

# Development Coordinator's Report to HBA Committee Meeting 14 September 2015

Some of the content is from the previous report to provide context, updates for this report are in [blue](#).

HBA development areas are divided into 4 Community Badminton Network areas. Clubs and other badminton stakeholders are represented at each of their CBN committees in the following Local Authority Areas:

East Herts CBN: Broxbourne and East Herts

Herts West CBN: Dacorum, Hertsmere St Albans, Three Rivers and Watford

North Herts CBN: North Herts and Stevenage

Welwyn Hatfield CBN: Welwyn Hatfield

Our BE Regional Officers are: [Leah Holmes \(nee Singleton\) Partnerships Manager, Rob Flack, Workforce Manager](#).

The reports below are from these committees.

## **East Herts CBN**

[Brian Jackson \(or Doug Clark\) reporting](#)

## **Herts West CBN**

Established in 2013, the CBN representatives are from the SWH clubs, schools, local authority Sports Development Officers, FE colleges, facilities operators and BE Partnership Manager East Region, Leah Singleton. The development plan was agreed, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 and can be found on the HW CBN webpage: [www.hertsbadminton.net/default.aspx?id=73](http://www.hertsbadminton.net/default.aspx?id=73). [Approximately £2800 funding has been received from BE Head Office](#). Some of the plans and example activities are described below:

Participation Increase

[Westminster Lodge is promoting their No strings, No Strings Essentials, Battle and Smash Up!](#). There are opportunities for SWH clubs needing players are able to visit, play with and invite suitable participants to clubs.

Schools and FE Colleges

Leah is progressing FE Activator opportunities with Oakland's and West Herts Colleges to promote NS in the colleges.

**The next HW CBN meeting is 12<sup>th</sup> October** venue to be advised

The following topics will be progressed:

Oakland's had expressed interest in mentored opportunities in clubs. The CBN would try to identify key schools near clubs with capacity to take keen students from Smash Up sessions with the possibility of some financial assistance...

[Schools are being offered Smash Up and Young Leaders course opportunities](#).

Junior Clubs

While all JBCs are thriving several are in need of coaches and volunteers and plans are progressing on how to address this issue across the county ([see Workforce, below](#)).

Senior Clubs

Several senior clubs were in need of members, some specifically ladies. It is hoped the NSE and NS sessions being established in sports centres will indirectly lead to more players and if clubs engage with the NSE sessions they could find direct benefits

Competition

There is interest in CBN junior league/tournaments, which could require some funding. [The HSBA replacement for the HYG Games tournament in July was successful with the following HW districts participating Dacorum, Liz Bateman; Three Rivers, Frances Morrison; Hertsmere Ken Winchester](#);. See County-wide considerations, below.

Battle Badminton: might interest SWH League clubs particularly players in clubs that pack up for the summer. Battle is available at Westminster lodge.

Workforce

Workforce needs (volunteers and coaches) have been addressed at a meeting with BE Regional Head Office in June.

We would like to thank the clubs that have participated in the CBN: Abbey JBC, Harpenden JBC, Marshals JBC and Harpenden BC. We hope more will in future.

[An application for development funding is available on the CBN webpage.](#)

[Workforce Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> June; Details fed into County-wide Workforce needs and plan – see below.](#)

*Gill Bartlett*

### **North Herts CBN**

Bob Green to report.

#### **Update**

[No specific Workforce needs apart from coaches to help with school Sportivate projects: see County-wide Workforce needs and plan – see below](#)

*Bob Green*

### **Welwyn Hatfield CBN – next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Established in 2013, the committee comprises representatives of clubs, schools, facilities operators, Herts University, the Community Sports Network (WHSPAA), local authority, and BE Partnership Manager East Region, Leah Holmes. Head Office funding was received in 2013-14 and 2014-15.

Participation Increase

#### **‘Summer of Badminton’ June- September**

[No Strings in 4 sports centres; No Strings Essentials in HSV delivered by HSV Sports Development Officer and L2 coach, Becky White, 8-12 participants at each of the 8 sessions: As well as the regular Tuesday Community No Strings at HSV she is now also helping with HSBA U17s on Thursdays.](#)

#### **Community Events promoting badminton:**

[Hatfield Galleria, 20 June; taster sessions and promoting all CBN clubs and sessions \(with SFO Manager, Sam Harte, Swifts coach, DB & GB\)](#)

[Peartree Community Day, 6<sup>th</sup> June; taster sessions and promoting all CBN clubs and sessions \(DB & GB\)](#)

[Woolmer Green Village Day, 7<sup>th</sup> June: taster sessions and promoting all CBN clubs and sessions \(DB & GB\)](#)

[Coaching WH Y7 Interdistrict team and managing at County InterDistrict tournament 12<sup>th</sup> July \(JS & MN\)](#)

[Welwyn Festival Sports Day, 28<sup>th</sup> June; promoting all CBN clubs and sessions \(DB & GB\)](#)

[‘Road to Rio’ at Gosling SP for 421 WH primary school children, of 150 had 30 minutes badminton \(JS & DB\)](#)

[WGC Fire Station Community Day, 18<sup>th</sup> July; taster sessions and promoting all CBN clubs and sessions  
CBN coach, Ian Robinson \(IR\)](#)

[Finesse Swim Centre, Hatfield and Stanborough, 12<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> August \(IR\)](#)

[SFTN Children’s sports day at King George V Fields, WGC, 28 & 29<sup>th</sup> July \(IR\)](#)

[Stanborough Park National Play Day, 5<sup>th</sup> August \(IR\)](#)

[Stanborough Water Centre and North Park, WGC, 29<sup>th</sup> August \(IR\)](#)

[Hatfield Healthfest, 12<sup>th</sup> September, GB, DB.](#)

Schools, College and University

[5 students qualified at SmashUp! workshop at Sir Frederic Osborn School, 20<sup>th</sup> May: \*\*ex-student Paige Kenoy now working at SFO.\*\*](#)

[‘Road to Rio’ at Gosling SP for 421 WH primary school children, of 150 had 30 minutes badminton 10 July \(JS & DB\). \*\*This is to be repeated 8 July 2016.\*\*](#)

BE Licence purchased through WHSPAA-SE funding to deliver Leaders Award anywhere in WH. First course is planned for up to 20 School Games Partnership Leaders 18<sup>th</sup> November.

Bisi badminton for 8 primary schools scheduled for October (dates t.b.a.) at Gosling SP with Stanborough school leaders delivering: CBN coaches needed to help.

#### Sports Centres

'Summer of Badminton' June- September across Welwyn Hatfield: Competition

Birchwood No Strings Tournaments: 3<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> August (PW) Report soon.

Battle Badminton participation going OK at Gosling.

Herts Open at HSV

Uni student, and Birchwood NS Activator, Matthew Widdicombe in all 3 finals, winner with Angus Pedersen, Middx). Photos on website

#### Funding

Welwyn Hatfield (borough council, WHSPAA and partners) have been successful in obtaining an SE grant of £250,000 for sport "Simply Amazing Welwyn Hatfield" over the next 3 years – starting January.

### County-wide

National Junior League: BE Head Office are establishing a National Junior League and John Stobo is co-ordinating interest and booking courts for inter-district tournaments. The 6 districts taking part at the July tournament were: Dacorum, Liz Bateman; East Herts Doug Clark; Three Rivers, Frances Morrison; North Herts Bob Green; Hertsmere Ken Winchester; Welwyn/Hatfield John Stobo/Mike Newlove;

#### Workforce needs (volunteers and coaches)

The current badminton workforce needs for the whole county were shown my previous report to be:

SmashUp! Activators: 13; Level 1 coaches 8; Level 2 coaches 14; Volunteer administrator 1

These were addressed at a meeting with BE Regional Head Office staff in June.

Regional Workforce Manager, Rob Flack has produced a brochure for coaching and Herts Sports Partnership have announced the dates for L1, L2 and CPD courses in February half term.

#### Funding

The Head Office funding available to our CBNs has pump-primed inward investment of resources (funding and people) which attracted schools and local authorities to participate in their CBN committees: however, there is no more money for CBNs in future.

Sport England will to continue their grants schemes, Awards for All, etc. Funding opportunities through 'Healthy Living' initiatives and are likely to increase. Both require the standard application procedures.

SE is providing £500,000 for "Healthy and Active in Herts 3-Year Programme" being delivered in Broxbourne, Hertsmere, Stevenage, Watford and Three Rivers: other funding for this programme comes from HCC and Local Authorities. The project provides trained physical activity specialists to be in GP surgeries to support people who are at risk of long term health conditions, such as heart attacks or strokes, and those who have mental health issues. Whether badminton can benefit from this depends on whether we can engage with the project – probably through Herts Sports partnership.