

Development Report to HBA Committee 9th March 2015

East Herts Community Badminton Network

We formed in 2014 after an approach by Badminton England we decided to not take up their offer as we felt there conditions were not compatible with our ideas.

We started with five junior clubs and are now six and hope we can encourage all local east herts clubs to participate in our plans. We the club coaches have been visiting the member clubs to help and learn from each other as some times we can feel isolated in our own little world.

The CBN first project, a fun tournament to be held at Ware Drill Hall on Sunday 9th March had 50 juniors.

Presdales children coming along to JBCs and tournament yesterday: They have a lunchtime club.

Chauncy School new hall planning on hold.

Doug Clark, On behalf east Herts CBN

Herts West CBN

Meetings have had more clubs attending: most recent 2nd March. The Development Plan is with (new) Regional Partnerships Manager, Leah Singleton with sign-off this month. Head Office have agreed to invest £2850 in the CBN: Gill has invoiced Michael Nyarko.

Dave Hill, Harpenden Badminton Club is the new treasurer.

The plan incorporates support for PlayBadminton and developing more players, coaches and volunteers for clubs.

Welwyn Hatfield CBN

Junior schools in the CBN are receiving coaching from local coaches including Ken Spencer, John Stobo, Mike Newlove, Dave & Gill Bartlett.

The new Woolmer Green Smash Up (funded by SE through WHSPAA) has continues to thrive, going from 5 juniors in September to 16 in December (in a 1-court hall). Sir Frederick Osborn leader, Emily Reed, ran the sessions from mid-December to until last week when she got a new job, so need new Activator (£20 for 1.5h).

WH PE teachers had coaching from Jo Goode (with Dave Bartlett's assistance), another session for the PE teachers is scheduled for 6th May with Frances Morrison (plus DB assistance).

SE-funded £10k project Living Learning Giving for 60 sports leaders. Workshops and some NGB Level 1s courses attended and clubs have been contacted for help/gaining experience.

Sir Frederic Osborn new 4-court hall opened in January. They plan a Pay-and-Play sessions on Tuesday evenings after Easter: juniors, 6-7:30, adults, 7:30 – 9pm. ParaBadminton tournament Saturday 25th April, 9am-6pm.

Primary Schools 'Road To Rio', 10th July, 400 juniors at Gosling Sports Park, 20 sports (including badminton).

North Herts CBN

Bob to report.

County-wide

There is a desperate need for more coaches. Only 4 from Herts attended the recent Smash Up, 4 the Level 1 and three the Level 2. Following the publication of the HW Development plan and input from the other CBNs the coaching needs will be collated and a meeting held with BE East Region Workforce Manager, Rob Flack.