

**KENT COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



**KENT NETBALL COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS
AUGUST 2021**

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COACHING

Despite very little netball happening across the season, we have tried to keep in touch with coaches under constantly fluctuating conditions.

The themes of communications this year was really to signpost towards the changing and evolving EN guidance and try and help provide some clarity around this when requested with the help of our Covid officer. Where appropriate, we have sought to provide examples of what coaches could do at different times in the year.

Communications have also highlighted different CPD opportunities that have been available during this season encouraging coaches to take part in the coaching CPD offered as part of the virtual netball club and of course to encourage them to direct their players towards the sessions being run.

As ever, we also encouraged coaches to consider their own wellbeing whilst coaching under quite stressful conditions and directives around safely getting participants back to training and playing.

KATIE SOUTHAM
Coaching Secretary

COUNTY SECRETARY

I have continued to type and file minutes. Most communication was carried out through email/WhatsApp and fell under categories that appear elsewhere in this report. KNMC meetings took place on Zoom with a recording kept for 3 months. From October 2020 the KNMC minutes were stored on the County's Google Drive along with all minutes (KNMC since 2009 and AGM since 2003).

DAWN COX
County Secretary

County Participation

During the 2020/21 financial year the county has been unable to form, support or deliver any programmes. Covid restrictions effectively closed all existing programmes down and were not able to restart until April 2021.

For the start of the new financial year (commencing 01/04/2021) three Walking Netball programmes restarted, attracting some 70 participants. As there are certain conditions imposed upon restarting a netball programme, we are aware of a number of unauthorised groups operating and I continue to work with such groups in order to help support their transitions to recognised and authorised netball activities, along with the insurances and support that comes with such status.

County Club Development & Membership

Membership has fallen for the second consecutive year, explained in 2019/20 by the sudden halt of all netball activity preventing the commencement of any summer leagues and then in 2020/21 by continued restrictions and the lack of any real competition. It is reassuring that Kent has retained over 4,600 members which bodes well for the new season, presuming there are no further restrictions affecting netball.

New clubs formed & CAPS accreditation

- 3 new clubs have been formed, none of which have started competing yet
- Aces have submitted their Silver CAPS portfolio for assessment
- Telstars, Macklins and Borough Green NC are considered 'working towards' CAPS accreditation
- Eclipse, Swanley, KCNC and Sabina retain their CAPS status
- All other clubs have been struck off the CAPS register

Education & Training

Now that most courses are managed and delivered nationally with either full or largely online tutoring, we no longer have many courses specifically in or for the county. Where we do have a need for physical courses – in particular for Bee Netball and Walking Netball Host Training – we have no tutors.

There is therefore no need to report on how many IO, C Award, Level 1 or Game Sense courses were delivered as they were for anyone, anywhere. For courses that do have a face-to-face element, there is a Level 2 course in Canterbury on sale now for March.

Other Education and Training news and events to be aware of include:

- The Talent ID and Performance Player Scout courses are no more, both have been replaced by the Performance Identifier Workshop. One LSE regional course was hosted by London Pulse which attracted five Kent-based candidates and another Kent-based candidate signed up to the South region equivalent
- This year the Level 3 coaching course has been placed in Sheffield. Two Kent-based candidates are underway with this venture
- Now that face-to-face courses are back, I am interested in gauging the demand for First Aid, Safeguarding and Time to Listen courses as we are able to work with Kent Sport to deliver these where we know of a demand

Partnerships Update & Other News

- Participation targets have now been set
- Profit targets are in place
- New Surrey NDO appointed
- New Middlesex NDO appointed
- New LSE Manager appointed
- Currently recruiting for a South London NDCC

Forward Plans, Dates & Priorities for NDO

- CAPS is now on-hold whilst the requirements and methods for accreditation are under review

- ENgage has undergone huge improvements, I was part of a working group for this so training is always available directly from me for any member of KNA
- Please be aware that new telephones are being issued to staff as most of them (including mine) no longer work

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Phill Harvey
Kent and SE London Netball Development Officer

KENT COUNTY JUNIOR NETBALL LEAGUE

As with many other competitions, the Kent County Junior League was unable to happen this season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Regional and National Clubs competitions were also cancelled. We look forward to getting back to normality next year!

LIZ ROCHE
Chairman – KCJNL

KENT COUNTY SENIOR NETBALL LEAGUE

At the time of the previous AGM, Kent Netball was planning a friendly competition for the KCSNL teams in line with COVID-19 guidance at the time. Fixtures were prepared to start in November 2020 and one round took place before new lockdowns were imposed and the friendly ‘competition’ was abandoned in January 2021. The league will recommence in September with the formation as the league ended in 2020.

DAWN COX
ADMIN ASSISTANT

MEMBERSHIP

England Netball offered a reduced membership rate for those renewing by the end of September 2020.

Individual Membership statistics July 2021 (including 142 IRP Members).

Type	2020-21	<i>2019-20</i>
O18	2,638	<i>3,069</i>
U18	641	<i>659</i>
U14	947	<i>953</i>
U11	587	<i>556</i>
TOTAL	4,813	<i>5,237</i>

Secondary Schools: 74, total schools: 318

Clubs: 265

DOROTHY BRYAN
Affiliation Secretary

OFFICIATING

It has been a very challenging year for everyone but sadly, due to covid, there has been very little success for officiating in Kent.

There have been no formal practical assessments for any umpiring award since 16th March 2020 due to England Netball and Netball Europe not permitting assessments to be carried out on Covid modified rules netball matches.

I reported last year that all Kent officiating courses scheduled between April to July were cancelled and due to covid restrictions, it has not yet been possible to host 'face to face' courses. However, on a positive note, England netball has designed and started to release virtual courses with the 'Into Officiating' course already released with a total of over 500 places nationwide. Kent has had approximately 20 learners either already completed or currently booked on a July course. England Netball will soon release dates for the C award courses, followed by the B award.

More positive news is that England Netball in conjunction with Netball Europe have changed to 'on-line' C award written papers and since the launch this year, there has been 10 Kent learners that have passed allowing them to progress on to the Kent Mentoring scheme.

Kent Mentoring has started up again, supporting those learners currently preparing for their practical assessments. England Netball is anticipating that formal assessments will commence in September, subject to the restrictions being lifted. When the 'green light' does happen, I will be ensuring that all those learners that are waiting and able to pass their practical assessments are scheduled as soon as a practically possible.

KEELEY SMITH
Officiating Secretary

PERFORMANCE

As with everything and everyone else the Kent Netball Programme suffered terribly from what can only be described as an exceedingly difficult year for all concerned both on and off the court. The COVID Pandemic certainly did hit our "normal" living in many ways. All netball ceased on March 16th, 2020, with total shutdown of all netball. Which left the season 2019-20 incomplete, many leagues were faced with making mathematical decisions as to the final placings for the season. This completely threw the netball world into complete disarray and left everyone stunned but understood that for everyone's safety these measures were necessary.

Kent Netball Performance programme was also affected Trials had been planned for May 2020 had to be cancelled and venues for all the academies withdrew their availability as the covid pandemic really hit our shores. It was here that we saw many clubs in Kent become proactive and continued to deliver sessions to their members via Zoom & Google Meet to keep the Netball Family going.

England Netball also devised a Vitality Netball Community programme whereby players could throughout Lockdown continue their fitness and skill work. Throughout the Covid Lockdown England Netball continued to work tirelessly with the Government to devise a way for which netball could still continue / resume and then the "NEW COVID RULES" netball arrived along with Covid Officers, Mitigation Plans, Risk Assessments, Masks, Hand Sanitiser, 2m

NEW EN PERFORMANCE PATHWAY

ROSES NATIONAL ACADEMY

U19S

U17S

U15 ACADEMIES

U13 ACADEMIES

Distance, the list was endless, but in true Netball fashion we did not let that deter us from taking the court. September 2020 came with a light at the end of the tunnel whereby we could resume to some form of netball being the with the Covid Rules.

Once again, the Kent Performance Group met and discussed the proposal for the restart of the Kent Performance Programme in September / October – alas the return to netball was short lived as 2 weeks into the restart we were all placed in lockdown once again leaving us yet again reeling from the “NO Netball “restrictions. It was at this stage that we kept our hopes alive that we would be able to get the Performance programme started later that year– However when December / January came and there were still no clues as to when the netball restrictions would be lifted the Kent Committee / Kent Performance Group sadly decided that as there were no positive returnable dates and as a safety measure for all concerned Kent Netball would not be holding their Performance programme for this season.

However, this did not deter Kent Netball athletes getting into the Franchise Hub programmes – u15s /u16s/u17s, National Performance League Squads (U17s U19s & u21s) who were allowed to continue under the “Elite” banner albeit via zoom.

I am pleased to report that again many Kent Athletes were selected into the franchise hub structure for 2020-21 season with various franchise training hubs spread wide across the county and region and for which many have represented their respective franchises at the National Performance League for u19s, U21s.

The NPL 4-day event @ Nottingham University was cancelled this year along with so many other events due to the COVID Pandemic, which was a huge disappointment to all concerned.

Let us hope we see many more Kent Athletes breaking into the EN Rose Academy structure for 2021-22.

Full details of the EN Performance Structure can be found on the EN Website.

Kent Academy Programme Update: 2021-22 season

Kent Netball Performance Group have now met and have agreed to the new programme for 2021-22. Trials for u13s & u15s will take place in September 2021 with Academy programme starting in October 2021. All information regarding trials will be available on the Kent Netball website in due course.



Finally, we would like to thank the committee for supporting the Academies and would particularly like to thank all the coaches and selectors who have remained to be involved in these difficult times.

Anita Hollman
Kent Performance Manager

Natalie Beckett
Academy Co-ordinator



REGISTERED MEMBER LEAGUES

Another year Netball. We have unfortunately been plagued with Covid and the start stop of leagues/matches and backtracking in the roadmap. It hasn't been easy for anyone and for a lot of people, Netball has been the release and saviour. For those organising, I would like to say thank you for keeping all our spirits high and keeping to all the rules and restrictions. I have been especially entertained by Terrie from Ashford who kept spirits up with quizzes and posts all Netball related to keep us sane!

Due to the restrictions, I haven't been able to get to the leagues this year but I have been seeing some amazing work by all committees to keep the Netball family going, so thank you very much.

I have decided to step away from this role and seek other areas within the Kent Committee to further expand my skill set.

Thank you all for your wonderful cooperation and contribution across all of Kent!

RHYS DAVID

Registered Member Leagues Secretary

SCHOOLS

No schools' events took place during 2020-21.

HANNAH HYAMS

Schools Secretary

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

I have spent this year much like the last. My tasks have included:

- Website maintenance
- Booking and managing umpiring courses, and subsequent refunds
- Admin for Senior County League
- Managing PayPal transfers to main account
- Providing administrative assistance to committee members
- Maintaining contact lists
- Circulating information / emails
- Answering endless random emails
- Keeping an eye on social media
- DBS verification
- Writing tributes
- Trying to get the EN website to work for us
- Completed library of new governance documents/policies which were adopted in May 2021 (enormous task)
- Joined the L&SE Volunteer TSG and helped to write the Terms
- Completed the Disciplinary Panel and Secretary training sessions
- Dealt with two complaints
- Investigated a link with Swedish Netball
- Facilitated a mediation process
- Management/streamlining of email accounts
- Small start to KN's history

DAWN COX

Admin Assistant