

**KENT COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



**KENT NETBALL COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS
AUGUST 2025**

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CHAIRPERSON

As always, I would like to thank all those on the Kent Committee for their contributions and support throughout this last season.

Sadly, our coaching secretary, Katie Southam, made the decision to step down earlier this year. I would like to thank Katie for the work that she has done over the previous season.

Kent Netball committee will also welcome new volunteers to join the committee, so take the plunge and join initially as a member without a role.

Successes

Committee members have provided their reports so please take a look but some highlights are:

Competition: Beacon NC won the Kent County Senior Netball League (KCSNL) for a second season in a row but sadly again missed out on getting promoted to the London and South East Regional league. We had 4 teams in the County play offs and Comets and Falcons retained their positions so all teams for the new season will be the same.

This season, Aces finished top in the U16 Regional league, going on to finish 4th after a very close 3rd/4th play off match as well as finishing 2nd in the U14 Regional League.

National Schools: Every year, the top two schools in Kent for U19, U16 and U14 age groups progress to the regional stage of the school's competition. Congratulations to Walthamstow Hall for not only getting through the regional stage but coming 2nd at the ultimate National School finals.

Officiating: This year has seen more umpires passing at IO award than last year, but there has been a drop in the number of passing their C award and B award. Thank you to all the Kent Netball mentors and assessors.

Coaching: It is not clear from Engage as to the accurate number of new coaches for level 1 and level 2 but congratulations to all those that achieved their coaching qualification this season.

Finally, thank you to all the volunteers and member league committee members that help run all the local leagues.

KEELEY SMITH
Chairperson

COACHING

Katie Southam stepped down from this position during the year and has not yet been replaced.

COMMUNICATION SECRETARY

Another hugely successful season of netball with improvements in engagement across social media channels. 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. In particular, thanks to all of the clubs in the County and Regional league and the umpires for your cooperation with supporting photographers at your games.

Positive growths across our social media channels this year:

Instagram - 1934 (1564 in Jul 24)

Facebook - 1572 (1508 in Jul 24)

Kent Netball Umpires & Coaches Facebook Group - 443 members (379 in Jul 24). 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 with information that we can share.

JUSTINE MCAVOY
Communication Secretary

COUNTY SECRETARY

I have continued to type and file minutes. I compiled the Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct registers for the Committee. I also managed the renewal of KN's policies and role descriptions, set up the league tables and organised medals and awards. The KNMC continued to take place both on Google Meet and in person.

DAWN COX
County Secretary

England Netball National Highlights from the 2024-25 season include:

Nations Cup 2025

In February 2025, England made history by winning their first-ever Nations Cup! Competing against strong teams from South Africa, Malawi, and Uganda, England delivered an unforgettable performance to secure the title.

NSL Revamp and Cup Success

Big changes came to the Netball Super League (NSL) on 14th March with a major revamp. While we bid farewell to some familiar teams, we also welcomed exciting new additions to the league. Congratulations to London Pulse, who triumphed in the NSL Cup! All eyes are now on the grand final, set to take place on 6th July with record-breaking ticket sales.

New Gender Policy Introduced

A new gender policy has been released and will be officially implemented in September 2025. The updated policy introduces distinct competition categories: Female, Mixed, and Male.

Updated Kit Policy

A refreshed kit policy now ensures that all team kits maintain consistent colours and design, while allowing for flexibility in form. Players can now choose from dresses, shorts, leggings, and more. This offers comfort without compromising team identity.

2024-2025 summary

New to netball achieved 493 exceeding Sport England target of 350

LSEG participation – 33% from top 10 deprived area of UK, target 12%

Launch of new bee product with focus on schools' delivery through partnership with Youth Sports Trust and SGO's. 137 schools in Kent are delivering Bee netball engaging 1359 children. Please see below table to see break down of areas.

	Total number of schools participating	Total number of participants
Kent SGCA	137	1359
Aylesford School SGO Area	4	46
Aylesford School SGO Area, The Maidstone SGO Area	18	168
Goodwin Academy SGO Area	13	175

Greenacre SGO Area, Howard SGO Area	33	297
Hayesbrook (Tonbridge) SGO Area	3	19
Herne Bay SGO Area	1	11
Ursuline College SGO Area	0	0
Bexley Hurstmere SGO Area	1	0
Conisborough SGO Area, Lewisham SGO Area	8	69
Langley Park School for Boys 1 SGO Area, Langley Park School for Boys 2 SGO Area	41	422
n/a	12	92
Shooters Hill II SGO Area, Shooters Hill SGO Area	3	60

London Youth Games

Delivery of new format for their Bee Netball festival for years 3 and 4. This was an introduction to netball through station-based activities from the Bee Netball activity pack. Young leaders from a local school delivered the activity. LYG had lots of positive feedback and the event was a big success.

Development University Tournament

Held in March at the iconic Copper Box Arena, this tournament brought together a variety of university teams outside the BUCS league structure. The event provided a fantastic platform for non-BUCS teams to compete, gain experience, and connect with the wider netball community in a vibrant, supportive setting.

RACHAEL PURCHASE

Netball Development Officer Kent, England Netball

KENT COUNTY JUNIOR NETBALL LEAGUE

This season we offered two divisions of 8 teams within the County U14 & U16 Leagues – Main and Development. A qualifying tournament was held to determine who would participate in which league. We were pleased to welcome two new clubs into the leagues this year – Medway Juniors and GNG.

An U18 League of five 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
Aces A	14	13	0	1	510	215	2.37	66
Kent Club A	14	11	0	3	440	213	2.07	60
CFX A	14	11	0	3	360	270	1.33	57
Langton Green	14	9	0	5	347	268	1.29	47
Beacons A	14	6	0	8	273	290	0.94	35
Wealden	14	4	0	10	220	315	0.70	28
Beacons B	14	2	0	12	237	414	0.57	17
Kent Club B	14	0	0	14	133	535	0.25	1

It was an extremely competitive U14 League with the teams at the top really fighting it out! Congratulations to Aces who lift the trophy for the first time, and to Kent Club A who were worthy runners-up.

Development League

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Goal average	Points
Medway Junior	7	6	0	1	234	158	1.48	31
CFX B	7	6	0	1	203	146	1.39	31
Aces B	7	5	0	2	159	124	1.28	27
Telstars	7	5	0	2	181	162	1.12	27
Breakaways	7	3	0	4	173	184	0.94	19
Eclipse	7	2	0	5	152	201	0.76	15
GNG	7	1	0	6	138	161	0.86	14
Swanley	7	0	0	7	105	209	0.50	5

The top two in the Development League could only be separated by goal average! Well done to Medway Juniors who took the crown in their first season, and to CFX B who pushed them all the way.

Tournament

The tournament was highly competitive with teams from the development league getting the chance to compete against those in the main league. Kent Club A went one better than in the league to take the win in the final, with CFX A as runners up, following a really exciting final.

1	Kent Club A	6	CFX B	11	Aces B
2	CFX A	7	Telstars	12	Breakaways A
3	Langton Green	8	Aces A	13	GNG
4	Beacons A	9	Beacons B	14	Swanley
5	Wealden	10	Medway Juniors	15	Kent Club B
				16	Eclipse

U16 SECTION

County League

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Goal average	Points
Telstars	14	12	0	2	479	346	1.38	63
Beacons A	14	11	0	3	451	371	1.22	58
Kent Club A	14	10	0	4	494	406	1.22	55
Langton Green A	14	6	1	7	451	449	1.00	42
CFX A	14	5	1	8	433	484	0.89	37
Wealden	14	4	0	10	378	438	0.86	31
Eclipse	14	2	0	12	392	550	0.71	21
Aces	14	5	0	9	351	385	0.91	20

In the U16 league it really was tough with all the top teams winning and losing against each other, which is excellent for competition. Congratulations to winners Telstars and runners-up Beacons A.

Development League

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Goal average	Points
Medway Junior	7	6	0	1	266	173	1.54	31
Langton Green B	7	5	0	2	252	145	1.74	28
Beacons B	7	5	0	2	208	159	1.31	26
Kent Club B	7	4	0	3	168	149	1.13	24
Breakaways	7	2	0	5	130	200	0.65	12
CFX B	7	3	0	4	152	188	0.81	11
Sabina	7	2	0	5	128	144	0.89	10
Swanley	7	1	0	6	127	273	0.47	7

Medway Juniors did the double in the development league, taking out the U16 title as well, a fantastic achievement in their first season in the league. Well done to Langton Green B who were runners-up.

Tournament

Unfortunately, due to the early start of GCSE's not many clubs were able to field teams. However, it gave clubs' U15s time to shine, and the six teams played a round robin tournament. The champions were decided on goal average with Langton Green taking top spot and Kent Club as runners-up, after they drew in a great match.

1	Langton Green	4	CFX
2	Kent Club	5	Breakaways
3	Beacons	6	Swanley

STAR PLAYERS

During the course of the season the coaches vote for their oppositions "player of the match" and we collate these throughout the year to see which players have the highest number of votes. Congratulations to the following:

<u>U14 Development League</u>	<u>Megan O'Brien</u>	<u>Swanley</u>
<u>U14 League</u>	<u>Alexia Barnard</u>	<u>CFX A</u>
<u>U16 Development League</u>	<u>Mollie Whatman</u>	<u>Swanley</u>
<u>U16 League</u>	<u>Erin Heddershaw</u>	<u>Kent Club A</u>

U18 SECTION

5 teams competed in the league, with everyone playing each other twice. Unfortunately, Telstars & Kent Club forgot the rules around players getting court time in senior regional and county teams, so penalties were applied. Well done to Wealden who finished as winners and Beacons who were runners-up.

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Goal average	Points	Penalties	Final
Wealden	8	4	1	3	348	301	1.16	26	0	26
Beacons	8	2	1	5	241	339	0.71	17	-12	5
Comets	8	0	0	8	184	361	0.51	-2	0	-2
Telstars	8	6	0	2	366	276	1.33	32	-50	-18
Kent Club	8	7	0	1	449	311	1.44	36	-70	-34

REGIONAL & NATIONAL

In the U16 regional league Kent were represented by Beacons, Kent Club, Telstars and Aces. Huge congratulations to Aces who won the league and went on to represent Kent and London & SE at the National Clubs Finals for, finishing in fabulous 4th place overall.

Kent Club and Aces were also part of U14 regional league. Aces were runners up and again qualified for the National Clubs Finals where they finished 9th.

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, Lynne and Tracey who have joined us this season.

LIZ ROCHE

Competition Secretary (Junior League)

KENT COUNTY SENIOR NETBALL LEAGUE

Kent Senior County Netball 2024-2025 – Final Report

Congratulations to Beacons who are Division 1 Champions. Unfortunately, they did not qualify into the Region. This year's competition was very close, between Beacons and Steel. It all came down to goal average.

Congratulations to KCNC, who are Division 2 Champions and are promoted to Division 1.

There were two places available in Division 2. The Play Offs took place at the Polo Farm, with Chislehurst NC and Telstar's competing for entry into Division 2. Comets and Peregrine Falcons attended the Play Offs to compete to retain their places in Division 2.

Congratulations to Comets and Peregrine Falcons who retained their places in Division 2. As always, a

BIG thank you to Joan Mills for managing the results and player registration.

Thank you to Caroline Duggan for supplying and managing all the Umpires for Division 1 and Division 2.

A big thank you to Keeley Smith, Caroline Duggan for helping with the Play Offs. Also Thank you too Nikki Ellis and Carol Parlour for doing light refreshments. Another successful day.

The Handbook and Rules have been updated, please ensure you read. Please note that the latest time for games to start has been changed to 1.30pm.

Dates and Fixtures have been emailed, so please book your courts. We are once again holding Netacular, after the response from Teams was that they wanted to continue with, the dates are 7th September 2025 and 11th January 2026 Venue to be confirmed. Any queries please email me.

Here's to another successful season!

DIVISION 1												
Pos.	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	GA	B PTS	TOT	ADJ
1	Beacons Netball - County League	10	8	0	2	563	431	132	1.31	4	44	0
2	Steel	10	8	0	2	561	473	88	1.19	2	42	0
3	Goldwyn County	10	7	0	3	471	421	50	1.12	4	39	0
4	Hornets - County	10	4	0	6	411	410	1	1.00	8	28	0
5	Eclipse Senior County	10	3	0	7	443	519	-76	0.85	7	22	0
6	CP Senior County	10	0	0	10	349	544	-195	0.64	8	8	0

DIVISION 2

Pos.	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	GA	B PTS	TOT	ADJ
1	Kent County Netball Club - County	10	8	1	1	500	388	112	1.29	2	45	0
2	Wealden County Team	10	6	0	4	423	427	-4	0.99	6	36	0
3	Raiders	10	5	0	5	385	394	-9	0.98	6	31	0
4	NE County	10	5	0	5	378	426	-48	0.89	6	31	0
5	Comets	10	2	2	6	373	403	-30	0.93	9	25	0
6	KCSNL Falcons	10	2	1	7	402	423	-21	0.95	9	22	0

NATALIE NORTHOVER
Competition Secretary (Senior League)

MEMBERSHIP

Kent individual memberships during the 2024-25 season were:

Total O18 Members	2907
Total U11 Members	747
Total U14 Members	1207
Total U18 Members	867
TOTAL	5728

346 Primary and Secondary Schools

3 College/University

ENgage for the 2025-26 season will be available from Friday 1st August.

DOROTHY BRYAN
Affiliation Secretary

OFFICIATING

This season has seen 78 new Into Officiating awards (up to 31st July 2025), 21 'C' awards and 3 'B' award umpires.

Although it has still been a successful year for officiating in Kent, the number of new C and B award umpires has dropped from the previous year. This will be a focus for the 2025-26 season as we aim to increase these figures to a more promising number. The County has raised concerns with England Netball regarding how quickly the IO and C award courses are being booked and that the number of Kent learners acquiring places on courses has been reducing. Hopefully, with more courses now becoming available, this trend will begin to improve.

Kent Mentoring continues to play a key role, supporting learners currently preparing for their practical assessments. The Kent netball IO practical sessions remain successful, offering valuable guidance to our new umpires, and we will continue with this. We run development sessions approximately every six weeks and manage to convert most umpires into successfully passing their assessment.

We are investing in our senior county umpires also who all received at least one support/mentoring session this season. This initiative has been well received, with positive feedback from participants who expressed a strong desire for it to continue – which we will ensure it does.

It would also be beneficial to further support our existing umpires within local leagues by extending mentoring and development opportunities. Looking ahead to the summer season, I aim to run three upskilling sessions for all qualified umpires – particularly those struggling with the new rules, those lacking in confidence or those simply wanting to improve their umpiring.

Here's to a successful season.

CAROLINE DUGGAN
Officiating Lead

PERFORMANCE

Trials

Trials took place through for both the U13 and U15 aged athletes. In total, 160 athletes trialled for the U13 programme, whilst there were 205 U15 trialists.
105 athletes were selected for the U15 and U13 Player Development Programmes (PDP).

Programme

The Kent Player Development Programme ran from September 2024 to March 2025 at 6 venues across the county with 60 hours of coaching for U15 athletes and 40 hours for U13 athletes.

We are always looking to improve our delivery so for 2023-24 the Kent Netball performance group developed and delivered a new programme that was based around the core principles of the EN Roses Development Framework. We will continue to expand on this programme for 2024-25.

Our 2024-25 programme culminated in a Regional Festival run by London & South East Netball. Academy squads from Essex Met, Kent, Middlesex and Surrey all took part. This year for the first time there was a restriction on the number of squads each county enter. However there was still a great performance from all of Kent's 6 squads.

Kent also entered representative squads into the inter-county tournament, organised by Bedfordshire county, which is now in its third year. This provides vital competition for our athletes against counties from all across the country. Additional competition was provided by taking part in pathway tournaments hosted by London Pulse.

Performance Pathway

Kent athletes continued to be selected for the next levels of the player pathway – including the U15, U17 and U19 franchise academies and National Performance League squads. This season there were also former Kent athletes appearing in the VNSL and selected into the EN Roses Academy programme.

England Netball

The Kent Netball performance group have continued to work with EN and our regional Player Pathway Management Group, to embed EN's delivery model in the county. The 2024-25 season brought new challenges to this model

following the changes to the Superleague and franchise structures. We are continuing to work with EN, the region and our territory franchise to provide a programme that is fully aligned with national recommendations whilst ensuring we provide the best fit for our athletes.

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

No report.

ALEX CARTER
Registered Member Leagues Secretary

SCHOOLS

The schools' tournaments went ahead in full, but with numbers down again from previous years.

In the absence of a committee member to focus on the role, Dawn Cox managed the administration of the entries and Keeley Smith managed the schedules for the day. Committee members stepped in to run the days and particular additional thanks go to Dot Bryan and Helen Telfer for this.

The total number of schools taking part in all tournaments was 44.

Results:

U19	U16	U14	U13	U12
Benenden School	Walthamstow Hall School	Newstead Wood	Holmewood House	TWGS
Sydenham High School GDST	Sevenoaks School	Kent College Pembury.	Walthamstow Hall School	Eltham College
Walthamstow Hall School	Eltham College	Walthamstow Hall School	Tonbridge Grammar	Walthamstow Hall School
Cranbrook School	Bennett Memorial Diocesan School	Sevenoaks School		Sevenoaks School
Canterbury Academy	Benenden School	Eltham College		
Sevenoaks School	Tonbridge Grammar	Weald of Kent Grammar School		
Weald of Kent Grammar School	Chislehurst & Sidcup Grammar School	TWGS		
		Benenden School		

Invitation

U15 - 1st Rainham Mark, 2nd Newstead Wood, 3rd Bromley H.

U13 - 1st Bromley H, 2nd SLGS, 3rd Rainham Mark

U12 - 1st SLGS, 2nd Walthamstow Hall, 3rd Invicta Grammar

Emerging

U13 - 1st Kings Rochester, 2nd Hillview, 3rd Trinity

U12 - 1st Kings Rochester, 2nd Maritime Ac, 3rd Hillview.

DAWN COX

TREASURER

KN has taken over the allocation of the Kent Youth Fund, this is a hardship fund and applications will be dealt with on an individual basis

Prices have gone up,

Academy trials,

Entry fees for KCJNL,

Entry fees for KCSNL, with a fee added for any new team that wish to enter into the playoff stage for a place at the end of the season

Schools' entry fees with a new extra fee added for finals day, where schools will have to pay to help with expenses of neutral umpires

Academy coaches, Mentors and tournament umpires will be getting a small pay rise

Because of this it has meant that for 2025-2026 we have been able to keep the Kent Membership fee the same as last season

HELEN TELFER

Treasurer

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

I continued with a much reduced work load until early 2025 when the paid Administrator role was formally ended. The work largely consisted of schools' tournaments and managing complaints.

DAWN COX

Admin Assistant