

**KENT COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



**KENT NETBALL COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS
AUGUST 2023**

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CHAIRPERSON

I would like to thank all the Kent Committee members for their continued hard work and support throughout the 2022-2023 season. I am delighted that they are all looking to remain in their positions for another year and although all the roles are covered, Kent Netball will always welcome volunteers to join the committee.

It has been another amazing year with achievements in many different netball disciplines. Please take the time to read all the Committee member's individual reports which will provide full details but some of the highlights are:

Competition: Wealden experienced double success; winning the Kent County Senior Netball League (KCSNL) and then subsequently going to Regional play offs where they were promoted to the Regional League division 3. Wealden was then eligible for the KCSNL play offs where they were also successful along with Peregrine Falcons and Goldwyn. Beacons, who only entered the KCSNL this season won their division and were promoted to division 1. Well done to all teams.

Officiating: Kent Netball's development for umpires continues with 74 IO award, 28 C award and 5 B award umpires qualified last season and with many learners still in the pathway. I would like to thank the team of assessors and mentors, led by Caroline who without them, these achievements would not be possible.

Coaching: According to England Netball's ENgage, Kent has 19 new Level 1 and 13 new Level 2 coaches. Congratulations to all those that achieved their coaching qualification this season.

Schools: The School's tournaments were well represented across all age groups. Well done to:

U14 winners, Walthamstow Hall school with Cranbrook School as runner's up. For U16, first was Sevenoaks school and second were Walthamstow Hall school. Sevenoaks school were also winners for the U19 age group with Beechgrove School as runners up. Sevenoaks school was also successful in the regional rounds going through to the National school finals.

Finally, a special thank you to all the netball volunteers within Kent County; you are all the unsung heroes that make netball in Kent so successful.

KEELEY SMITH

Chairperson

COACHING

- This year we have moved most of our communications to coaches to our social media channels and through this have highlighted coaching events, upcoming qualifications and coaching vacancies.
- We have also completed an audit of the coaching provision from EN including their qualifications, online CPD and face to face development opportunities with a view to developing a clear plan for target support opportunities in the upcoming season.
- In addition, the coaching secretary has engaged with several EN workshops around the new coaching philosophy of EN to ensure the county work reflects the direction of EN.
- Informal conversations have also begun to try and build a coaching development workforce to support the offer made by the county.
- We have begun to trial a mentoring system to help assist coaches in their development on a one to one basis and this pilot is ongoing.
- We have started to organise some CPD for teachers which will take place this September.
- We have helped in starting the development of a new framework for county academy coaching delivery.

KATIE SOUTHAM

Coaching Secretary

COMMUNICATION SECRETARY

Another hugely successful season of netball. Thank you to all of the clubs/teams/schools that continue to tag us in your posts, we love sharing your good news and stories.

Positive growths across our social media channels this year:

Instagram - 1,202 (917 in Aug 22)

Facebook - 1,391 (1252 in Aug 22)

Twitter - 1,226 (1203 in Aug 22)

TikTok - 7231 (475 in Aug 22)

Kent Netball Umpires & Coaches Facebook Group - 297 members. We encourage you to join this group if you can, it is a useful tool to support the netball community in finding opportunities including tournaments, and coaching and umpiring opportunities.

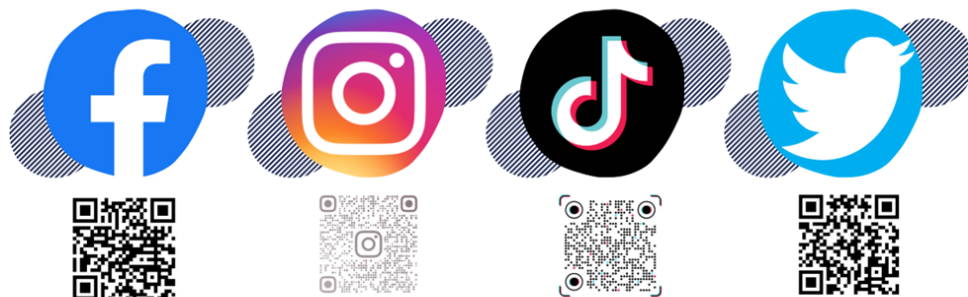
Thank you to everyone that has been involved in our content creation this season, I couldn't create these posts without your help. Please keep tagging us or sending our social media channels a DM of information that we can share.



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Join our TikTok challenges, see content from netball in Kent, celebrate your successes, and much more!

JUSTINE MCAVOY
Communication 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 both on Zoom (later Google Meet) and in person. There were challenges with the hosting of county email accounts.

DAWN COX
County Secretary

KENT & SOUTH EAST LONDON NETBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Membership -An increase of 1081

- Over 200 new to netball through programmes

- 284 clubs

Membership	2021/2022	2022/23
Total O18 Members	2539	3004
Total U11 Members	528	764
Total U14 Members	896	1113
Total U18 Members	654	817
Total	4617	5698

Programmes	2021/2022	2022/23
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Back to Netball	1	4
Netball Now	0	3
Walking Netball	3	8
Netball Youth Camp	0	1
Total	4	16

England Netball National Highlights from the 2022-23 season include:

- Vitality Roses placed 4th at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, in front of a record-breaking crowd. England Netball engage 12,000 fan park visitors in the sport and saw a 900% increase in 'Play Netball' webpage after the games.
- Bee Netball, England Netball's programme for 5–11-year-olds, is relaunched via trailblazer club model. National Bee review took place, updates coming soon.
- A new, enhanced Club Finder was launched.
- The Vitality Roses played in several international series (Uganda series, Australia, Jamaica, Quad)
- The 'Working as One' initiative is launched to build on the way in which England Netball works with counties and regions.
- -An industry leading NetballHER initiative is launched, featuring on the One Show and BBC Women's Hour. [Home - NetballHer : NetballHer](#)
- England Netball's Diversity and Belonging Report is published, focusing on the themes of Celebration, Education, and Procedures when ensuring our sport is dedicated to difference.
- Development of new gender policy
- The Netball Super League returned with a dedicated Friday Night Netball slot on Sky
- Over 200 new to netball though programmes
- 284 clubs

Partnership Updates & Other News

Playzones Project – The Football Foundation's Playzones project provides an opportunity for the refurbishment of existing or development of new multi-sport Playzones. We will be involved in discussions with several different boroughs' consortiums. If a demand for netball is identified in the community engagement, then there may be an opportunity for some facility development in these areas. The first one to take Place is Bexley on 21st August.

University Netball Development Festival – In March 2023 we held a University Development Festival open to any non-BUCS university netball teams in London and the South-East. Over 80 participants attended, with teams from universities including Queen Mary, Imperial College, Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry, Kings College London, and LSE.

Rethink Mental Health partnership- Rethink Mental health partnership formed introducing netball to participants in their Sangham group. Walking netball was piloted at the Gudwara temple sport facility. I am in the process of applying for a funding bid to support ongoing work.

Single homeless project -Working with the physical activity team to offer netball as part of their programme. Most of their activities are delivered in small spaces at hostels. Finding a suitable venue close enough for travel not to be an issue has been the barrier to activity starting. Revisit in Autumn using less traditional spaces.

Bexley Sport Inclusion Member of Bexley Disability Sports network and working with the Inclusion Officer to offer further support to coaches and hosts in the area after visiting a session and talking to participants.

RACHAEL PURCHASE

Netball Development Officer Kent, England Netball

KENT COUNTY JUNIOR NETBALL LEAGUE

With the highest number of competing teams ever, the Junior County League had another successful year. Together with the main County leagues, consisting of the top 8 teams at U14 and U16 level, we again offered development leagues, allowing more of our talented Kent athletes to develop their matchplay skills. We also welcomed another new club into the U14 league – Langton Green, who certainly added to the overall strength.

A qualifying tournament was held to determine who would participate in which league. Each team in the main league played each other twice. In the development leagues, teams were in two groups within their age band, and they played each other once. There were then cross-over matches for semi-finals and playoff places.

A small U18 League of just four teams was run to provide indoor matchplay to those girls who had moved up from U16 but were not yet getting regular experience at senior county level or above.

U14 SECTION

County League

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Goal average	Points
Kent Club A	14	13	1	0	344	200	1.72	68
Beacons A	14	10	2	2	371	255	1.45	60
CFX A	14	10	0	4	341	226	1.51	56
Langton Green	14	8	0	6	404	286	1.41	50
Aces	14	5	1	8	229	280	0.82	32
Wealden	14	4	0	10	284	330	0.86	30
Eclipse	14	1	0	13	232	436	0.53	14
Telstars	14	3	0	11	81	273	0.30	-35

Congratulations to Kent Club A who were unbeaten throughout, with the best defensive record in the league. Well done to Beacons A who were runners-up.

Development League

Group A:

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Goal average	Points
Kent Club B	4	4	0	0	112	18	6.22	20
Comets	4	3	0	1	58	86	0.67	15
Breakaways B	4	1	0	3	43	68	0.63	9
Bexley Hornets	4	1	0	3	50	65	0.77	8
Macklins	4	1	0	3	33	59	0.56	7

Group B:

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Goal average	Points
Beacons B	4	3	0	1	129	67	1.93	16
Breakaways A	4	3	0	1	107	68	1.57	16
CFX B	4	2	0	2	128	66	1.94	14
Canterbury Pilgrims	4	1	0	3	77	88	0.88	9
Raiders	4	0	0	4	6	158	0.04	-3

A series of “semi-final” crossover matches were then played within the groups, where the 1st in one group played 2nd in the other, 3rd v 4th and 5th v 6th. The winners of these matches played the winners of the equivalent matches, and the losers played the losers, to end up with the final standings.

The semi-final winners both came from group B, so Beacons A and Breakaways A met again in the final, with Beacons B taking the win. The final standings were as follows:

WINNER	Beacons B
RUNNER-UP	Breakaways A
3RD	Kent Club B
4TH	Comets
5TH	CFX B

6TH	Canterbury Pilgrims
7TH	Breakaways B
8TH	Bexley Hornets
9TH	Macklins
10TH	Raiders

Tournament

The tournament was highly competitive with 17 of the league teams taking part, and teams from the development league getting the chance to compete against those in the main league. Kent Club A took the win in the final to become double County champions, with CFX A as runners up.

WINNER	Kent Club A
RUNNER-UP	CFX A
3RD	Beacons A
4TH	Aces
5TH	Langton Green
6TH	Wealden
7TH	Beacons B
8TH	Breakaways A
9TH	Eclipse

10TH	CFX B
11TH	Kent Club B
12TH	Telstars
13TH	Canterbury Pilgrims
14TH	Comets
15TH	Breakaways B
16TH	Macklins
17TH	Raiders

U16 SECTION

County League

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Goal average	Points
Kent Club A	14	12	1	1	599	327	1.83	65
Aces	14	12	0	2	597	347	1.72	64
Beacons A	14	9	0	5	433	428	1.01	49
Eclipse A	14	8	1	5	424	430	0.99	47
Wealden A	14	3	1	10	443	503	0.88	31
Telstars	14	4	0	10	332	488	0.68	29
CFX	14	3	1	10	365	466	0.78	22
Macklins	14	3	0	11	283	487	0.58	10

The U16 league was hotly contested, especially the second match between the top two teams which went down to the wire, with Kent Club A just snatching the win from Aces, to become County Champions. With the most goals scored, and least conceded, they were worthy winners, with Aces finishing in 2nd place having pushed them all the way.

Development League

Due to the number of entries, the U16 Development League took a different format. The teams were divided into two groups, where they played the teams in their group once. At the end of this stage, the tables were as follows:

Group A:

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Goal average	Points
Breakaways A	5	5	0	0	204	81	2.52	25
Wealden B	5	4	0	1	149	140	1.06	20
Eclipse B	5	3	0	2	194	123	1.58	18
Kent Club B	5	2	0	3	115	139	0.83	12
Canterbury Pilgrims	5	1	0	4	94	160	0.59	8
Bexley Hornets	5	0	0	5	84	197	0.43	3

Group B:

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Goal average	Points
Beacons B	4	4	0	0	118	41	2.88	20
Breakaways B	4	3	0	1	109	100	1.09	16
Raiders	4	2	0	2	101	59	1.71	7
Comets	4	1	0	3	48	99	0.48	5
Swanley	4	0	0	4	69	146	0.47	3

As for the U14s, a series of “semi-final” crossover matches were then played, and this time the winners of the semi-finals both came from Group A! Thus, Breakaways A and Wealden B played each other again in the final, with Breakaways A again defeating Wealden B to win the Development League. The final standings were:

WINNER	Breakaways A
RUNNER-UP	Wealden B
3RD	Beacons B
4TH	Breakaways B
5TH	Eclipse B
6TH	Kent Club B

7TH	Raiders
8TH	Comets
9TH	Canterbury Pilgrims
10TH	Bexley Hornets
11TH	Swanley

Tournament

The final of the U16 tournament was an epic battle between Aces and Beacons A, with Beacons repeating their win in the group stages to take the trophy! The final standings were as follows:

WINNER	Beacons A
RUNNER-UP	Aces
3RD	Kent Club A
4TH	Eclipse A
5TH	Telstars
6TH	Macklins
7TH	CFX
8TH	Breakaways A

9TH	Beacons B
10TH	Eclipse B
11TH	Wealden B
12TH	Kent Club B
13TH	Breakaways B
14TH	Comets
15TH	Canterbury Pilgrims
16TH	Swanley

STAR PLAYERS

During the course of the season the coaches vote for their opposition's “player of the match” and we collate these throughout the year to see which players have the highest number of votes. A small token is awarded at the end of season tournament to recognise their achievements. Congratulations to the following:

U16 County League	Lois Levy (Beacons A) Milly Constantine (CFX A)	7 awards
U16 Development League	Isobel Mackenzie (Breakaways B)	4 awards

U14 County League	Rika Higuchi (Aces) Ava Jannaway (Beacons A) Alice Edwards (Wealden)	5 awards
U14 Development League	Isobel Froud (CFX B) Kahina Benkara (Comets)	4 awards

U18 SECTION

4 teams competed in the league, with everyone playing each other twice. Unfortunately, due to illness, injury and school pressure there were quite a few cancelled matches this year. Congratulations to Kent Club for winning the league, with Telstars in runners-up spot.

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Goal average	Points
Kent Club	6	4	0	2	108	165	0.65	22
Telstars	6	4	0	2	183	119	1.54	9
Beacons	6	2	0	4	203	212	0.96	7
Comets	6	2	0	4	172	170	1.01	-3

REGIONAL & NATIONAL

In the U16 regional league Kent were represented by Kent Club, Telstars and Aces. Telstars and Aces finished in 5th and 6th place respectively. However Kent Club had a terrific season, finishing in second place and going on to represent Kent and London & SE at the National Clubs Finals, finishing in 14th place overall.

The U14 regional tournament was hotly contested, with CFX, Kent Club, Aces, and Beacons all entering. Unfortunately, it was not to be for any of the teams this year so Kent did not have a representative at National Finals.

Thanks to all the Clubs who participated in the league this year, and to all the umpires giving up their time on a Sunday. A special thanks to everyone that helped with the smooth running of the league, especially my fellow committee members, David, Anita, Veronica and Lynne.

LIZ ROCHE

Chairman – KCJNL

Competition Secretary (Junior League)

KENT COUNTY SENIOR NETBALL LEAGUE

I started as Competition Secretary in September 2022 which was also the commencement of the Kent County Senior League under 'normal' conditions beyond the previous year's COVID protocols. The League was delivered in partnership with Dawn Cox and Joan Mills as administrative support. Some teams faced issues with unreliable venues once again this year. The results were as follows:

DIVISION 1

Pos.	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	GA	B PTS	TOT	ADJ
1	Wealden 1	10	10	0	0	521	388	133	1.34	0	50	0
2	Hornets - County	9	6	1	2	439	388	51	1.13	4	37	0
3	Steel	10	5	1	4	482	460	22	1.05	4	32	0
4	Eclipse Senior County	10	5	0	5	454	440	14	1.03	7	32	0
5	Kent County Netball Club - County	9	1	0	8	343	437	-94	0.78	10	15	0
6	Istead Rise County	8	0	0	8	280	406	-126	0.69	8	8	0

DIVISION 2

Pos.	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	GA	B PTS	TOT	ADJ
1	Beacons Netball - County League	10	10	0	0	539	354	185	1.52	0	49	-1
2	Raiders	10	8	0	2	429	355	74	1.21	2	42	0
3	Goldwyn Macklins Netball Club	10	5	0	5	406	422	-16	0.96	6	31	0
4	Comets	10	3	1	6	383	455	-72	0.84	7	25	0
5	Sabina Senior Kent County	10	1	1	8	312	422	-110	0.74	9	17	0
6	Saracens	10	2	0	8	306	367	-61	0.83	9	15	-4

Congratulations to Wealden who were Division 1 champions and successfully promoted to the Regional League. Istead were demoted automatically. This left an additional space in Division 1 that was taken by Raiders due to Istead being unable to field a team for the play off between the two teams. Also congratulations to Beacons who were Division 2 champions and promoted to Division 1 in their first season.

The Division 2 play offs for the 2023-24 season took place at Polo Farm with 5 teams taking part for 3 open spaces.. One of these teams was part of an amalgamated team from the season. The KNMC will not allow amalgamated teams in future as a result. We were sorry to lose two existing teams (Saracens and Sabina) but welcome Peregrine Falcons, Goldwyn and Wealden for the coming season. Thank you to Keeley Smith and Caroline Duggan for managing the day.

Thank you to Joan Mills for managing the results once again this year and to Caroline Duggan for managing the umpires for both divisions.

I encourage all teams to book all their venues at the start of the season in order to avoid the problems that were faced this year.

NATALIE NORTHOVER**Competition Secretary (Senior League)****MEMBERSHIP**

Individual Membership statistics August 2023:

Type	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
O18	3,004	3,039	2,638
U18	817	715	641
U14	1,113	1,100	947
U11	764	778	587

TOTAL	5,698	5,632	4,813
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Leagues: 10

College / University: 2

Primary Schools: 229

Middle / Secondary Schools: 104

Clubs: 285

Social and supporting: 1

DOROTHY BRYAN

Affiliation Secretary

OFFICIATING

So another year has passed and we find ourselves heading into a new season. I am very proud of the year we have had with lots of officiating awards achieved. I couldn't do this without a fantastic team of mentors and Assessors behind me:

Ann Windsor

Becca Stannard

Caroline Duggan

Denise Chittenden

Helen Telfer

Jo Haulker-Barton

Kate Smith

Keeley Smith

Kim Murphy

Laura Kerr-Sheppard

Lynne Roberts

Marlene Wander.

Michelle Ray

Natalie Northover

Romelle Piercy

Sarah Willett

Tracy Burton

Vicky Dadson

Kent really has the best mentors.

A massive thank you to Keeley Smith for always supporting me and helping me with the paperwork, assessments and written workshops.

Well done to everyone that achieved success this 2022-23 season:

74 IO passes,

28 C award passes plus with 3 Kent Learners passing in Surrey

5 B awards.

This does set us a big target for this coming season!

All newly qualified umpires are named on our Kent Netball Website so make sure you keep an eye and maybe one day your name will be on there too!

CAROLINE DUGGAN

Officiating Lead

PERFORMANCE

2022-23 Kent Player Development Programme

Trials

Trials took place in September 2022 across 2 dates, for both the U13 and U15 aged athletes. In total, 120 athletes trialled for the U13 programme, whilst there were 175 U15 trialists.

110 athletes were selected for the U15 and U13 Player Development Programmes (PDP). The PDPs were formerly called Academies.

Programme

The Kent Player Development Programme ran from September 2022 to March 2023 at 5 venues across the county with 40 hours of coaching for both U15 & U13 athletes.

The programme culminated in a Regional Festival. Academy squads from Essex Met, Kent, Middlesex and Surrey all took part, with a great performance from all of Kent's 11 squads.

In addition, Kent entered representative squads into an inter-county tournament, organised by Bedfordshire county. To provide further competition, squads were also taken to the Pulse Hub festival.

Performance Pathway

In January, 7 Kent U15 PDP athletes were selected for the Pulse U15 Academy training squad. 3 Kent athletes were then selected at trials in June to the Pulse U15 final long squad for the U15 National Finals. These will take place in August.

Kent athletes continue to be selected for the next levels of the player pathway – the U17/U19 & U21 franchise academies and National Performance League squads. This season there have been a number of former Kent athletes appearing regularly in the VNSL and selected into the EN Roses Academy programme.

England Netball

England Netball's new delivery model came into effect for the 2022-23 season. This model sought to address gaps in the previous system and improve and develop the pathway. The Kent Netball performance group continue to work EN and our regional Player Pathway Management Group, to embed the model in the county and ensure our programme is fully aligned with national recommendations.

Thank you to the Committee for their ongoing support to our Performance programmes, and a big thank you to the Kent Performance group of coaches, selectors and scouts for their ongoing hard work and commitment to our talented athletes.

NATALIE BECKETT
Kent Performance Lead

SAM HOLDER
Academy Co-ordinator

REGISTERED MEMBER LEAGUES

I took on the role of RML Secretary at the latter end of 2022. The county has 11 adult leagues and 5 junior leagues. I have reached out to all the leagues to confirm that the details held by Kent are all up to date. I have attended two league AGM's so far, helping to bridge any gaps in communication between leagues and the Kent Committee.

ALEX CARTER
Registered Member Leagues Secretary

SCHOOLS

Competition:

160 teams entered across all 5 schools tournaments, U14,U16,U19,U13 and U12.

Winners in each age group and through to regional competition:

U14- 1st – Walthamstow Hall

2nd - Cranbrook

U16- 1st - Sevenoaks , 2nd Walthamstow Hall

Invitation Festival results:

U13 Invitation	U13 Emerging	U12 Invitation	U12 Emerging
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Highworth Grammar School 2. Bromley High 3. Simon Langton Girls Grammar School 4. Cranbrook 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bishop Challoner 2. Brompton Academy 3. The Malling School 4. Fulston Manor 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bromley High 2. Hillview 3. Simon Langton Girls Grammar School 4. Cranbrook 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fulston Manor 2. Chislehurst Girls 3. Brompton Academy 4. The Malling School

Feedback given during competitions on umpiring level, therefore focus placed on Kent Committee umpiring support at each tournament for the upcoming year. Each team has been advised to identify an umpire of competent standard and support will be offered throughout the tournament days through mentoring. As per usual protocol, all umpires will be provided by KN for the finals tournament, all of adequate qualification.

Ongoing development of competition rules set out by EN on gender and participation. DC attended a meeting regarding this and we are to continue on a case by case basis until clearer guidance is given.

Dates for upcoming season:

U19- Thursday 21st September 2023

U16 – Tuesday 3rd October 2023

U14 - Thursday 9th November 2023

Finals – Friday 24th November 2023

U13 – Wednesday 31st January 2024 - closing date 31/12/23

U12- Wednesday 28th February 2024 - closing date 31/12/23

HANNAH HYAMS
Schools Secretary

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

I have had a big reduction in my hours this year, tasks have included:

- Website maintenance
- Admin for Senior County League - handover to NN in June
- Managing PayPal transfers to main account - job passed to the Treasurer in May
- Providing ad-hoc administrative assistance to committee members
- Maintaining contact lists
- Circulating information / emails
- Answering endless random emails
- DBS verification (none during 2022-23)
- Writing tributes
- Ordering trophies
- Managing Google Drive resource
- Trying to get the EN website to work for us
- Resolution Lead
- Trying to resolve KN email problems.
- Rules reviews
- Ordering flowers

- And lots of other random things in between.

DAWN COX
Admin Assistant