays, 4.30pm-6pm (term time only)

14-18 year olds: Mondays, 6pm-7.30pm (term time only)

Adults (and select over 15s): Mondays, 7.30pm-9.30pm

(Except bank holidays)

Venue: Frederick Bremer School, Siddeley Rd, Walthamstow, E17 4EY

