



# Annual Report 2013-2014



## Welcome to 2014 Netball South – AGM

### Chairman – Monica Vaughan

A big thank you to the Members of the Regional Board, Technical Support Groups (TSGs), Regional Manager, Regional Co-ordinator and the personnel within our Counties for the time and devotion that they have given to developing Netball in our Region.

The Region has a number of TSGs and these are chaired by members of the Regional Management Board. Each TSG provides a report, however unfortunately the coaching TSG has not had a lead and we have been unable to move anything forward in this area. We do have people willing to sit on the Coaching TSG but need someone from the RMB to chair and lead the group.

We are always looking for people to get involved in the TSGs and it is an ideal way to get involved in a specific area of interest in officiating, competition, performance and events.

The Competition Group held a meeting with counties and teams in December which was well received and we hope to run more meetings /conferences to find out what you, our members, want and how we can progress.

The Performance group has had real challenges this year as the focus on a 'Netball first' attitude for performance athletes has been paramount. The changes required to monitor each County's performance plans as well as the Region's has created more work. The benefits of this are that Counties and Regions are working closer together. The changes have meant that some of our athletes have been able to access performance centres outside of our region to limit their travelling.

Bill has been looking at our website and we are currently reviewing and pulling together a specification for a new site.

This will be my last year as Chair. Living in the North East I feel as though I'm becoming more remote and not able to give the time that is required to chair the Region effectively and contribute to the development of players and coaches. I would like to wish the Region all the best for the future and to thank the Counties and Clubs for their contribution and support to the South Region in attending meetings/conferences, officiating and playing in competitions.

### Competition – Carol Alexander

After a successful County Engagement Day last August, the CTSG followed this up with a Competition meeting in December. Representatives from all Regional League Clubs and County Committees were invited and over 40 people attended. The aim was to get more people involved but also to listen to the views/suggestions from around the region.

A League Entry Tournament will still be the way of deciding the top 8 teams to form the Regional League at U13/14/16/19 age groups. At the meeting, Counties offered to run a 2<sup>nd</sup> tier competition for teams not successful at gaining a place in the League and the CTSG will work with Counties to co-ordinate this once numbers are known.

In 2013/14 we ran an U12 league for first time. Unfortunately we only had interest from 3 clubs but they managed to play some very successful triangular fixtures. For the 2014/15 season, we will be running an U13 league in place of the U12 league but will allow players over 11 years old to participate.

All of the relevant entry forms have been circulated for Play Offs, End of Season Tournament, Entry Tournament and League Entries but to date no information is finalised as closing dates have not passed.

The End of Season Tournament will to be held at Wavell on 7<sup>th</sup> June and will have teams playing at U13, U15 and Open age groups. A Masters age group was offered again this year but had to be cancelled due to lack of entries.

Provisional dates for next season have been circulated with all Open teams, including possible new entrants, being made aware they may have to travel to Guernsey.

There were no real problems in 2013/14 and all leagues ran smoothly and the weather being kind to us. Congratulations to Just Ahead that won Division 1 and we wish them success at the Premier League Play Offs together with Sussex Thunder who are contesting to stay in Premier Division 3. The format for SR Play Offs has changed this year in an attempt to ensure we have the best teams in each division. However exact details cannot be agreed until results are known from Premier Play Offs.

The 2014/15 Rules and Regulations will be reviewed and agreed by the Board once we have information from England Netball.

Finally, I would like to thank the CTSG members for their hard work in administering the leagues and tournaments. A particular success was the Regional National Schools Competition held in Southampton.

With more help the CTSG could offer more to clubs and ease the workload for a few. If anyone is interested in helping please contact the regional office.

The Competition pages on the website have been tidied up hopefully making it easier to find information but this task is being reviewed.

**Carol Alexander**  
(Chair and on behalf of CTSG)

#### **Officiating – Carol Williams**

This has been a much more successful year for the OTSG following a period of uncertainty and direction. The OTSG have managed to work more proactively and are continuing to develop the support we are able to give in all areas of officiating. However, the group is still in need of new members to support the work we are planning for the coming season.

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 and we are very pleased to see the continued success of our umpires in the South.

Following on from the first Officiating conference in April 2013, which was attended by 70 umpires across the region from all levels, this year we have held an Umpires' Conference specifically for those umpires on the Approved Umpires List (AUL). The aim of the conference was to get further understanding from the umpires as to how the OTSG can support them as well as clarify the expectation from the OTSG of being on the AUL. In addition we concentrated on "Dealing with Discipline" and the Rules particularly in this area including a focus on the advancement of penalties.

#### **National Appointments**

##### **Premier League Play Off**

Many of our A Award umpires attended the playoffs at the beginning of May which saw one of our regional teams Clan progress into Premier League 2, whilst our remaining teams, Blades and Sussex have remained in the league. We wish them success for the coming season.

### **National Schools Finals 2014**

Despite being held in Cheshire team South fielded the highest number of umpires including Emma Dell, Chantel Moore, Nikki Dewick, Nigel Gill, and Alice Johnson. Two of our mentors also attended, Yvonne Jamison and Audrey Castle.

An extra special thank you to those who were involved in umpiring the semi-finals and finals: Julie Arnold (Under 16 Semi Final), Elaine Holmes (Under 14 Final), Nicola Lindsay (Under 19 Semi Final), Kaz Merchant (Under 19 Semi Final), Chris Obin (Under 16 3/4 Play Off), Mark Sheen (Under 16 Semi Final), Carol Williams (Under 19 3/4 Play Off), Paul Withers (Under 14 Final).

### **National Under 14 and 16 Finals**

This year U14 competition is being held in Sheffield and all NTL umpires were asked to attend. 3 South Umpires were able to take up this offer being Estelle Ball, Elaine Holmes and Chris Obin. The U16 finals are being held in Redbridge and we are being represented by Elaine Holmes and Estelle Ball.

### **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.

### **Netball Conference**

This was held in September at Nottingham University and was attended by a number of South umpires. Some financial support was provided. The Conference was opened to all umpires of all levels for the first time and this is the same theme being carried forward for this years conference "Make the Game". All umpires will have been surveyed to see what themes they would like covered in this event.

### **Courses**

OTSG has organised two B Award courses this year:

November 2013 attended by 11 umpires: Tutor - Jenny Poore

March 2014 attended by 14 umpires: Tutor - Jenny Poore

11 people sat the written paperwork in November 2013

11 people sat the written paper work in February 2014.

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

### **Tests**

Congratulations to the following:

Five new As: Nikki Dewick, Mark Sheen, Emma Dell, Chris Obin, Estelle Ball

Two new Bs: Olivia Johnson and Julie Whitaker

### **C Awards**

This year saw the continuation across the region of a high number of assessments for beginner and C Awards umpires. During the coming year the region will be working with the county umpiring secretaries to increase our number of learner umpires and those acquiring their umpire awards.

### **Assessors**

Following on from last year re accreditation of Assessors we are still unable to get any new assessors with the course still being devised through England Netball.

### **Open League 1<sup>st</sup> Division**

60 A and B Award umpires have been eligible to officiate during the season for Division 1 but with commitments to Premier League it is a difficult balance to ensure that we have enough umpires for every match. Many thanks to

Jenny Poore and Kim Schepens who organised the umpire schedule and dealt with continuing changes right up to the last minute. Not an easy task but helped enormously by the work of Gillian Frackleton.

Once again umpires were very efficient and travelled together when possible. Many thanks to them for their professionalism and commitment. For the coming year we will be allocating umpires to Div 1 and Div 2 – so watch this space.

### **NPL League**

We have had a very successful year with a number of our NPL umpires being successful with their A awards and some of this success has been as a result of videoing umpires to develop their skills and direct feedback.

Estelle Ball and Chris Obin being in their second year were utilised in the opening weekend of the NPL season and they both successfully completed their A assessment in March this year. Nikki Dewick also was successful along with Emma Dell who this year was not used for NPL as had had this exposure for the last three years. I am also pleased to say that she too has passed her A award assessment.

With regards to match bench officiating we held a theory evening led by Carol Alexander and with 22 participants it resulted in the home fixtures being well supported. In addition to the home fixtures being well supported I was also well supported for match bench officiating for the closing weekend resulting in Carol Alexander and Nicola Lindsay attending.

It has been commented at NPL weekends that Team South work well as a team with regards to the match bench supporting the umpires and the umpires supporting one another very well.

### **Schools Regional Round U14/16/19** – January 2014 Southampton

33 umpires officiated on the day:

This tournament would not have been possible without the support and full cooperation of all the umpires who officiated, many of whom went home with some positive feedback provided by experienced non-active umpires who combined this with the role of court manager.

The following umpires featured in the final rounds:

#### Under 14s

Semis: Elaine Holmes and Mark Sheen ,Alice Johnson and Mary Stanley  
Final: Megan Pratt and Olivia Johnson

#### Under 16s

Semis: Megan Samuel and Chris Obin, Estelle Ball and Liz Swywj  
Final: Alison McEvoy and Helen Burrow

#### Under 19s

Semis: Janice Treasure and Bronwen Rees, Kaz Merchant and Lisa Vallely  
Final: Dickon Adams and Chantel Moore

Umpires provided for Inter Services Championships in March 2014, including Lisa Vallely, Estelle Ball, Karen Merchant, Julie Arnold, Janice Treasure, Colin Hill, Pam Nebbett, Elaine Holmes. OTSG would like to formally record its appreciation of the support given to the region from the Armed Forces.

Once again, I would like to thank very much the hard work done by the OTSG. We have had a number of 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. We have also built up our working relationships with the Competitions Group and now match up with colleagues as required to ensure that umpires or mentors are provided for competitions.

### **Carol Williams**

On behalf of the OTSG:

Jenny Poore, Gillian Frackleton, Nicola Lindsay, Kim Schepens

## Performance and NPL – Phyllis Avery MBE

‘Performance’ covers both Team South and the Regional Performance Programme.

### Team South

Trials were held on 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at Loddon Valley Leisure Centre and a training squad selected. As was expected, some members of last year’s Team South attended trials for Surrey Storm (which has a Superleague franchise), and were successful, but others remained loyal to Team South. Training was held weekly, with Elly Moore, Head Coach, Lisa Manning as Assistant Coach, and Sue Baldwin, Team Manager. The first fixture was the tournament in November at the Worcester Arena, followed by the Netball Performance League Opening Weekend in December at Loughborough University. There were only two home matches, one against Team Bath Youth, and the other against Surrey Storm (which had to be played at Surrey Sports Park due to difficulties over suitable court availability in the South).

The final weekend was held on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> April in Loughborough. On the Saturday, Netball South beat Loughborough Lightning 42-37, and lost narrowly to West Midlands Warriors by 40-41, resulting in a final position of seventh. Elsa Wakeman, England U19, (Blades) who was part of the Netball South squad was, unfortunately, injured (ACL) at the tournament in November, and was unable to play in any of the league matches.

Full results were as follows:-

Team	P	W	L	D	+	-	+/-	GA	PTS
<b>Manchester Thunder Youth</b>	9	9	0	0	520	267	253	1.95	45
Hertfordshire Mavericks Youth	9	7	2	0	461	299	162	1.54	38
Yorkshire Jets Youth	9	7	2	0	447	315	132	1.42	38
Surrey Storm Youth	9	7	2	0	474	364	110	1.3	37
West Midlands Warriors	9	5	4	0	378	358	20	1.06	29
Team Bath Youth	9	4	5	0	404	466	-62	0.87	24
Team South	9	3	6	0	345	394	-49	0.88	23
Loughborough Lightning Youth	9	2	7	0	322	438	-116	0.74	15
<u>Team Northumbria Youth</u>	9	1	8	0	347	445	-98	0.78	14
Junior Dragons	9	0	9	0	228	580	-352	0.39	1

In the Challenge Competition held on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014, Netball South beat Lightning and Surrey Storm (twice!) which meant Netball South were in the Cup (top 4) and Storm went into the Plate. In the semi-final Netball South beat Yorkshire Jets 14-13, and then played Manchester Thunder – unbeaten the whole season – in the final, and lost 9-14, but came home the very proud possessors of the Cup runners-up medals.

Netball South would like to thank all the parents who ferried their daughters around so willingly and patiently, and also helped organise a raffle at the ‘home’ matches to raise funds to support Team South.

### Regional Academies

This is part of a four-year programme, funded by England Netball. The South **Regional Performance Academy** has been running since July 2013 at Oasis Community Hub, Maybush, on Monday evenings from 8.00 to 10.00 pm, preceded by 1½ hours Strength & Conditioning at Solent University, and attended by seventeen athletes. Additional

sessions have been run on Thursday evenings at Loddon Valley Leisure Centre for one hour, prior to NPL training, and on Tuesday and Thursday early mornings at Oasis. Head Coach is Elly Moore, Performance Pathway Coach, who is employed by England Netball. Assistant Coaches, who are volunteers, are Vanessa Clothier and Sue Baldwin at Oasis on a Monday evening, and Liz Creighton at Loddon Valley L.C. on Thursday evenings. The region has been required to deliver 6 hours coach contact time each week, rising to 8 hours from the start of the coming summer holiday period.

The location of the academy has been difficult for some athletes, and a few have dropped out due to pressure of school work/travel, and others have been steered to nearer RPAs in the East and London & S. East regions.

The **Regional Academy** has also been held from September 2013 at Oasis Community Hub for 2 hours each week on Monday evenings from 6.00 – 8.00 pm, and attended by approximately 20 athletes. From the start of the coming summer holiday period delivery will be increased to 4 hours each week for year 2 of the programme.

England Netball is holding a Netball Performance Foundation League Pilot Event at Redbridge Sports and Leisure Centre on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July, and each region has been invited to enter one team per Regional Academy. Players must be under 17 (born 1997 or later) and the South will be entering a team.

### **National Academy**

As a result of screening in March, the following South athletes have been selected into the National Academy programme:-

Ashleigh Dekker, Alana John, Charlotte Maxfield, Tash Pavelin, Elsa Wakeman, and Fran Williams.

In addition, Chartie Curtis and Lucy Dicks-Ilori have been selected into the National Academy Potential Group.

Fran Williams was also selected for the Netball Europe U17 competition – and played in all quarters of every match - and has also been selected as part of a National Academy squad of 12 to tour Botswana in August to play against African teams, Namibia, Botswana, and local league sides.

### **Academies Festival**

This was very successful and was held at The Dome, University of Chichester, for representative County (U16) and Satellite (U14) squads on 26<sup>th</sup> April. 24 Academy squads took part (220 performance athletes) in a 5 hours plus non-stop festival. Awards were made linked to England Netball's performance trademarks (i.e. United, Relentless, Diverse, Resilient, Fearless) and athletes nominated by their County Academy Coach received feedback on their progress. Some were graduated to the Netball South Regional Academy or, at their request, recommended to trial for another region nearer to where they live or go to school.

### **County Performance Planning**

As part of the 'Performance' four-year programme, counties were able to access funding support from England Netball to run their Performance programme for the two years 2014-2016. Counties had to submit their plan to the region for assessment before it was forwarded to England Netball, so a meeting was set up for County Chairs and County Performance Leads to help and support them complete their plans and applications.

Feedback was provided to all counties, with suggested revisions to ensure that they met the Terms and Conditions of the award, and subsequently all counties, with the exception of the Isle of Wight, were advised that they will receive funding support from England Netball towards the costs of running their Satellite and County Academies for the next two years. (The region will contribute an amount to IOW to help and support them maintain a development programme on the island.)

At the request of the counties, the region will be running a workshop for Academy Coaches on 12<sup>th</sup> July to address and clarify any uncertainties with regard to delivering the Performance programme. The coach will be Elly Moore, the region's Performance Pathway Coach.

## **The Future**

A residential Summer Camp will be held at Bradfield College from August 11 – 15 for RPA, RA and CA athletes, approx. ages 15 – 18. The sessions are all 'open' for the region's coaches to participate in or to watch.

England Netball would like to work towards all regions and counties agreeing to specific days for levels of competition/training as follows, as many young athletes face competing demands on their time:-

Monday	Academy training
Tuesday	All NPL training (including Team South)
Wednesday	Club training
Thursday	Academy training
Friday	Rest, prior to weekend competition.

### **Finance Group – Phyllis Avery MBE**

#### **Independent Auditor's Report to Netball South**

I have conducted an independent audit of the accounting statements of Netball South for the financial year ending 30 April 2014 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account and 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. My audit work has been undertaken so that I may state to the members of Netball South 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 Netball South and the members of the Netball South as a body, for my audit work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

#### ***Scope of the audit of the 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 the financial statements***

In my opinion the financial statements:-

- give a true and fair view of the state of Netball South's affairs as at 30 April 2014 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 my 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 information and explanations I require for my audit.

#### ***Recommendations from previous audit***

There were no recommendations from the previous audit.

Alison Howes CPFA  
4 June 2014



**NETBALL SOUTH - Income and Expenditure Account as at 30th April 2014**

**INCOME**

**Affiliations**

Schools	£752.00	
Members	£23,680.70	<b>£24,432.70</b>

**NTL/Netball Performance League**

England Netball 2012/13	£2,223.44	
NPL trials	£149.00	
England Netball	£3,723.44	
Training fees collected	£1,895.00	
Raffles	£120.70	<b>£8,111.58</b>

**Regional Academies**

Screening	£470.00	
England Netball	£7,921.00	
Training fees collected	£5,350.00	
Payment for kit	£405.00	
Misc. Academy training fees	£612.00	<b>£14,758.00</b>

**Leagues**

Open League	£2,425.00	
U19 League	£890.00	
Junior League	£1,980.00	<b>£5,295.00</b>

**National Schools regional round**

<b>PDP</b>		<b>£3,150.00</b>
		<b>£3,880.00</b>

**Summer Camp August 2013**

<b>End of season tournament 22.6.13</b>		<b>£8,755.00</b>
		<b>£1,405.00</b>

**Academies Festival 2013**

	£540.00	
	£420.00	<b>£960.00</b>

<b>Miscellaneous</b>		<b>£100.00</b>
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**£70,847.28**

**EXPENDITURE**

**Netball Performance League**

NTL 2012/13	£504.49	
Venue hire	£1,991.20	
Coaching incl. expenses	£6,000.00	
Expenses	£6,132.34	
Umpiring	£834.83	<b>£15,462.86</b>

**Regional Academies**

2012/13	£433.00	
RA Screening	£635.60	
Venue hire	£3,671.66	
Expenses	£2,972.39	
Miscellaneous training	£368.88	<b>£8,081.53</b>

**Leagues**

Entry tournament	£201.60	
Open/Junior League	£522.40	<b>£724.00</b>

**National Schools regional round**

<b>PDP</b>		<b>£1,588.98</b>
		<b>£2,683.40</b>

**Summer Camp August 2013**

<b>End of season tournament</b>		<b>£8,066.06</b>
		<b>£659.18</b>

**Academies Festival**

	2013	£50.00	
	2014	£144.20	<b>£194.20</b>

<b>Umpiring</b>		<b>£6,700.00</b>
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<b>AGM and Galden Globes 2013</b>		<b>£1,076.19</b>
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**Technical Support Groups**

Competitions	£1,153.85	
Performance	£705.24	
Coaching	£5.20	<b>£1,864.29</b>

<b>RMB Meeting expenses</b>		<b>£986.35</b>
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<b>Administration</b>		<b>£1,313.67</b>
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<b>Miscellaneous</b>		<b>£88.60</b>
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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£49,489.31</b>
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<b>Balance of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>£21,357.97</b>
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		<b>£70,847.28</b>
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## **NETBALL SOUTH**

### **Balance of Accounts as at 30th April 2014**

<b>Deposit account brought forward 30.04.13</b>	£55,834.14	
Plus interest 1.4.14	<u>£44.55</u>	£55,878.69
<b>SRNCA deposit account brought forward 30.04.13</b>	£5,499.36	
Plus interest 1.4.14	<u>£4.39</u>	£5,503.75
<b>Main current account brought forward 30.04.13</b>	£44,741.52	
Less unrepresented cheques	<u>£5,092.91</u>	£39,648.61
<b>Income</b>		
<b>2013/14</b>	£70,847.28	
<b>Expenditure 2013/14</b>	<u>£49,489.31</u>	
<b>Balance of Income over Expenditure</b>		£21,357.97
<b>Umpiring current account</b>		£353.24
<b>SRNCA current account</b>		<u>£462.78</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>£123,205.04</b>

## Netball South Umpiring Account as at 30 April 2014

### INCOME

	£
Brought forward	81.28
Netball South	6,500.00
Course fees	1,410.00
B' Award assessments	120.00
Miscellaneous	0.20
Netball South	<u>200.00*</u>

£8,311.48

### EXPENDITURE

	£
Venue hire	282.00
Resource packs	123.00
Tutor fees and travel	915.30
Trials: NPL	65.55
B' Award assessment expenses	193.60
Mentors	273.03
OTSG expenses	431.68
Play-Offs	88.00
Regional League Umpiring expenses	4,263.68
National Schools Regional round	848.90
Course subsidy	370.00
Miscellaneous	103.50
Balance carry forward 2014/15	<u>153.24</u>
	8,111.48
Additional sum c/f 2014/15	<u>200.00</u>
	<u>£8,311.48</u>

\*Expenditure shown in Netball South current account after Umpiring account had been prepared

## NETBALL SOUTH - PROJECTED BUDGET 2014/15

<u>Item of activity</u>	<u>Projected income</u>	<u>Projected Expenditure</u>	<u>Net figure</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
<b>Affiliations</b>	24,000.00		24,000.00	Includes 250 schools @ £3
<b>Administration</b>	-	9,000.00	-9,000.00	RMB and TSGs expenses, hire of meeting rooms, website support, travel, meetings with county chairs, AGM and Goalden Globes expenses.
<b>Competitions and Events</b> (Regional Leagues, National Schools Regional Round and Festivals)	11,210.00	17,200.00	-5,990.00	Income goes towards hire of courts, trophies and umpire expenses.
<b>Umpiring</b>	1,550.00	3,000.00	-1,450.00	B' award courses, assessing and mentoring. Excludes Divisions 1 and 2 Open League umpire expenses and NPL umpire expenses.
<b>Netball Performance League</b>	6,600.00	15,600.00	- 9,000.00	Based on running costs for previous years, including Coaching expenses and NPL umpire expenses.
<b>Regional Academies</b>	17,500.00	20,000.00	- 2,500.00	Includes England Netball support for RA 4 hours p.w. and RPA 8 hours per week.
<b>Summer Camp</b>	8,500.00	8,500.00	-	Self-supporting.
<b>Coaching</b>	1,200.00	7,000.00	- 5,800.00	
<b>Back to Netball</b>	-	2,500.00	- 2,500.00	
<b>Teacher training</b>	-	2,000.00	-2,000.00	
<b>Communication and Events</b>	-	3,000.00	-3,000.00	
<b>Support for Young Volunteers</b>	-	1,000.00	-1,000.00	
<b>Reserve for Regional Technical Conference</b>	-	4,000.00	-4,000.00	
	<u>£70,560.00</u>	<u>£92,800.00</u>	<u>-£22,240.00</u>	



2013/14 has been another busy and progressive year for netball in the South and across the country. England Netball was recently named at the BT Sport Industry awards as Governing Body of the Year 2014. This is an outstanding award and a real recognition of the journey we have all been on. We have started to implement new initiatives and products that fit with what players want, to try and attract and sustain more people playing netball. Below provides a summary of activity run against each initiative.



Back to Netball is still having a huge impact on netball across the South with an additional 32 programmes being run this year engaging over 620 new participants back into netball through the work of the Netball Development Officers (NDOs). The Netball Development Community coaches (NDCCs) who focus on Back to Netball delivery have also engaged an additional 1064 participants over the last 12 months. We have been working hard with identified Back to Netball groups to transition them into teams/clubs so they can enter local leagues to allow them to continue playing and also open up capacity for new Back to Netballers to join the running sessions.



The Netball Development Officers have also been working with schools and clubs not only to establish School Club Links but also supporting the county level school games which runs in each county. These games see High 5 netball along with junior netball being played with young volunteers helping to run the days. We have also recently introduced a new High 5 workshop which is available for teachers and coaches which aims to provide more information and support with their delivery of High 5 in schools and clubs. The Region has seen 4 of these courses delivered over the past 6 months and we hope to deliver more in the next year.



Our club accreditation scheme CAPS 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 and re-accreditation, congratulations to them all.....

**Bronze**

Princes Risborough NC	Bucks
Windsor NC	Berks
Magnet NC	Berks

**Bronze Re-accreditation**

Kidlington NC	Oxon
Bucks Phoenix NC	Bucks
Gurnard NC	IOW
Shooting Stars NC	Hants

**Silver**

Rushmoor NC	Hants
Shorwell NC	IOW
Wallingford NC	Oxon
Sussex NRG NC	Sussex

**Silver Re-accreditation**

Wokingham NC	Berks
Tongham NC	Hants

**Gold Re-accreditation**

Weston Park Blades NC	Hants
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**Folders CAPs Assessment June 2014**

Flames NC (Bronze)	Bucks
Abbey NC (Bronze Re-accreditation)	Oxon
Finchampstead NC (Bronze Re-accreditation)	Berks
MK Netters NC (Silver Re-accreditation)	Bucks



Netball Now is a new initiative which we piloted over the summer. It is a simple, straight forward way to play netball. It's not a coached session, it's not a competition led by rules, regulations or scores recorded it is simply a session that you turn up at, pay a small fee and play a game of netball!

We ran one Netball Now in each county over the summer which saw 164 participants take part. We will continue to run these over the summer and we're currently working on a phased roll out to work with partners and the netball community to deliver more sessions in each county over the next 12 months.



The regional unit has again organised a number of UKCC courses (4x Level 1, 3x Level 2 and 2x Level 2 upgrade). This has had a positive impact on the numbers of qualified coaches delivering within the region providing over an additional 250 new Level 1 coaches and over 120 new Level 2 coaches. The Region will continue to develop the course planning process so that the numbers of qualified coaches continues to grow to support the demand for coaches to deliver programmes.

In addition to the coach qualifications, the NDO's have organised a selection of the series of six coach workshops (On the Ball, On the Move, Sharp Shooting, Activate, Getting Physical & Winning the Ball) based on demand across the region.



There has been a significant increase in young volunteers taking up the volunteer programmes available with the Region now boasting over 371 Pass on your Passion volunteers. This initiative encourages young volunteers to continue their involvement as a netball volunteer by rewarding them for their time and hopefully keep them involved in volunteering and netball for life. Over March the Region also supported the Net 10 for Life initiative which was to support Cancer Research.



There have been some changes to staff over the last 12 months so below is a list of the current staff within the South Region.

Regional Manager	Anna Young (full time)
Regional Co-ordinator	Natasha Billouin (full time) – maternity cover
Regional Performance Pathway Coach	Elly Moore (26hrs per week)

Netball Development Officers (NDOs)

Berkshire NDO	Julia Wheeler (3 days per week)
Buckinghamshire NDO	Emma Toft (3 days per week)
Hampshire & IOW NDO	Emily Loftus (full time)
Oxfordshire NDO	Lil Roe (3 days per week)
Sussex NDO	Stacey Boxall (full time)

Netball Development Community Coaches (NDCCs)

Buckinghamshire	Geri Moore (full time)
Southampton	Debbie Laycock (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.



## County Reports - Berkshire

Berkshire Netball has once again had a very successful season.

The success of netball within our County is due to the many players, coaches, umpires, league administrators, team managers, club managers, scorers and other volunteers who give up so much of their time to ensure there are plenty of opportunities for our members to participate in netball in whatever capacity they choose to. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in netball in some way during the 2013/14 season.

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

- Run a very successful indoor junior league which is the envy of many counties in the South Region
- Supported Level 1 and Level 2 Coaches to gain their qualifications.
- Supported Umpires to achieve their awards
- Organised a Berkshire Netball Awards evening attended by over 500 people to celebrate the successes and achievements of people within Berkshire
- Run Under 16 and Under 14 Academies for almost 60 talented young players
- Organised and run the County round of the National Schools competition with two teams from Berkshire going on to represent the Region at National Finals
- Team South have used facilities in Berkshire for training and matches
- Tri-County Play Days have taken place within Berkshire
- Provided bursaries to support talented athletes
- Academy coaches have attended National Coaching Conference in September 2013
- Berkshire athletes have progressed up the Performance Pathway to Regional and National level
- Berkshire Clubs have been represented in all the Regional Leagues – Open, U19, U16 and U14 – with Woodley U14s going to National Finals to represent the Region
- Welcomed new members to the Berkshire Netball Management Board
- Two new CAPS clubs have been created

Many thanks to the staff at the Netball South office and to Elly Moore, Regional Performance Pathway Coach, who have supported and helped Berkshire Netball Management Board over the year.

BNMB hope that the 2014/15 season will be even more successful for netball in Berkshire.

**Sarah Feast – Chair**

## Hampshire

Over the last 12 months Hampshire Netball Association has continued to work for the good of netball. One of the first tasks was to finalise the new 4 year plan, which has now been completed and will continue to be used as a working document.

The All Hampshire Junior Netball League is going from strength to strength. In its second season 32 teams took part covering under 12s, under 13s, under 14s and under 16s. The League also held two very successful tournaments including a Versatility tournament to close the season. This season saw more than 400 junior players registered and a range of clubs have won honours in the league and tournaments, which shows a healthy development of players across the county. In addition to playing, an excellent support system has been put in place to use the League for up and coming umpires to provide them opportunities to gain experience and mentoring. The volunteer workforce to support the organisation of the League has increased 3-fold, which has been a great development of the league. There has been also been a tremendous network of support across clubs to make match rearrangements when rain has stopped play. Although the weather has been very kind to Hampshire Juniors this season! As one of the largest

counties in England, the constant challenge is to provide playing opportunities within a county that can take 90 minutes to cross, if not longer! All this was only achievable with the dedication and commitment of committee member Sarah Wakeman and her new sub group committee.

Hampshire also continued to support the schools with tournaments for under 12s, under 14s, under 16s and under 19s incorporating the county round of the National Schools competition whereby the top 2 schools in each age group went onto the regional round where Portsmouth Grammar School under 16s earned places in the National Final, finishing 5th. The High 5 competition will again take place at the School Games event later this month.

The Academy programme for under 14s and under 16s was increased this year in line with recommendations from England Netball. Not only was the number of weeks increased but the addition of matches against other Academies was included. 28 players were selected for the under 14 and 21 for the under 16s. The 2014/15 Academy is currently being finalised to fit with England Netball plans including changing the selection process.

This year Hampshire started a County Open league as the only route to Regional Play Off. There were 8 teams this season, with around 90 players. Team Force were the overall winners with Winchester Netball Club as runner ups. As Team Force do not have enough players to enter regional play offs, Winchester will enter. FM Eclipse were relegated to local league. It is planned for next season to have 2 divisions of 8 providing enough teams want to enter. Special thanks to Chris Granger for all her hard work and commitment in setting up and running the league.

Hampshire have again run umpiring courses at a Beginner and C Award Level with two Beginner courses and three C Award courses run this season.

The number of clubs affiliated in Hampshire is 197 with 3202 affiliated adults and 1477 juniors. The number of primary schools has increased to 77 as has the number of secondary schools to 69.

#### **Emily Loftus – Netball Development Officer**

#### **Isle of Wight**

Once again it has been a successful season for Isle of Wight netball. The 2013- 2014 season welcomed a new team to the regular Sunday league.

The Friday night social league has had its 2<sup>nd</sup> year and is still very popular, many thanks to Carol O'Brien for her continued support of this evening.

In order to encourage old and new players to the sport Anne Selby started a mum's team at a local school, which has also proved to be very popular. Furthermore we have gained extra teams to the end of season tournament.

Our development officer/ head coach for our Satellite Academy, Anne Selby had an enjoyable weekend in attending the National Coaching Conference.

This year the participants have worked with six level two coaches, giving a variety of coaching styles. I would like to thank the Satellite Academy coaches for their continued support of our Isle of Wight girls making it a successful program.

Six of our current beginner umpires attended the Level C course; we are hoping to have four newly qualified C award umpires in the very near future. We also held a successful beginners course.

Over the season we have organised:



- The Friday night Social Netball Evenings
- IW Senior League & Junior Leagues
- IW Senior & Junior Tournaments
- Five primary school Hi 5 Cluster Tournaments plus a Finals day.
- The County Round of the National Schools Competition
- Gwyn Foster Development Academy for players age 11- 14
- Satellite Academy

Isle of Wight Netball will conclude this season with a summer league for senior players.

Many thanks to the Isle of Wight Committee for their hard work and dedication.

**Roz Davitt - Chair**

**Oxfordshire**

Oxfordshire Netball has been celebrating our successes. We held a great Awards Night event in April, taking the opportunity to thank all the volunteers that make netball happen in our area. We had more nominations than ever before for the biannual event. We've had some changes in the committee, with many new faces on board, spreading the load a little, and getting lots of fresh ideas and enthusiasm. We are actively working to improve our Governance with a new working group, and we now have a schools sub-committee to develop better links and improve communications. We are striving forwards with our coach development and umpire development, as the leagues continue to expand. Our netball courts now have great weather shelters to give us some protection against the winter weather. We continue to work together with our development officer to increase participation with Back to Netball and a social league, as well as improving access to netball in primary schools, and developing junior clubs.

**Kate Hopcraft – Chair**

**South Bucks**

It's been another successful year for South Bucks netballers. We have new teams entered into our local leagues; more Back to Netball sessions and Clan U19 won the SR U19 league.

Kingsmead Netball Centre is home to:

- Winter League – adult & junior teams
- Summer League - adult & junior teams
- High Wycombe Junior Club – approx. 120 girls per week attend
- Back to Netball sessions
- Bucks New Uni – training and matches

In addition the Chalfont League runs throughout the year with 12 teams.

Plans for the coming year:

- Umpiring – more C, B and A award umpires
- Coaching – more Level 1 and Level 2 coaches

- Academy & Satellite – increase the number of sessions for both the Academy and Satellite
- Continue to grow our local Adult and Junior leagues

One of the biggest challenges that we are facing is the loss of Kingsmead Netball Centre. Wycombe District Council has a number of planning applications in progress, one being a new motorway junction that will result in the loss of the centre. There are also plans to build houses which may or may not affect the centre.

Wycombe District Council are currently building a new sports centre at J4 M40, we will be talking to the Council to ask them to mark up netball courts in the sports hall. We are hoping that the facility can hold at least 2 courts maybe 3.

If anyone would like to hire Kingsmead Netball Centre for tournaments (8 courts and clubhouse available) please contact:

[kingsmeadbookings@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kingsmeadbookings@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Chantel Moore – Chair**

<b>Sussex</b>
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Sadly in February this year Hannah Brooks the Sussex NDO resigned from post and Stacey Boxall the new NDO did not start with us until late April.

During the year Hannah worked hard to meet the requirements of her post – Back to Netball courses have been held at various locations in Sussex during the year. Always well supported – the only problem seems to be where the players should be directed as many of the Sussex leagues are already running at full capacity. We are working on introducing Satellite Clubs in Sussex but this is quite a long process and no successes to report as yet.

A UKCC Level 1 course was held in February/March with 12 participants and a UKCC Level 2 course is scheduled for July and August in Burgess Hill.

We continue to hold Beginner and Towards C umpire courses on a regular basis. There have been 5 x Beginner courses and 2 x Towards C courses this year.

Chichester University have recently launched a new junior ‘drop in’ session for 11-16 year olds running on a Saturday morning which is currently attracting around 20 girls. Midhurst Netball Club are now holding junior sessions for years 5-7 and years 8-10 and have 40 girls involved.

Sussex are hopefully hosting an England Netball holiday camp in July/August at Cavendish School, Eastbourne.

We are currently working on a new website for Sussex Netball which should hopefully be up and running in the very near future.

Another promising year in netball development in Sussex.

### **Sheila Martin- Secretary**