

**DEVON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
2007 AGM REPORT FROM ENGLAND HOCKEY, WEST REGION**

Hockey Development Officers

This year the Active Sports money, which has funded our Hockey Development Officers, runs out. With Sport England reducing their funding to England Hockey by 70%, not enough money could be found to keep all 45 HDOs in post. As a result, England Hockey are appointing 12 Development Officers across the country. In the West we have the equivalent of 2 full-time posts. Barbara Reynolds covering Cornwall, Devon and Somerset while Sheriden Gyde and Clive Nelson cover Gloucestershire, Avon, Wiltshire and Dorset.

My thanks go to Sue Hutchings for running everything so well in Devon. Sue continues in post until September this year.

Coach Development

Over the course of the last season, the West Office has worked in partnership with the County Sports Partnerships and the West Coaching Committee to ensure that the West continues to develop its coaches and tutors.

One Level 1 Coach Award Course in Devon has seen a total of 23 new coaches become accredited. In addition, 32 candidates have registered to do the course at Exeter University in June/July. This course is now full.

There are 9 candidates from Devon on the 2007 West Level 2 VRQ Coach Award course.

Coach Educators: In Devon, we have 7 coach educators qualified to deliver coach award courses. In addition we have 3 internal verifiers who have qualified to verify all courses that are run.

Umpire Development

The West Young Umpires Action Group continues to grow from strength to strength with many Devon names on the register. Many thanks must go to Tony Wilcox (Somerset) for his tireless work in this area.

Club Development

All clubs are encouraged to register and work towards gaining Clubs 1st, England Hockey's Club Accreditation Scheme.

68 West clubs have registered and 10 have been accredited to date. In Devon, 13 Clubs have registered and ISCA Dragons LHC and Plymouth Marjon HC have gained accreditation.

Newsletter & Communications

Earlier this year, England Hockey took the decision to end Regional Newsletters. In its place there is a West Page in the newly created 'Hockey News', which is posted to every Club Secretary. In addition, we are able to update our Regional Page on the website on a monthly basis.

We try to email any important news as it happens and we rely upon our contacts to cascade this information.

Coaching For Teachers and Leadership

We have helped to promote these courses, in addition to finding their tutors.

England Hockey Roadshow

Taunton Vale played host to another England Hockey Roadshow on Tuesday 1st May when 54 people came to listen to and question the England Hockey Directors.

Highlight

We were honoured to be asked to organise the Under16/18 Boys Four Nations Invitational Tournament held at Exeter University over the Easter weekend. Our thanks go to all those willing volunteers who helped to make the tournament such a success.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for the support that I have received during the past year.

Jane Cornelius
Regional Development Manager
17 May 2007

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