



Annual Report 2011-2012



Chairman – Natalie Carmichael

Firstly, I would really like to thank England Netball and our paid members of staff within our region, without whom, none of this would be possible. Many of you will not understand the intense work of our NGB to draw in funds to support our sport's growth. In addition to this, the Members of the Regional Board, Technical Support groups and the personnel within our Counties, the service and passion they portray continues to take this step forward. The number of new clubs and newly affiliated members has once again increased and our membership is now at a record high.

CAPS accreditation and Back to Netball continues to flourish in our Region with Back to Netballers continuing onwards into one of our many successful clubs.

We welcome Anna Young back home to our region as our Regional manager and Kathryn Ratnapala back from maternity leave. Kathryn Ratnapala and Elly Moore will now be sharing the role of Regional Excel Coach. We are very fortunate to have the expertise of two very experienced coaches to guide our athletes through the Excel pathway.

We also say Goodbye to valuable hardworking volunteers, whilst I am sure they will remain on the Netball circuit, the time that they have given to our sport is immeasurable, They are Monica Vaughan, Peter Carter and Alison Armstrong. We also said Goodbye to Debbie Griffiths who has become a paid member of staff in the post of Regional Manager for London and the South East. We wish all of them the best of luck on their travels.

On the international stage, we have been successful in terms of the amount of athletes selected into the England Long and Short Squads this season, Gemma Fletcher, Yasmin Parsons, Mia Ritchie, Hannah Joseph, Ashleigh Stock, Freya Szmidt, Katie Hayward and Elsa Wakeman. We wish them all the best of luck.

No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another and this season has been trying at times but the support and passion of those in our sport has made a difference.

The broadest and maybe the most meaningful definition of volunteering: "Doing more than you have to because you want to, in a cause you consider good"

The Chairs of the Technical Support Groups will now let you know of the developments in their areas.

Competition & Events – Alison Armstrong

This year has been a success for competitions. We have had some great tournaments and the leagues have run accordingly.

The U14 & U16 league ran at central venues again and the places that were not taken by counties were opened up to clubs who came third/fourth in their county leagues. This was very successful and gave more girls the opportunity to play at regional level and experience not only a good level of competition but also the social aspect of a centrally run regional league.

This year a survey was undertaken to get the regions opinions on how this league is being run, this has resulted in a slightly different format for next season with teams entering a tournament to gain entry and be placed in the league. It is hoped that this will result in our best teams regionally getting to play teams of a similar standard and in turn help develop the individual player's game.

The U19 league was a great success again this year with one major change to the league. The winners and runners up were being invited to the play offs for Division Three in the open league. Obviously they do not need to take up this offer but it is hoped by offering this we are giving girls/teams to progress and play at the correct level.

The open league run initially by Sarah Simmons then Kelly Whittaker has been a success too. Both ladies have done a great job in administering the league and setting up the play offs. The play offs for entry to Division three were held at The Triangle in Burgess Hill, Sussex

The National Schools competition was held at East Grinstead Sports Club Netball Centre and the day was a great success with two schools in each age group going through to compete at the National Finals in March.

Start of season tournament had a good turnout of teams and was a fun day. This event will now be used as the entry tournament for the U14/U16 league.

For the first time this year the region held a tournament at the end of the season to include high five netball. It was again a great success and the high five teams in particular played some fun netball and enjoyed the day very much. It was great to see new teams taking part in what is hoped to be a regular event for our region.

Unfortunately for personal reasons I have stood down from the Regional Management Board, it has been a great experience and has taught me a lot. I would like to thank all of the Board members who have been supportive and helpful during my time on the board and I wish the Board and the C&ETSG good luck for the coming season.

Officiating – Kim Simmons

The last year as chair of the UTSG has been easier this season as I get used to the role, but I would like to thank the rest of the TSG for all of their hard work and support over the past year.

The season has been an extremely busy one for umpires at all levels whether officiating in the local leagues or at Regional and National levels.

National Appointments

Premier League Play Off

National Schools Finals 2012

Carol Williams, Kaz Merchant, Tracy Stubbs, Nicola Lindsay, Julie Arnold and Paul Withers. B's who attended were Emma Dell, Lorraine Parslow, Nikki Dewick.

National Under 16 Finals

Nicola Lindsay, Carol Williams, Lisa Valley, Lorraine Parslow and Carolyn Davies.

National Under 14 Finals

Emma Dell

International Series

International umpire Janice Treasure is off to Jamaica in June for the test series vs South Africa.

Netball Europe Games

Janice Treasure has been invited to umpire at the Netball Europe Games.

EN Premier League

As well as many of our A Award umpires, some of our B Award umpires were appointed to some Premier League 3rd Div games

A Award Conference

National B – A Award Course held in September at Nottingham University attended by 6 NS umpires. Some financial support was provided.

Courses

OTSG has organised two B Award courses this year:

3rd December 2011 attended by 16 umpires: Tutor Bill Alexander

22nd April 2012 attended by 16 umpires: Tutor Carol Alexander

1 person sat the A written paperwork in November 2011.

3 people sat the A written test paper in May 2012.

Beginner and/or C Award courses have been held by Hampshire, Berkshire, Isle of Wight, Oxford, Sussex, and South Bucks

Tests

Congratulations to the following:

A Award – Liz Biswell (Hampshire), Carolyn Davies (Oxford).

B Award: passes: Laura Finlay (Sussex), Megan Samuel (Sussex), Katie Mawer (Hants), Sharon Penny (Hants), Clair Merriman (Oxon), Juli Read (Berks), Catherine Harper (S Bucks), Ruth Rawlings (Hants) and Kat Dooley (Berks)

C Awards

A better season for C award umpiring tests, as more counties this year have been testing but with only 58 new C awards umpires within the region this season but with less umpires NYMC. Only 65 tests have taken place with 58 successes throughout the 8 counties since May 1st 2011. This means that the number of better qualified umpires is being limited which has an effect on the ability of the OTSG to allocate umpires for the Regional League

County	Pass	NYMC
Hants	24	5
Berks	14	0
Sussex	8	0
S Bucks	5	1
Oxford	5	1
IOW	2	0
Total	58	7

No testing has taken place in Guernsey or North Bucks this season

Beginner awards

County	Pass
Hampshire	18
Oxford	4
IOW	5

Youth Umpire award

Sussex	8
Berkshire	10

New B tester this season Kim Schepens.

Berkshire

Have put on 1 C Award course and I Rules Forum. Leagues very active in Mentoring Beginners and potential C 's

Isle of Wight

Had 12 people do their beginners course, two people take their C award. Have another beginners course being arranged for 11/18th June 2012.

South Bucks

Have held a C award course last Sunday 6th May at Kingsmead. I've had 5 C awards and a B pass from South Bucks. Yvonne and I also held an unofficial bridging course for the trainees

Oxford

During the 2011/2012 season we have held the following a C course arranged for 23 June 2012

And 2 Mentoring Sessions

The biggest highlight for Oxfordshire is that our new Netball Centre opened in January and Central Venue League started. We have now have 6 brand new flood lit courts.

Sussex

We have run 7 Beginner courses and 1 Towards C course. Two youth umpire orientation workshops took place this year in Sussex with a total of thirty two new teachers attending the course. We have also tested/assessed 8 young umpires for their YUA from Battle Abbey School, a first for us in Sussex and we hope to build on this next year.

Open League 1st Division

32 A and B Award umpires have officiated during the season for Division 1

Many thanks and well done to Jenny Poore who organised the umpire schedule. Not an easy task.

Once again umpires were very efficient and travelled together when possible. Many thanks to them for their professionalism and commitment

NTL League

There were 4 home and two weekend away fixtures this season. Umpires who officiate were: Emma Dell, Chantel Moore, Lorraine Parslow, Bev Goodman and Elaine Holmes.

The opportunity was taken, once again, to train people as Table Officials at these matches.

U14/U16 Regional League

This season counties had to provide their own umpires who were then mentored at the matches
Mentors have been Gillian Frackelton, Carol Williams, Nicola Lindsay and Jenny Poore.

Schools Regional Round U14/16/19 – January 2012 Sussex

The following umpires were used:

11 x As; 17 x Bs; 13 x Cs - five of whom have since become B Award umpires.

36 umpires officiated at the Schools tournament in Southampton and as usual the UTSG had their full support.

Thank you to and to Jenny Poore, Jennie Underwood for providing support to umpires during the day and for their input in selection of umpires for the semis and finals which is done on performance on the day basis and included A, B and C award umpires. Also thanks to Gillian Frackelton for organising all of the umpires.

Semi Finals:

Lara Venter, Nicola Lindsay, Nikki Dewick, Brownyn Rees
Dickon Adams, Pat Martyn-Smith, Bev Goodman, Liz Biswell
Carol Williams, Kaz Merchant, Paul Withers, Lisa Valley

Finals:

Elaine Holmes, Juli Read
Chantel Moore, Helen Burrows
Trevor George, Megan Samuel

Umpires provided for Inter Services Championships held in Portsmouth in March.

Once again I would like to thank very much the hard work done by the OTSG. We have had 6 meetings this year to discuss the organisation of umpires for the many tournaments which are now being held as well as confirming tests and courses taking place.

Kim Simmons
On behalf of the OTSG:
Jenny Poore
Gillian Frackelton
Carol Williams
Nicola Lindsay
Bev Goodman

National Talent League – Monica Vaughan

Following trials on 8th October 2011, a squad of 21 for the 2011-2012 season was selected:

Katherine Alexander, Becky Cook, Harriet Crossen, Natalie Douthwaite, Lucy Dudley, Sally Fisher, Katie Hayward, Nic Humphrys, Alana John, Emily Jones, Hayley Pring, Lucy Read, Emily Sutton, Becca Suzan, Vikki Thompson, Jade Traynor, Stevie Turner, Elsa Wakeman, Holly Walton, Lauren Watson, and Becky Welch

The Coaching & Support team:

Elly Moore – Lead Coach
Trish Kilczinski – Assistant Coach
Sue Baldwin – Team Manager
Simon Brown – Physio

The girls in the squad came from three different regions: as well as South, there were two from the East region and five from the London & South-East region.

Home matches (2) were played at Loddon Valley Leisure Centre, Lower Earley, Berkshire. This was also the training venue. Netball South worked with a new kit supplier, Viper 10, to design & produce a new dress and warm-up top – the players really loved the dresses and looked very smart in them.

Although all the girls were thoroughly pleasant & friendly off-court, it proved difficult to get them to gel on-court; perhaps a combination of reasons: not enough training time together resulting in sessions being mostly about tactics that some of the players wouldn't buy into -

The majority of the squad were new to playing at this level and found the physical side of the matches affecting their netball skills and mental approach: they could not perform under the pressure. Having said that, there was some superb netball at times – just not enough of it! All the matches were hard fought and, with the final fixture of the Netball Talent League to be played, Team South was in 7th place: unfortunately the final result between Northern Thunder and Loughborough Lightning put us down into 9th place – losing out on goal average.

Opening weekend

Loughborough w 59-37
Nth Thunder l 24-51
T Northumbria w 39-29

Mavericks l 23-58
Bath l 34-57
Dragons l 37-40
Surrey storm l 30-54

Closing weekend

Jets l 32-55
WMW l 34-44
T Nth d 40-40

Netball Talent League final table

Team	P	W	L	D	+	-	+/-	GA	PTS
<u>Northern Thunder Youth</u>	9	9	0	0	453	311	142	1.46	45
<u>Surrey Storm Youth</u>	9	7	2	0	435	382	53	1.14	37
<u>Yorkshire Jets Youth</u>	9	6	3	0	475	373	102	1.27	33
<u>Mavericks Youth</u>	9	5	3	1	436	382	54	1.14	33
<u>West Midlands Warriors</u>	9	5	4	0	394	360	34	1.09	31
<u>Junior Dragons</u>	9	4	4	1	351	395	-44	0.89	28
<u>Team Bath Youth</u>	9	4	5	0	409	428	-19	0.96	26
<u>Lboro Lightning Youth</u>	9	1	8	0	384	448	-64	0.86	16
<u>Team South</u>	9	2	7	0	312	425	-113	0.73	16
<u>Team Northumbria Youth</u>	9	1	8	0	291	436	-145	0.67	

Performance – Sue Baldwin

County and Satellite Academies:

All Counties were able to run the above during the season. Elly REC, interim was able to visit all of them offering assistance and mentoring the coaches.

The Academy Festival was held at the G4S centre, East Grinstead. Teams were mixed as per the previous year, this is so the girls get used to playing with different players as they will do in future trial situations.

The day was again used for mentoring scouts, umpires and tournament assistants.

Scouts selected players who have now been invited to this year's PDP programme which will be held at Bradfield College, Reading on the weekends of 9th/10th June and 16th/17th June.

Those who will be out of age for next season's academies have been invited to attend the Regional Academy and NTL trials.

Regional Academies

These continued in Winchester, Watlington/Oxford and Chichester.

The trials for this season will be held on 23rd June and 30th June.

Excel Academy

This was held in Winchester.

From the Regional and Excel Academies players were invited to attend the South & South West Regional screening, those being selected attended the England Trials at the Easter Camp in Loughborough.

Very many Congratulations to the players listed below who were selected into the programme;

Under 21's

Yasmin parsons

Hannah Joseph

Under 19's

Ashleigh Stock

Freya Szmidt

Under 17's

Elsa Wakeman
Katie Hayward

International Selections

Mia Ritchie and Gemma Fletcher have both been selected for the senior squad, they have played in colours and received caps.

Regional and Excel come and play sessions

Will be held during May and June in Winchester.

Fit Camps

These will be held for the first time this season during July.

Netball & Netball South West will hold a joint residential summer Camp, Bradfield College, 12-17th August.

Regional Head Scout

Talent ID selection Workshops have been held, as well as some mentoring of training scouts.

In addition I was invited to work with Maggie Jackson at the trials in Loughborough with the other RHS's and the REC's

Coaching – Peter Carter

Level 3 bursaries

During the past year the Region have awarded 3 bursaries to coaches who have started their UKCC Level 3 award. A lot of discussion took place as to when the bursary should be awarded and like most other sporting bursaries, ours will be given when the coach has successfully become a Level 3 coach. The successful applicant will also be expected to support Netball South and its programmes and the Region will do all it can to support the coaches in identifying opportunities to help develop their coaching.

A record form of relevant details is held by the Regional Office in order to keep track of the coach's progress.

Coach training and education

One of the aims of the Coaching Technical Support Group was to reinstate The Coaches Club, which was so expertly run by Chris Maylor and Pam Barham a number of years ago. The first task was to ascertain what workshops the coaches in the Region would like and by using the Facebook page of our website we have had a number of suggestions ranging from:-

Mentoring

Drills and skills

Invite a high performance coach

With the last suggestion in mind we are in the process of trying to organize a date and venue when Denise Ellis can come and run a workshop for us. Denise has vast international experience and is currently Assistance Coach with TeamBath.

We are also hoping to arrange a joint umpiring/coaching forum where we can discuss various matters that occur during the game. We've contacted Head Office and are hoping they might be able to help us with the organizing of the forum.

Conference

Because of various factors it was decided not to hold our Conference this year, and it is hoped it will run next year.

England Netball Workshops

These are being organized by the various NDO's in our Region and are still proving popular. There have been some follow up workshops organized by the Counties based on the comments made by the coaches attending the EN workshops.

PDP and Academy Festival

At this year's Academy Festival, held at High Wycombe on 18th March, the Academy players were organised into teams and a coach from the various Academies throughout the Region was appointed to coach them throughout the

day. This was a great opportunity for the coaches to work with players they didn't know and for them to work on their match play skills.

The players selected at the Festival will attend the PDP which is being run over 2 consecutive weekends, 9th and 10th and the 16th and 17th June at Bradfield College, close to Reading. The reason for holding it over the weekends is to give the athletes an insight into what happens at an England training camp.

It is hoped to run a programme that will involve the Academy Coaches and any other aspiring coaches who have ambitions of being involved in the Academy Pathway.

It has also been decided to hold the Regional Academy trials on the 17th and 23rd June. By holding the trials this early they will be finalized before the Counties hold their Satellite and County Academy trials.

Also, as last year, the Regional Academy trials can be used as a CPD and mentoring opportunity for umpires.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NETBALL SOUTH

I have audited the financial statements of Netball South for the year ending 30th April 2012 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account and the Balance Sheet. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely for the members of Netball South so that I might state to those members those matters I am required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than to Netball South and the members of Netball South as a body, for my audit work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Scope of the Audit of financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the organisation's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the members; and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Opinion on financial statements

In my opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of Netball South's affairs as at 30th April 2012 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Opinion on other matters required by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where it is appropriate to report to you if, in my opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received; or
- the financial statements to be audited are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- I have not received all the information and explanations we require for my audit.

Recommendations for previous Audit

There were no recommendations in the previous audit.

In previous audits there has been limited or no access to the Umpire Account or the Coaches Association Account, this year, records were provided for each of these and they have been included within this audit.

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29th May 2012

Balance of Accounts as at 30th April 2012

Brought forward from 2011	£ 76,732.80
Coaches Association Account Bfwd	£ 5,490.54
Umpires Account Bwfd	£ 154.85
Income over expenditure	£ 10,944.94
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Accounts balance to be carried down	£ 93,323.13

Made up as follows

Main Current Account	£ 35,120.28	Statement as at 27th April 2012 Appended for May
Deposit Account	£ 55,789.50	Statement as at 2nd May 2012
Coaches Association Account	£ 5,494.96	Statement as at 2nd May 2012
Umpiring A/C	£ 620.86	Statement as at 2nd May 2012
Less Unpresented Cheques	£ 3,702.47	
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	£ 93,323.13	

NETBALL SOUTH UMPIRING ACCOUNT as at 30 April 2012

INCOME

Brought forward	£154.85
Netball South	5,000.00
Course fees	1,960.00
B' Tests	400.00
Cancelled cheque	60.00
Miscellaneous	5.19
	£7,580.04

EXPENDITURE

Resource packs	£282.00
Course subsidy	225.00
B' Award testers fees/expenses	765.20
Tutor fees and travel	329.16
National Schools regional round umpire expenses	940.51
Open League umpire expenses	1434.04
U14/U16 Play offs umpire expenses	174.80
Regional Academy festival umpire expenses	262.57
NTL umpire expenses	781.68
Mentor fees	313.60
Officiating TSG expenses	381.26
Venue hire	631.66
Miscellaneous	437.70
Balance carry forward 2012/13	620.86
	£7,580.04

NETBALL SOUTH - PROJECTED BUDGET 2012/13

<u>Item of activity</u>	<u>Projected Income</u>	<u>Projected expenditure</u>	<u>Net figure</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
Affiliations	£25,000	£ -	£25,000	230 schools @ £3 approx 12,000 members
Administration	-	£4,500	-£4,500	RMB expenses, hire of meeting rooms, website support, travel, meetings with County Chairs.
Competitions and Events (Regional leagues, National Schools regional round and junior 'fun' t'ments)	£12,000	£12,000	-	Income goes towards hire of courts, trophies, umpire expenses
Netball Talent League	£5,000	£13,000	-£8,000	Based on running costs for previous years and allowing for increased training sessions.
Coaching and Talent Support	£6,000	£18,000	-£12,000	Includes PDP, NTFL, Regional academies, Excel, Summer Camp (with S.West region), Come & Play, Talent/Scouting, Coaching courses, Bursaries.
Umpiring	£2,500	£8,500	-£6,000	B' award courses and testing, mentoring, NTL, Open and U14/U16 umpire expenses.
Back to Netball	-	£2,500	-£2,500	
Teacher training	-	£2,000	-£2,000	
Support for Young Volunteers	-	£1,000	-£1,000	
Regional technical Conference	-	£4,000	-£4,000	
Total	£50,500	£65,500	-£15,000	

2011/12 has been a busy and progressive year for netball in the South, we have now entered into the final year of our four year plan and over the last twelve months have seen some significant achievements;

Back to Netball

This initiative is still having a huge impact on netball across the South with an additional 33 programmes being run this year with 534 new participants accessing this opportunity. There is still a focus on ensuring the participants are able to continue to play netball in their local community beyond the initial 8 – 12 week introductory programme. Over the summer months the Netball Development Officers (NDO's) will be spending some time attending Race for Life events to promote Back to Netball Programme.

Nationally Netball successfully applied for and received funding from Sport England to enhance the Back to Netball offer in your areas across the Country by extending the workforce of Netball Development Community Coaches. Nationally there were nine Active Women funded NDCCs who had been in post since March 2011. The NDCC role is a full time post (35 hours per week), managed by England Netball. It encompasses both the development and delivery of Back to Netball programmes including all associated marketing (traditional and social media) and the development of on-going opportunities to sustain participation. It also includes empowering women in the local community to ensure the longer term sustainability of the project through signposting participants to coaching and officiating CPD.

Following consultation with regions and taking into account the population profile and latent demand, the following areas were identified as areas where an extended delivery focused workforce would have the greatest impact. The intention is to attract 500 new participants into netball per NDCC by March 31st 2013. The Region welcomes the following new NDCC into post;

- Geri Moore - Buckinghamshire with a focus on Milton Keynes
- Debbie Laycock - Hampshire with a focus on Southampton

Children & Young People

Our club accreditation scheme continues to work alongside Sport England's Clubmark accreditation and we now have many of the junior clubs within the region accredited. During the last 12 months the following clubs have achieved CAPS accreditation, congratulations to them all.....

Bronze

B's Netball Club	Berkshire
GoSport Gators Netball Club	Hampshire
Wingrave Netball Club	North Buckinghamshire

Silver

Challow Netball Club	Oxfordshire
Dreams Netball Club	Hampshire
Mid Sussex Netball Club	Sussex
Swan Centre Netball Club	Hampshire
Thunderbirds Netball Club	Berkshire

(Silver Re-accredited)

Brighton Netball Club	Sussex
Clan Netball Club	South Buckinghamshire
Eagles Netball Club	Berkshire

Gold

CD Phoenix Netball Club Sussex

(Gold Re-accredited)

Woodley Netball Club Berkshire

The NDO's have also been working with schools and clubs not only to establish School Club Links but also to recruit and support young volunteers. This year the Region has seen a significant increase in young volunteers taking up the volunteer programmes available with the Region now boasting over 140 Pass on your Passion volunteers registered as well as 61 Youth Advisors. These two initiatives both encourage young volunteers to continue their involvement as a netball volunteer by rewarding them for their time as well as giving those adults involved in netball the chance to get view points from young people. The aim now is to continue to increase the numbers of young volunteers as well as ensuring those that are registered are actively supported and deployed to various areas of the game. In addition, High 5 competition for the schools games has been taking place with the local NDO supporting the county round final.

Heartbeat

The regional unit has again organised a number of UKCC courses (4 x Level 1 and 2 x Level 2 courses) this has had a positive impact on the numbers of qualified coaches delivering within the region providing over an additional 80 new Level 1 coaches and over 35 new Level 2 coaches. The Region will continue to develop the course planning process so that the numbers of qualified coaches continues to grow.

In addition to the coach qualifications, the NDO's alongside the Regional Excel Coaches have organised 12 of the series of six coach workshops (On the Ball, On the Move, Sharp Shooting, Activate, Lets get Physical & Winning the Ball). It's the second year of running the courses where coaches have attended and gained some new ideas with the feedback on the whole being extremely positive. A further 11 Talent Identification workshops have been organised and run to provide coaches and teachers with an understanding of the Excel pathway and the skills/attributes required as well as the ability to nominate players into the Excel programme at a county level.

There have been some changes to staff over the last few months so below is a list of the current staff within the Region:

Regional Manager	Anna Young (full time)
Regional Co-ordinator	Tracey Stone (full time)
Regional Excel Coaches	Kat Ratnapala (3 days a week) Elly Moore (2 days a week)
Berkshire NDO	Lillie Crapper (3 days per week)
Buckinghamshire NDO	Ellen Mclvor (3 days per week)
Hampshire & IOW NDO	Emily Loftus (full time)
Oxfordshire NDO	Lil Roe (2.5 days per week)
Sussex NDO	Hannah Brooks (full time)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers that work tirelessly for netball, be it on the Regional Management Board, a Technical Support Group, a County Committee or within a club or other local setting, your contribution really is appreciated and is what enables the thousands and thousands of netballers to enjoy regular netballing activities. A particular thank you and congratulations to those who were nominated for a Regional Golden Globe this year, it is always amazing to read about the work of Netball's fantastic volunteers.

Within the South it is clear to see that it has been a busy 12 months, I look forward to working with you all over the next 12 months to continue to develop Netball in the South.

County Reports - Berkshire

Netball within Berkshire has gone from strength to strength during the 2011/2012 season. Players, coaches, umpires, administrators and other volunteers have all played a part in ensuring in promoting and supporting netball within the County. The many leagues within Berkshire are thriving and providing so many great opportunities for women to enjoy the sport that we all love (Newbury, Reading, Bracknell, Berkshire Premier, Ascot and Maidenhead leagues). It is great to know that there are so many people out there willing to give up their time to provide competition at all levels for the women of Berkshire.

Berkshire Netball has also been busy this year in a number of ways:-

- Run a successful Under 14/U16 Junior League (qualifying competition for South Region)
- Run successful U11/U12/U13 Junior Leagues
- Offered financial support for Level 1 and 2 Coaches to gain their qualifications.
- Offered financial and practical support for umpires to achieve their awards. We have continued to develop the Young Umpire Award within Berkshire with experienced umpires mentoring the young officials within schools.
- Organised a Berkshire Netball Awards evening attended by almost 500 people to celebrate the successes and achievements of people within Berkshire, with special guests Phyllis Avery (former President of England Netball) and outgoing Berkshire President, Val Hammerson
- Run Under 16 and Under 14 Academies for almost 70 talented young players, many of whom were selected at the Academy Festival to attend the PDP sessions taking place in June.
- Hosted various coaching workshops as part of the Excel programme
- Supported and helped with running the County round of the National Schools competition
- Provided bursaries to help support talented athletes

Clubs from our County competed in the South Open, U19, U16 and U14 competitions. Eagles and Woodley represented Berkshire in the Play-offs for Under 14 and Under 16 with Woodley U14s making it through to the National Club finals where they finished runners-up to Oldham. This is a fantastic achievement – the best result that a Berkshire club has ever achieved in the National finals.

Our Netball Development Officer, Lillie Crapper, has been doing some great work within Berkshire organising courses and linking with schools and clubs. She has also done a lot of work establishing Back to Netball sessions around Berkshire and there are lots of ladies who are now playing netball again either socially or competitively. Lillie has also worked hard to ensure that all the Junior Clubs in Berkshire gain their CAPS accreditation (or re-accreditation). We enjoyed great links with the team at Netball South - Helen Wynn and Tracey Stone - who have been great supporters of the work being done by the Berkshire Management Board. Helen has moved on to a new role with England Netball and we are very much looking forward to working closely with her successor, Anna Young, over the coming season.

We hope that netball in Berkshire will continue to go from strength to strength during 2012/13 and believe that the launch of our Berkshire Netball website (www.berkshirenetball.co.uk) in June 2012 will enable us to further develop and improve netball within the County.

Hampshire

As a county we have run competitions at High 5, U12/14/16/19 level. Three schools from Hampshire made it to the National Finals – Farnborough College U19's, Thornden U16's and King Edward VI at U14's.

The U12 Tournament, with 11 schools taking part, was held in March for winners from SSP rounds. This will be followed up on with a coaching session for talented players that were scouted during the tournament.

It was very encouraging to see numbers increase in the County Junior league to 9 teams at U14 and 7 at U16 with the top two teams going onto Regional League in January. Weston Park U16's were regional winners and went through to National Finals coming a very respectable 7th.

We continued to run our own Academy Programme for U16's and U14's learning from last year. After attending the end of programme festival HNA had seven U14's and seven U16's invited to regional PDP.

HNA are delighted to have had 3 players representing England this year. Two at U19 and 1 at U17 this year, all from Weston Park NC.

At grass roots HNA have secured a grant from Hampshire County Council for Back to Netball. This initiative is being co-ordinated by Emily as part of her work programme and over the past year there has been 11x Back to Netball programmes, more than last year, with a total of 155 participants getting Back to Netball throughout the county. Back to Netball sessions are being linked to several of the Race for Life runs around the county. A Back to Netball Festival is also being organised for July.

It is encouraging that teams with in HNA are wanting to progress. This is evident in having 4 winning league teams, wanting to enter the regional play off. As a result we organised our own play off matches before sending the winner to the regional play offs.

HNA have continued to support umpire development by organising and running 3 Beginner, 3 C Courses and two YUA courses arranged for this summer. Since last year there have been several umpire tests conducted. The results of which are 1 new A Umpire, 31 new C Umpires and 6 new Beginner Umpires across the county.

We are continuing to work with England Netball in promoting and progressing the Umpire Mentor Course that was started last year. Theory sessions have been held and the practical element is an on-going process. Another theory session is planned for early September.

CAPS accredited clubs have been helped to complete the transition process and transferred to the new format. This year, 4 new clubs gained Bronze CAPS, 1 club has re-accredited to the new Bronze CAPS and 1 re-accredited to the new Silver CAPS. Five new school club links between these clubs and schools has been established.

For the second year running we held our own Netball Awards at the A.G.M. with a growing number of nominations this year.

Affiliation has grown and as a county we now have 3927 members, the highest number it has ever been. This can only be achieved through hard work from the committee and Emily Loftus as our NDO. I would personally like to thank everyone for their efforts during 2010/11.

Isle of Wight

The 2011/12 season has been rather busy. We are very grateful to the Isle of Wight Council for resurfacing the outside courts and improving the facilities at Seaclose Park. We now have a much-improved central venue for our senior and junior leagues.

Isle of Wight Netball has organised:

- A Senior League
- An Autumn and Spring Junior League
- Two Back to Netball courses
- A Beginners Umpiring Course
- Hi 5 Course for primary school teachers
- Four primary school cluster tournaments, plus a finals day
- Two Adult workshops for attack and defence play
- The County round of the National Schools Competition
- County Academy
- Gwyn Foster Development Academy

Isle of Wight Netball will conclude our season with:

- Senior Summer League
- Hi 5 Junior Summer League
- Hants and IW squad training to encourage new young players

- A HI 5 netball event at the IW Primary School Games for years 4/5 Children
- A second Beginners Umpiring Course.

Local clubs have gained new members as a result of the Back to Netball Courses.

The Beginners umpiring course again was well attended, and several of the attendees are very close to taking their tests. We have gained one new C Award Umpire, who is greatly needed on the Isle of Wight, and 5 Beginner umpires, three of whom are U15. Several members have attended the C course. We do have an issue with lack of umpires, but our umpiring secretary is working very hard to develop and support any one keen to “have a go”.

It has been rather chaotic with the reorganisation of schools, but slowly sport is improving. We have dedicated a lot of time to Primary Schools in their first year with year 6 pupils. The Hi 5 Course had some very enthusiastic teachers and we were able to run 4 cluster tournaments with the top two placed teams taking part in a finals day.

Increasing the number of coaches on IW is also essential. We need to find a way to encourage our helpers to have the courage to take the big step to UKCC Level 1, and mentor some Level 1 to prepare for Level 2.

Having Seaclose Park in use again has helped bring all netballers together Sunday, helping us to encourage greater participation in all aspects of our sport.

Oxfordshire

2011/12 has been a very exciting year for Oxfordshire Netball, as years of hard work and a significant number of volunteer hours, and a considerable amount of fundraising have paid off with the completion of our fantastic new six-court floodlit netball centre at the new Community Arena in Oxford. The Oxfordshire League has successfully moved from home-and-away to the central venue system, and the junior league has settled into the new site, with the addition of a High 5 League this year. The Cherwell League is also rapidly expanding, as a hub for social netball in the North of the county.

Oxfordshire Netball has a website (www.oxonnetball.co.uk) and a blog (www.oxfordshirenetballblog.co.uk), which provides an easy route to communicate out to all members, and more and more members are regularly visiting the blog to look at what is on in Oxfordshire Netball and beyond, as well as checking whether it’s too cold at -2degrees to play!

We have had a successful Academy programme this year, with our second year of U12 & U14 development sections, running alongside the U14 and U16 Academies.

Rachel Bussey has left the role of Netball Development Officer, and Lil Roe has taken on the position recently, and has been supporting our development plan with organising an up-coming back-to-netball festival, as well as looking at corporate league and disability netball at The Community Arena starting later this year.

The local School’s Netball Committee has also become part of the Oxfordshire Netball Development Board over the past year, to help drive forward school-club links and to promote netball in schools.

Umpire mentoring and testing has increased dramatically following the opening of the new facilities at The Community Arena, relieving the high demand on existing umpires and allowing new teams to flourish with their own umpires. We have also allocated out all the bursary funds we give out to support coaches on the UKCC courses this year.

We’ve just hosted our third Awards Night, with 10% of our membership attending an evening of celebration, with representatives from the South Region and England Netball. We are also organising our first Fastnet tournament later in May.

South Bucks

Another year has passed and netball is still a very popular sport in the South Bucks area attracting players of all ages. A number of Back to Netball sessions have commenced over the year encouraging ladies back to the sport.

The number of teams entering our Under 12 and Under 14 leagues has increased over the year, thanks to all the volunteers that help run these teams. Without the volunteers junior netball would not continue to be a large part of the netball that is played in South Bucks.

Our Academies ran well for both the Under 16's and 14's, the number of girls from South Bucks selected for PDP increased this year which is excellent.

The South Bucks Coaching and Umpiring Secretaries have worked hard over the year helping netballers in passing their coaching and umpiring awards.

The Kingsmead Management Committee worked very hard last summer ensuring that the re-surfacing and new fencing happened at the 8 court facility in High Wycombe.

If anyone would like to hire the facility for tournaments please contact:

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Sussex

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I have been the Sussex Netball Development Officer for Two years. It's been good to build on relationships from my first year in post and make a bigger list of contacts in Sussex. See below key highlights and achievements from across the county.

Back to Netball	<p>Sussex Netball have hosted 13 (target 8) Back to Netball courses, from April 2011 – March 2012. With over 250 (target 130) ladies returning to the sport. Courses happening Sussex wide including the following new venues; Steyning, Brighton, Bexhill On Sea, Battle, Worthing, East Grinstead and Chichester.</p> <p>Sessions will continue to run in new venues and offer a fun, energetic and social way to return to the sport. Three teams in total have entered leagues in Brighton, Worthing and Hastings Netball leagues. 2012 focus Back to Netball Festivals.</p>
Club Action Planning Scheme (CAPS)	<p>CAPS – England Netball specific version of Clubmark. Congratulations to CD Phoenix Netball Club who achieved their gold and to Brighton Netball Club and Mid Sussex for achieving silver CAPS award.</p>
Junior Netball- A step in the right direction	<p>Sussex Junior Netball Club Forum Agenda formed by junior clubs. Discussions around competition, excel pathway, CAPS, England Netball and a chance to share good practice. These Forums have proved to be very popular.</p> <p>Sussex County Junior Netball Tournaments – Organised by SCNA and Sheila Martin. The 2011 competition saw 6 junior clubs represented with 23 different teams entering. Build on this success in 2012, now in planning stages.</p> <p>Sussex Event Calendar – Dates and competition details all on one Sussex Calendar. Produced by Carly Gibbs. Found on home page of Sussex Netball Website. (www.sussexnetball.com)</p> <p>Sussex School Games Netball represented in Sussex, held on 3rd July 2012 (County Finals, High five and Year 7's).</p>

Coaching Workshops	Sussex have now hosted all six of the England Netball Coaching Workshops including; Winning the Ball, On the Ball, On The Move, Sharp Shooting, Getting Physical (Strength and Conditioning) and Activate. This year filling thirty five places on two courses. (Next Workshop Sharp Shooting June in Eastbourne).
Youth Umpire Award Umpire Development	Two youth umpire orientation workshops took place this year in Sussex with a total of thirty two new teachers attending the course. A first for Sussex with Battle Abbey School, congratulating eight competent young umpires through the award. A big thank you to Sussex County Umpiring Secretary Kim Schepens for supporting this programme, along with her team of testers and dedication to mentoring in Sussex.
Umpire Courses	Since April 2011 Sussex have organised four beginner umpire courses, (72 participants) and one towards C courses (18 participants).
Academies	<p>This year saw 118 girls take part in the Sussex academy trials. After trials, filling sixty places, twenty in each of the following:</p> <p>U14 County Satellite Academy U16 County Academy Development Academy</p> <p>Thanks goes to the SCNA and academy coaches for all their hard work both at the sessions and behind the scenes. Lisa Packer, Rebecca Jutson, Jo Barnes and their helpful assistants.</p> <p>Success at the Regional Festival, with 16 girls being selected for Player Development Pathway with the hope of being selected for the Regional Academy 2012.</p>
Big Netball Conversation	<p>Local research by England Netball to develop a Participant Centred Approach, to get an understanding of what netballers want by asking them directly to shape the future of netball over the next four years.</p> <p>Thank BMW league and the 30 people I interviewed court side for helping with this project.</p>

Thank you to the Sussex County Netball Association, who work hard as volunteers to develop and support netball in Sussex.

For news, courses and regular updates please visit www.sussexnetball.com or even join us on twitter @sussexnetball