



# **Derbyshire Netball Association**

**AGM**

**4<sup>th</sup> September 2024**



## Derbyshire Netball Association

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The Annual General Meeting of the above-named Association will be held on  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7pm  
Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/ztMpd2vqjIsGdYGUQuKeovHu3a0R283qXqH>

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Any apologies should be emailed to: Charlie Sizer – [chair@derbyshirennetball.co.uk](mailto:chair@derbyshirennetball.co.uk)

Clubs are requested to send at least one representative to the AGM.

Advanced Notice: Date of next AGM will be Wednesday 3rd September 2025



## Previous Meeting Minutes: Derbyshire AGM 2023

### Minutes of the Derbyshire Netball Association AGM

**Date: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Video Conference Call - Zoom

### AGM - List of Attendees

Name	Club/Position
Pauline Brasher	Vice President/Southgate NC
Della Louch	Chair
Caroline Richards	Treasurer/Stiletto NC
Jane Hadfield	Affiliations Sec/High Peak NC
Donna Beckett	Officiating TSG Lead
Debbie Hopkinson	Performance TSG Lead
Rebecca Randell	General Member
Charlie Sizer	Nominee

Name	Club/Position
Carol Spencer	General Member
Tracey Mellor	General Member
Claire Bowen	NDO
Paul Hardy	Allestree NC
Ruth Sampson	Ashbourne NC
Sarah Hollidge	Resolution & Safeguarding Officer
Liz Goddard	Ashbourne NC
Mary Yardley	Vice Chair

### Minutes:-

1	Welcome from Della Louch – Chair  Della welcomed everyone at the AGM, and thanked everyone for their hard work and organisation throughout the year in keeping us on track. A special welcome to Charlie Sizer.
2	Apologies: Matthew Millington, Jen Newman, Cheryl Naylor (Ripley NC), Dawn Heron and Laura Gee.
3	Tellers Appointed: Sarah Hollidge & Tracey Mellor
4	Voting Strength: 16
5	President's Address – read by Pauline Brasher (written report included in AGM Pack)
6	Minutes of the previous AGM held on 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 were reviewed and accepted as a true record.  Proposed by: Jane Hadfield



	Seconded by: Ruth Sampson
7	Chair's Report – read by Della Louch (written report included in AGM Pack)
8	TSG Reports. (Included in the AGM Pack)
9	NDO Report – Claire Bowen - Claire had nothing to add to her report but wanted to remind us that she is at the end of the phone and/or email.
10	<p>Treasurer's Report, Acceptance of the Accounts</p> <p>The accounts were presented for acceptance to the meeting.</p> <p>No questions or comments were raised: 16 acceptances were counted – Approved.</p> <p>Thanks were given to Liz Alsop for inspecting the Accounts for another year.</p>
11	<p>Changes to the Constitution</p> <p>There were many changes proposed by the Governance &amp; Finance (G&amp;F) Group as they felt it required an overhaul this year.</p> <p>A visual summary was shared during the meeting highlighting the proposed changes. A written summary was included in the AGM Pack.</p> <p>The proposed changes were accepted. (15 votes – 1 member had left the meeting)</p>
12	<p>VOTING OF MEMBERS TO THE CMB &amp; ACCEPTANCE</p> <p>Two vacancies had been advertised for a September 2023 start date being Chair position and a General Member position.</p> <p>Nominations for election were as follows:</p> <p>Chair – Charlotte (Charlie) Sizer – Application details provided in the AGM pack General Member – Dawn Heron – Application details provided in the AGM pack</p> <p>Both Nominations were accepted: 15 votes</p> <p>Most of the existing members were willing to continue in post so no vote was required for those roles.</p> <p>The County Management Board for 2023-4 will be:</p> <p>Chair – Charlie Sizer Vice Chair – Mary Yardley Secretary – Laura Gee Treasurer – Caroline Richards</p>





	<p>Membership Secretary – Jane Hadfield Resolution &amp; Safeguarding Officer – Sarah Hollidge General Member – Carol Spencer General Member – Rebecca Randall General Member – Tracey Mellor General Member – Dawn Heron Player Development TSG Lead – Debbie Hopkinson Officiating TSG Lead – Donna Beckett Competition Lead – Matt Millington Coaching TSG Lead – Jen Newman</p> <p>A vote of thanks was given to Della Louch for her Leadership over the past four years especially through Covid and the return to netball. Pauline Brasher presented Della with gifts from Derbyshire Netball as a token of our appreciation.</p>
13	<p>The AGM was closed at 8.15</p> <p>Date of the next AGM: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024</p>



## President's Report

This time last year we welcomed Charlie Sizer as our new chair. Charlie took over from Della Louch after her five year stint in the hot seat! Charlie is certainly making her mark and it's lovely having her here with us in Derbyshire.

Our County Management Board (CMB) are hard working and dedicated. They strive to give of their best to the athletes in their charge whatever their age or ability. I only wish we could encourage some of these youngsters to join us and to see what goes on behind the scenes to get them to where they want to be.

I have often thought our Derbyshire website did not reflect the hard work our CMB does and I am delighted that we are in the throes of getting a new one thanks to Rebecca and Sarah. We have already seen the very impressive work they have done to promote Derbyshire Netball to the wider community but they need your information to do this. Pass it to them and they will do the rest.

Congratulations must go to Heather Gleadall, Sara Bostock, Jayne Bell, Jo Ball, and international umpire Kate Mann for their England officiating duties last season. We are very proud of you. Flying the flag for Derbyshire.

Having my accident at the beginning of April meant everything I had planned to do was on hold for at least two months. However with the help of friends I managed to help out at a couple of tournaments, and Mary and I spent a lovely afternoon celebrating Ripley Netball Clubs 30th anniversary celebration at Blackbrook Lodge and Campsite in Derbyshire. We were there primarily to present trophies to the lucky winners but we also enjoyed a caricature drawing of us both and eating ice cream in the sun. Well done to Cheryl Naylor and her team of helpers for a wonderful week end of celebrations.

This coming season sees some rules changes and plans are in hand to professionalise and relaunch the Super League and feeder leagues and player pathway. I wish them well in their endeavours.

Wishing you all a very successful 2024/25 season.

**Pauline Brasher - President DNA**



## Chair's Report

It's been a fantastic year for Derbyshire, sport is never without its challenges but we have achieved so much this year and Netball in our county has a truly exciting future ahead.

Our participation numbers are growing, and with the launch of the new Netball Super League and Nottingham Forest Netball I am confident that our sport will continue to go from strength to strength in the coming seasons.

Our commitment to developing fantastic talent in our county has been demonstrated this year through the launch of our Derbyshire Talent Course, led and organized by a fantastic group. This programme brought together our board and our coaches from multiple clubs who shared an objective to deliver more competitive opportunities and trial-ready training. I'm sure we will see success from the efforts and I hope the course continues for a second year in the coming season.

Over the last few months there has been a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes, time and focus on modernising the face of Derbyshire Netball. Our project is almost complete and alongside our new Facebook Community and Instagram profile, we'll be launching a new rebrand of our logo and our website which will bring Derbyshire Netball forward significantly.

Another progressive step forward for the future of our sport, is the launch of our new Youth Board. Our Youth Board aims to bring together young and diverse voices from across the county to ensure we are progressing our talent in different ways and ensuring netball is fit for the future. We have decided to extend the application deadline for the next few weeks to allow our young stars to return from their summer holidays, and we ask for your support in putting forward young talent from your clubs and wider netball network for this opportunity.

It's been a privilege to be your new Chair for my first year, there has been a lot (and continues to be a lot!) to learn and I want to thank my fellow board members for their support and guidance over the last 12 months.

A huge thank you for all of the people involved in Derbyshire Netball and the wider community for whom are responsible for making the game as great as it is.

We must never settle and we must collectively continue to push for collaborative change for the better.

I'm excited to be a part of Netball in this next season – I hope you are too.

**Charlie Sizer - Chair**



# Treasurer's Report & Accounts

## County Accounts for AGM 2024:

### DERBYSHIRE NETBALL ASSOCIATION

#### FINAL ACCOUNTS for 2023-24

		2023-24		2022-23	
		£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME :</b>					
	Membership Fees	4,359.96		1,217.35	
	Yardley League	8,606.50		8,290.00	
	Walking Netball	937.15		971.00	
	Officiating Income	952.50		495.00	
	Derbyshire Performance Netball	50,858.16		42,483.42	
	Derbyshire Clubs Talent Programme	2,050.00			
	Interest on Deposit Account	135.16		57.45	
	County Competition	220.00		480.00	
	Sundry Income - EMRNC	1,000.00		-	
			69,119.43		53,994.22
<b>EXPENDITURE :</b>					
	Membership Fees	173.00		155.00	
	Yardley League	8,158.48		8,192.50	
	Walking Netball	800.00		745.90	
	Officiating Costs	1,083.90		555.16	
	Derbyshire Performance Netball	50,405.82		42,762.43	
	Derbyshire Clubs Talent Programme	1,835.50			
	County Tournaments & Equipment	268.78		379.20	
	Regional Competition funding	905.00		700.00	
	Website Regn & Maintenance	1,177.50		667.50	
	Sundry Expenditure - PDP	1,000.00			
	Netball Celebration	-		2,708.64	
	Archive Costs	636.97		288.56	
	Donations, Grants & Funding	2,206.00		1,030.00	
	Stationery, Gifts & Sundry items	279.99		82.99	
	AGM & Officers Expenses	539.88		444.76	
			69,470.82		58,712.64
	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-	351.39	-	4,718.42
	Yardley Deposits		-		-
	Balance brought forward at 1/8/23		37,733.80		42,452.22
	Balance carried forward at 31/7/24		37,382.41		37,733.80
	Balance in Current Account		879.94		818.83
	Balance in Deposit Account		12,129.20		12,129.20
	Performance Bank/Cash/Stock		24,373.27		23,920.93
	Total Funds held		<u>37,382.41</u>		<u>36,868.96</u>

\* Performance Accounts breakdown attached

Accounts Prepared by: [Caroline Richards](#)  
Awaiting Inspection.



## PDP Accounts for AGM 2024:

### Derbyshire Netball Association - Income & Expenditure Accounts as at 25-07-2024

Performance	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Training fees	£ 15480.00		
Donated subs	£		
Training venue costs		£ 3700.00	
Training kit		£ 2373.65	
Match kit		£ 0.00	
End of season festival		£ 1023.80	
Equipment		£ 239.40	
Coaching expenses		£ 5304.74	
Admin expenses		£ 573.58	
Other expenses		£ 373.68	1891.15
Match subs	£ 2387.00	£ 3491.85	-1104.85
Lea Green	£ 5390.00	£ 5344.10	45.90
Trial subs	£ 2550.00	£ 3315.51	-765.51
Kit sales	£ 4003.10	£ 3733.00	270.10
Under 17s	£ 615.00	£ 979.08	-364.08
Summer Camps	£ 4980.00	£ 4785.53	194.47
Condoover	£ 13264.00	£ 13552.90	-288.90
Trips	£ 1002.50	£ 1615.00	-612.50
New match kit	£ 0.00	£	0.00
Interest received	£ 186.56		
EM Region subsidy	£ 1000.00		
DNA subsidy	£ 0.00		
	£ 50858.16	£ 50405.82	£ 452.34

### Derbyshire Netball Association - Balance Sheet as at 25/07/2024

	2023/2024
Income & Expenditure this year	£ 452.34
Add balance from last year	£ 23920.93
Total funds held	<u>24373.27</u>
as :	
Performance bank account	£ 818.12
Reserve account	£ 15626.26
Cash account	£ 172.61
Debtors	£ 50.00
Stock / Kit	£ 7706.28
Creditors	£
Prepaid	£
	<u>24373.27</u>



## Report from Officiating TSG for Derbyshire Netball AGM

A very busy season of mentoring and assessing for the Into Officiating and C Awards. A huge thank you to our Officiating team for their hard work and support.

We are also very grateful to DANA league for allowing us over the summer league to assess and mentor for C Award. This will benefit many teams and clubs.

All reports for attending courses are downloaded monthly from Engage.

### **Course attendees 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2024**

**36** Into Officiating Course

**11** C Award Course

**1** B Award Course

Congratulations to Ameilia Goodwin, Fleur Goswell, Jenna Halton, Connie Howe, Meredith Pearce-McNeil, Keri Moorhouse, Alice Nadin, Jasmine Saunders, Beatrice Smith, Ciorstaidh Smith, Mary Sweeney, Sasha Tebay, Sowmya Vijayan and Abigail Young on passing their Into Officiating Award.

Congratulations to Sophie Adams, Jessica Barnett, Rachel Bradley, Blossom Diffin, Mollie Garratt, Laura Gee, Georgina Gregory, Maizie Goddard, Connie Haran, Sherena Henriques, Isobel Holland, Sophie Hughes, Kerri Jameson, Esther Meakin, Sophie Millington, Amanda Mole, Eve Morris, Emillie Smith, Meg Tenney, Charlotte Webster on passing their C Award.

### **B Award**

Congratulations to Amy Mosley on passing her B Award. A big thank you to Jayne Bell for her support with Amy.

We have 3 active B Awards with their written paper working towards their award, Hannah Newman, Jennifer Rhodes, Lorna Tebay.

### **New Assessors**

Congratulations to Helen Pearce McNeil, Helen White and Rachel Mycock, for attaining England Netball Assessors Award for Into Officiating and C Award. Kerri Flower to complete her C Award observations this coming season to finalise her Award.

### **Recognition and Profile**

Jayne Bell	<b>Appointed England &amp; South Africa Test Series in Nottingham and also Nations Cup 2024 in Leeds as Table Official (TO)</b> <b>Europe Netball Open Tournament at EIS Oct 2023 as TO</b> <b>British Universities &amp; Colleges Final as TO</b> <b>Europe Netball Accredited A Award Assessor</b>
Sara Bostock	<b>Appointed England &amp; South Africa Test Series in Nottingham and also Nations Cup 2024 in Leeds as Table Official (TO)</b> <b>Appointed TO at Super League Final 2024</b>



	<b>British Universities &amp; Colleges Final as TO</b> <b>Gibraltar U17 as TO in a Group Advisory Role with Europe Netball.</b>
<b>Jo Ball</b>	<b>Appointed England &amp; South Africa Test Series in Nottingham and also Nations Cup 2024 in Leeds as Table Official (TO)</b> <b>Europe Netball Open Tournament at EIS Oct 2023 as TO</b> <b>British Universities &amp; Colleges Final as TO</b>
<b>Kate Mann</b>	<b>Appointment to umpire at the Wales v Uganda Test Series.</b> <b>Appointed to umpire at The Nations Cup 2024.</b> <b>Appointed as umpire for NSL 2024 season.</b> <b>Appointed to umpire the NSL Final 2024</b>
<b>Julie Law</b>	<b>Appointed to Umpire at National Premier Division 1 matches 2023 – 2024 season.</b> <b>Appointed as umpire at the National Premier league playoffs.</b> <b>Appointed to umpire the curtain raiser prior to Loughborough Lightning U23's v England Trailblazers match.</b> <b>Appointed to umpire at National U19 &amp; U21 Netball Performance League (NPL)</b> <b>Appointed to National Schools completion, and allocated the U16 semi-final.</b>
<b>Rachel Start</b>	<b>Appointed to Umpire National Premier Division 1 matches 2023 – 2024 season.</b> <b>Appointed to umpire at the National Premier league playoffs.</b> <b>Appointed to umpire at National Schools, and allocated the U14 final.</b> <b>Appointed to umpire at the National U17 &amp; U19 Netball Performance League (NPL)</b> <b>Represented Derbyshire at Regional Schools for 2024, along with Julie Law, Chloe Proudler and Stuart Allen. Jayne Bell attending as Mentor.</b> <b>Appointed to the Para Netball Championship 2024.</b>
<b>Heather Gleadall</b>	<b>Received Europe Netball Service Award 2023</b> <b>Appointed as UAP for U17 Europe Netball event in Gibraltar.</b> <b>Assessor for NSL season 2023/2024.</b>

**Holly Smith made her debut at Regional Schools U14.U16 & U19.**  
**Rachel Start, Julie Law and Chloe Proudler were invited to umpire at an U19's Europe Netball Pilot event at Loughborough in December 2023. Jayne Bell was invited to attend as umpire support, and Sara Bostock was invited to attend as a scorer. The countries attending the event were England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Isle of Man and Gibraltar.**

### **NEWS for ALL members of Derbyshire Netball (ONLY)**

**Please be aware from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 all INTO Award assessments will now be charged at £33. C Award assessment fee if you are a full member of Derbyshire Netball will be subsidised by Derbyshire at the reduced rate of £35 instead of the new increased fee of £70.**



My sincere thanks and appreciation to the officiating team for their support and time given during this season. They make my job so much easier. From mentoring, assessing, attending meetings, to responding to numerous e-mails and the paperwork needed for qualifications with England Netball.

Thank you.

Looking forward to next season.



**Donna Beckett**  
Officiating TSG Lead

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TSG Members	Role and Qualification
Donna Beckett	County Officiating Lead (COL) C Award Assessment Co-ordinator, C & B Award Assessor and ADL Tutor
Dawn Heron	Mentor. Into, C & B Award Assessor
Heather Gleadall	Elite Pathway Liaison (C, B, A & IUA Award Assessor, ADL Tutor)
Helen Pearce-McNeill	Mentor. Into, C Award Assessor
Jayne Bell	Mentor. Into, C, B & A Award Assessor & International Table Official
Sara Bostock	Mentor. Into, C Award Assessor, International Table Official, Table Lead & Liaison for Lightning
Julie Law	DANA League representative
Jane Hadfield	High Peak League representative
Hayley Homer	Burton & District League representative





## **Report from Competition TSG for Derbyshire Netball AGM**

### **Our Objective**

We aim to facilitate Clubs who wish to compete in local, County, Regional and National Competitions.

The Competition Group meet to plan competition dates, rules and regulations, protocols and procedures, and budgets for County competitions.

We have regular meetings and updates from East Midlands Netball and share responsibility with the other Regional Counties to host annual tournaments, involving pre-event management and tournament officials on the day.

We aim to provide a positive experience for everyone involved, including the players, team organisers, umpires, and event organisers. We hope the passion for the game continues into the many generations of players now and in the future.

### **Members of the Competition Technical Support Group and Season Overview**

Lead	Caroline Richards
Regional Representative	Carol Spencer
Yardley League Rep	Mary Yardley
Officiating Rep	Donna Beckett
Performance Rep	Debbie Hopkinson
Schools Rep	Denise Howard
Club Reps	Liz Alsop, Pennine
Janie Pearson, Ripley	
Paul Hardy, Allestree	
Wendy Bailey, Long Eaton	
Ruth Sampson, Ashbourne	
Tracey Mellor, High Peak	

We welcome suggestions for County events, particularly since the county is spread over many miles. We are constantly coming up against the lack of indoor facilities in all areas of the County which limits what we're able to offer, but we keep trying.

The season starts in September as local leagues, the Regional League and the Junior Regional League restart the season. Schools hold their County Rounds of the U14, U16, and U19 tournaments during October and November in preparation for the Regional Schools Tournament held towards the end of January. These tournaments are usually held on a Wednesday afternoon at Repton School.

As the season moves into the New Year, we aim to have dates for the U14 & U16 National Clubs Competition.



Junior teams are invited to participate in both age groups, the top two clubs qualifying for the Regional Round of the Competition. The top two teams from the Regional Round qualify for the National Round. I'm pleased to say we've had Derbyshire clubs qualify for the National Round in the past – we can do it again!

The Regional League usually concludes around March when the weekends are taken up with Regional Tournaments being:

Clubs U14 National Clubs Tournament  
Clubs U16 National Clubs Tournament  
Regional League Qualifying Tournament  
U12's Tournament  
Bee Stingers Tournament (formerly High 5's)  
Junior League U14 Qualifying Tournament  
Junior League U16 Qualifying Tournament

The dates for tournaments are available on the Derbyshire and East Midlands Netball website if you are interested in any of the above. Please contact me if you require any information.

We try to encourage Derbyshire Teams to participate in Regional Events with a contribution towards the entry fee where possible.

Don't forget to watch out for the England Netball announcements for the Netball Super League and the Netball U17 Premium League match dates.

### Local Leagues

We try to share good practise with other County leagues although most are standalone leagues with their own Committees. For information, netball leagues in Derbyshire are:

Derby Area Netball League (Monday night)  
Walking Netball (Monday lunchtime)  
Yardley Netball League (Tuesday night)  
Burton & District League (Tuesday night)  
High Peak Netball League (Tuesday night)  
Long Eaton Netball League (Thursday night)

There are a number of commercial leagues in the County which raises concerns around consistency of rules and regulations, and the impact they have on the availability of players, umpires and volunteers in regulated netball at all levels.

### **The 2023-2024 Season**

### **Club's County Tournaments**



The U16 National Clubs Competition County Round took place on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Rykneld Sports Centre  
With High Peak, Allestree, Ashbourne and Long Eaton taking part  
Ashbourne and Long Eaton qualified for the Regional Round of the competition  
Regional Results: 5<sup>th</sup> Ashbourne, 9<sup>th</sup> Long Eaton

The U14 National Clubs Competition County Round finally took place on 9<sup>th</sup> March at Trent College  
With Long Eaton, Allestree and Stapleford taking part  
Allestree and Stapleford qualified for the Regional Round of the competition  
Regional Results: 3<sup>rd</sup> Allestree, 10<sup>th</sup> Stapleford

Although it was disappointing to have so few teams enter the County competitions, the standard of netball was high and resulted in thoroughly enjoyable tournaments. We hope our junior teams have had the opportunity to regroup this year and move into 2024-5 with confidence.

Thanks go to Mary and Pauline, tournament officials at both events.

### **Club's Regional Tournaments**

This year Derbyshire hosted the U16 National Clubs Competition on the 17<sup>th</sup> March at Sir David Wallace Sports Centre in Loughborough

Thanks again to the Tournament Officials on the day: Mary, Pauline, Janie and Sue Connor.  
My main job for the morning... mopping the floor from the dripping roof! Some of us get the best jobs, much to the amusement of the teams.

Results:

1. Lincoln City
2. Nottingham City
3. Charnwood Rutland
4. Louth
5. Ashbourne
6. Northants Storm
7. Bramcote
8. Market Harborough
9. Long Eaton
10. Towcester Tornadoes

Derbyshire also hosted the U14 Junior Regional League Qualifying Tournament held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The downpours on the Saturday raised many panicked phone calls as to whether we should or shouldn't postpone the event (a tournament organiser's nightmare, with teams at this level coming from all over the Region). In the end everyone arrived with suntan lotion and waterproofs, and the day turned out to be a success. The area surrounding the courts was an array of colourful tents as clubs prepared for the worst!



My thanks again to the trusted team of officials: Mary, Pauline, Debbie and Sarah who also arrived prepared for all weather conditions.

**Results:**

**Div 1**

Bramcote  
Charnwood Rutland A  
Lincoln City  
Northants Storm Purple  
Louth  
Allestree  
Bingham  
Notts City

**Div 2**

Charnwood Warriors B  
Market Harborough  
Northants Storm Black  
Stamford & Rutland  
Brigg & District

**Other Regional Tournament Results:**

Derby Roses qualified for the 2024-5 Regional League

**U12 Tournament:**

Allestree 6<sup>th</sup> place  
Ripley 8<sup>th</sup> place

**2023-4 Schools Competitions**

**County Tournament Qualifying Teams:**

U19's Ecclesbourne and Repton  
U16's Repton and Ecclesbourne  
U14's Trent College and Repton

**Regional Tournament results:**

U19's CUP 2<sup>nd</sup> place Repton finished 17<sup>th</sup>/18 at National Round  
PLATE 5<sup>th</sup>= Ecclesbourne

U16's PLATE 1<sup>st</sup> place Repton  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Ecclesbourne



U14's CUP 1<sup>st</sup> Place Trent College finished 14<sup>th</sup>/18 at National Round  
PLATE 5<sup>th</sup>= Repton

For a more comprehensive list of the competitions and results, please go to the East Midlands Netball website.

### **Walking Netball**

This year has seen more players join the Walking Netball on a Monday lunchtime. See Mary's report for more details.

### **And Finally**

To the players, Team Managers, Umpires and Volunteers,

None of these Competitions could take place without the support and hard work from the many volunteers that help on the day and behind the scenes to make these events possible and a success. Again, A HUGE THANK YOU to all of you for your time, assistance and support throughout the year.

If you are interested in helping on the day, we need people who can time the matches, complete match result tables, and tournaments referees to make decisions on the day and implement the rules – you can use the experience as part of your DofE Award.

Caroline Richards,  
Competition TSG Lead



## **Report from Performance TSG for Derbyshire Netball AGM**

### **County PDP Technical Support Group (TSG)**

**TSG Lead :** Debbie Hopkinson

**Academy Coach Rep :** Ruth Sampson

**County Performance Identifier :** Amy Ruffell-Hazell

**Umpiring and Junior League Liaison :** Donna Beckett

**Coaching Liaison :** Jen Newman

**Junior Club Rep :** Julie Malinski

### **2023/2024 Season**

The 2023/2024 Under 13 and Under 15 squads were selected in September, due to numbers we had a second trial day for each squad, so trials took up the whole of September, which delayed the start of our programme. Training commenced on 7<sup>th</sup> October and continued through to May 2024. We again had a lot of "out of County" athletes' trial – the U13 PDP squad was 64% Derbyshire and 36% other; the U15 PDP squad was 74% (14 out of 19) were from out of county – however 4 of these athletes are ex Derbyshire having moved clubs last year. The U13 squad took on 6 training partners, 5 of which were from out of county, 3 more training partners joined at C&C, 2 were Derbyshire and the other was Notts. The U15 squad took on 4 training partners, 3 of which were Derbyshire and 3 more at C&C, all of which were Derbyshire. So Derbyshire athletes are being successful at trials, it's a problem that as they progress through the programme they appear to want to leave to join the out of County clubs – DNC, Sheffield Tigers/Concord and Bramcote

The coaching team was

Under 13      Lead Ruth Sampson

Assistant Harriet Kelly

Under 15      Lead Amy Ruffell-Hazell

Assistant Kelly Hopkinson

Anne Sparkes and Debbie Hopkinson share the admin and team manager positions for all squads. Donna Beckett provides invaluable help at training and overseas the umpiring at training.

The first hour of every training session was taken by a specialist S&C coach, this was a success and something we will continue for the new season.

We returned to Lea Green for our annual team building weekend – this took place on the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October, I am afraid the experience was not what we are used to and feel the athletes need something a bit different for the 2024 residential weekend, so are exploring options.

### **Under 13s**

We again had a lot of "out of County" athletes' trial – the U13 PDP selected squad consisted of 20 athletes, one never attended training and was released at C&C. The squad was 64% Derbyshire and 36% other (DNC, Sheffield Tigers, Bramcote) The U13 squad took on 6 training partners, 5 of which



were from out of county (DNC), 3 more training partners joined at C&C, 2 were Derbyshire and the other was Notts.

We were able to enter 3 teams into the Regional County "League" so the training partners had match play throughout the season, which was invaluable to them. A decision was made (that Derbyshire did not agree with) that the U13 match play would not be competitive in that they would be stand alone matches rather than part of a league. The A/B/C teams contained athletes from all clubs and it did not take long for them to all become friends and team mates, no matter where they played for club. The teams 5 match play dates, three tournaments plus a weekend playing at Condoover. The results are attached.

### **Under 15s**

U15 PDP squad also took 19 athletes, 74% (14 out of 19) were from out of county – however 4 of these athletes are ex Derbyshire having moved clubs last year.

The Under 15s had 7 match play opportunities plus the Condoover weekend, the results are attached and are very respectable, the competition gets tough at this age group and we were proud of their performance and improvement over the season, culminating in both teams reaching the final of the league, playing their match as a curtain raiser to the Lightning Thunder match at SDW on 4<sup>th</sup> May – both teams won.

The Condoover teams were a mix of all squad members and training partners, chosen at random from a hat – so are not indicative of the usual squad performances, it was felt that after such a successful year the teams needed to kick back and have some fun – which they did !

### **Under 17s**

We decided to offer our 2023 leaving year 10s to train on every other Saturday, just to try to keep them up to speed for the Under 17 PDP trials in 2023 and 2024. On the Under 15 weeks training the old year 10s attended training from 12- 1 with the existing u15s – benefitting both squads, they were joined by the old year 11 from 1-2; on an U13 week both the old year 10s and 11 attended training 12 – 2. In addition to this we were able to source match play for them with Repton, Denstone and Derby University. I would like to thank Paul Hardy who very much helped make this all happen, being available for all of the matches and training.

We entered a team in the East Midlands Regional League qualifier on 28<sup>th</sup> April and came second so were offered a place. We accepted this and now have the Derby Roses entered into the Division Three for next season.

So for the coming season the Under 17s/Derby Roses will be run separate to the PDP – there will still be training every other Saturday but all of the finances will be separate and they teams will have to be completely self funding. I am in the process of organising a separate bank account for this team; the PDP bank will "loan" the Roses money to get off the ground but once up and running this loan will have to be repaid by setting subs at an appropriate level to allow this.



## **Summer Camps**

We offered three summer camps to athletes in current years 4/5/6/7 and 2 camps for current years 8/9, this is part of the EN pre-screening guidelines and they were intended to prepare athletes for what to expect at trials. They were hugely popular, so much so that we had to move the year 6/7 camp to derby Uni to accommodate the numbers (the Uni has 2 courts)

## **NSL Under 15 PDP Academy**

The first trials for this Academy, which is the next step on the Pathway for Under 15s, took place in January 2024. These were open trials, so most of our current year 10s attended, however as last year I am afraid that none of our athletes were successful, the selected athletes were 90% out of County, mostly from the North East. However one of our athletes trialled for the Central Warriors U15 PDP and was successful, so congratulations to Eliza Palin (Queens Park) Another athlete who trialled for Central Warriors was invited to join their Under 17 hub because of her potential, congratulations to Maisie Goddard (Ashbourne)

The second trials for this Academy (to determine the long squad for the National Under 15 competition in August 2023) took place in May, we are pleased to report that three of our athletes, Kessie Webster (DNC – year 9) and Harriet Whetton (Ashbourne – year 10) were offered a place as a training partners – a fantastic achievement.

## **2024/2025 Season**

Screening for the County squads takes place on 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> September for U13s and 14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> September for u15s. At the time of writing the outcome is unknown, however the numbers entered are even higher than last year. We have 99 athletes for Under 13s – 41 of these are out of county. We have 108 athletes for Under 15 – 60 of these are out of county. This year the out of county athletes have moved from just South Yorks and now include Notts, West Mids and one from Tameside.

The top 40 Under 13 athletes will go through to a second trial on the 8<sup>th</sup> September and the squad will be selected on that day – offers will go out the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> September and we will have a reserve list in case anyone declines their offer in favour of another County.

The top 40 from the U15s on 14<sup>th</sup> September will be invited to a final selection day on 15<sup>th</sup> September – again we will have a reserve list.

We would like to start training with an S&C testing session for all athletes who have confirmed their place, this is hoped to be at Derby Uni on 21<sup>st</sup> September. We will have a team building week end on 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September and are still researching facilities, we are planning residential trip to Conover Hall in May 2025 to finish the season.





The 2024/2025 training will continue to be at Woodlands School on a Saturday morning. The coaching team will remain in place – the contracts having been extended for another year.

Under 15 Lead

Amy Griffiths (nee Ruffle-Hazell)

Under 15 Assist      Kelly Hopkinson

Under 13 Lead      Ruth Sampson

Under 13 Assist      Harriet Kelly

### **Nottingham Forest Netball**

England Netball announced the new Superleague 2.0 teams in June, these included two East Midlands teams, Loughborough Lightning and Nottingham Forest Netball. They have also redrawn the territories that are assigned to each of these franchises and we are now assigned to NFN along with Notts, Lincs and Staffs. At the time of writing not much more is known about how this is all going to work, but it can only be good news for the East Midlands as a whole and we are looking forward to whatever the future holds for us and our athletes.

Debbie Hopkinson

County Player Development TSG Lead



## COUNTY PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (PDP)

### 2023-2024: MATCH PLAY

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## **Walking Netball Report for Derbyshire Netball AGM**

A continued success with everyone involved embracing our ethos of the three Fs – Friendship, Fitness and Fun.

The group has welcomed several new members since September 2023 including our youngest member at the age of 36 (who has mobility difficulties) to some ex County players. With existing members, our new recruits make an enormous contribution to an amazing group of women. An eclectic mix from retired head teachers, nurses and all other jobs and professions make what Walking Netball (WN) and Netball in the main embodies.

Two highlights -1) Pauline's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday meal at the Bluebell, South Wingfield fortunately celebrated in early October as our President was poorly on her actual birthday.

2) -On 26<sup>th</sup> February our Derbyshire Walking Netball Group entered 3 teams into the East Midlands Walking Netball Festival at Derby Arena organised by Claire (NDO). 12 teams entered.

In the morning session teams were played against each other in different sections to determine the sections listed below for the afternoon matches.

The three categories were: 1) In it to Win It, 2) Wiggles and 3) Giggles.

As expected by Pauline and Mary our 3 teams were placed in the following sections. There were 4 teams in each category.

Section 1 – Brasher's Babes, Section 2 – Mary's Marvels and Section 3 – Yardbirds.  
Brasher's Babes came 1<sup>st</sup> in the In it to Win It, Mary's Marvels were runners up in Wiggles and Yardbirds were 4<sup>th</sup> in Giggles.

Come Easter and disaster struck. Pauline broke her hip and was in hospital having a replacement operation. The troops rallied and with the support of our ex County players namely Julie Malinski and warm up guru Jayne Bell, I managed to continue until July 2024.

If in our group are ex England, County, Club players as well as returners or those haven't played before come along every week and the overwhelming comment is – I really enjoyed that or I had a great time – Thank you, our job is done.

We have had the usual difficulties with availability of the Arena but have managed to book Rykneld Sports Centre when necessary.

The sessions resume for 2024/25 on 9<sup>th</sup> September 11am at the Arena.

Mary Yardley and Pauline Brasher



## England Netball NDO Report for Derbyshire AGM



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### CLUBS

	Active Clubs 2021-2022	2022-2023 TOTAL NUMBER	2023/24 TOTAL NUMBER
NUMBER OF CLUBS IN COUNTY	46	55	57
Small Club Less than 20 People	7	12	14
Medium Club 21-50 People	21	26	22
Large Club 51-100 People	7	7	11
Extra Large Club 100+ People	9	10	10

This season saw an increase in registered clubs within the County.



## Memberships

- The new season is upon us and membership renewals for 2024/25 have started.
- Engage login can be found here [ENgage \(englandnetball.co.uk\)](https://engage.englandnetball.co.uk)

County	23-24 Membership	22-23 Membership	21-22 Membership	20-21 Membership	% renewal 23/24 vs 22/23
Derbyshire	1640	1394	1375	1090	119.27%

- **119.27% renewal from last season**
- **Large increase in Junior U14&U11 Memberships, slight reduction in O18**

2023-24 Derbyshire	
Members O18	819 (down from 835)
Members U18	236 (up from 222)
Members U14	342 (up from 199)
Members U11	243 (up from 138)



## Derbyshire News

Derbyshire hosted a Regional Walking netball festival in February at the Arena. 12 teams attended with 6 from Derbyshire. Yardbirds, Mary's Marvel, Brashers Babes, Ashbourne WI and 2 Long Eaton teams. Some of these teams had also traveled at Christmas to Leicestershire for the Christmas event.

Brashers Babes won the Cup group and were undefeated all day.





## Regional schools

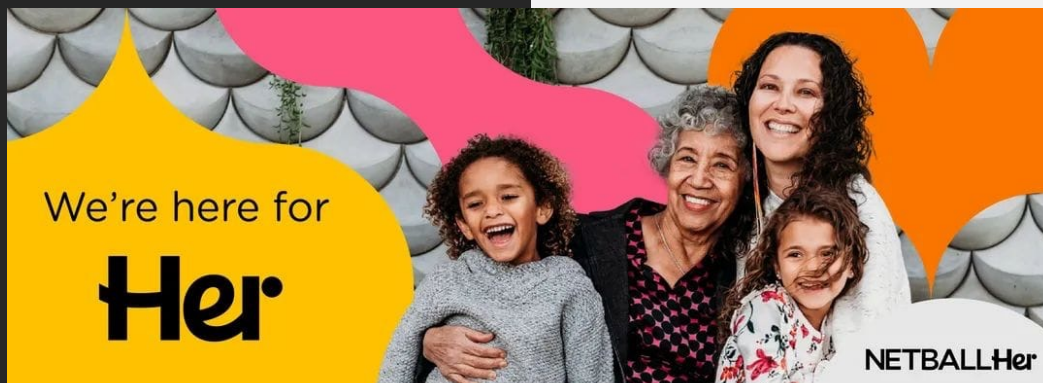
- The Regional School finals were back in February and Derbyshire had some great success, especially in the U14 Cup, with Trent college coming 1st. Repton U19 came runners up in the cup. They went on to the National competition to represent the East Midlands as 2 of the top 18 school teams across the Country in each age group.



## East Midlands ONE Awards.

East Midlands ONE Awards was an amazing opportunity to recognize the wonderful work of our volunteers. This year Derbyshire winners were Sara, Beth Debbie, Sarah and Liz.

Both Sara and Beth will go on to the National ONE Awards in October, we wish them the best of luck.



NetballHer

- Dedicated website launched March 2023 at [netballher.co.uk](https://netballher.co.uk)
- On the [NETBALLHer website](https://netballher.co.uk), you can find the best training techniques, relatable stories and expert advice on preventing, managing, and recovering from netball-related injuries.
- Topics covered – pelvic health, menopause, menstrual cycle, bras & kit, injury, nutrition, puberty and pre/post natal.
- Free learning offer to all O18 members



Allestree U14 Regional Qualifiers

## Regional Junior League

- U14 qualifier saw 12 teams competing. Allestree secure their place in Division 1 next season but coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in their group.
- U16 qualifier had 18 teams competing. Allestree U16 secured their place in Div 1 by winning their group. Long Eaton have a place in Div 2.



## Netball Sessions

Throughout the County there are several sessions running, offering both Walking Netball and Back to Netball.

Further details can be found [Engage](http://Engage(englandnetball.co.uk))  
([englandnetball.co.uk](http://englandnetball.co.uk))

## Upcoming for new season

- Netball Youth Camp – Allestree School
- Walking Netball Festival – Derby Arena
- Future junior festival in Derby, after a successful summer event with 19 teams attending including High Peak U16 who made the long trip down to Nottingham.







**Thank you to all the volunteers that make netball happen**





## **Derbyshire Clubs Talent Course Report for Derbyshire Netball AGM**

To develop young athletes who were not selected (but came close) for the Derbyshire Player Development Programme (DPDP) several club coaches from the County wished to run and support a Talent Course to give U13s and some U15s the opportunity to progress.

With the approval of Derbyshire's County Management Board (CMB) and liaison with personnel from the DPDP a 13 week Course was launched in November 2023. Twenty five young athletes were invited to attend. Attendance varied week to week but there was a core of 15 regular attendees.

The content of the Course was devised by Julie Malinski from Long Eaton Junior Netball Club (LEJNC) with other junior club coaches' support and ability to adapt where appropriate. Cheryl Naylor of Ripley Netball Club kindly loaned its equipment housed at Aldercar School and balls were supplied to each athlete on loan from the DPDP.

The club coaches involved in delivering the Course were Paul Hardy and Amanda Mole (Allestree NC), Julie Malinski and Wendy Bailey (LEJNC), Cheryl Naylor and Katie Carlin (Ripley NC), Laura Bailey (ex DPDP coach) Margaret Warren (former Derbyshire U18 Coach) and Cherise Naylor (fitness and strength and conditioning coach). Also, one of the parents, Stacey Jones took on admin roles during the course and it is hoped that Stacey becomes involved as a volunteer in the future. Mary Yardley acted as liaison between the coaches and the CMB. Unfortunately, other junior club coaches were unable to help as they were needed at their own clubs' training sessions held on the same evening, but were very keen to support the Course by releasing athletes to attend as well as being in the communication loop.

The Talent Course had a number of positive outcomes. 3 athletes were invited onto the DPDP at its Check and Challenge in January 2024. The cooperation, collaboration and positive energies of the participating coaches has engendered a growing support, respect and communication between Derbyshire's Junior Club Coaches. The Course received great feedback from parents stating how much the athletes enjoyed the Course and the benefits of experiencing different coaches and were very grateful for the opportunity.

Going forward the group supported the camps organised with the DPDP in the summer months and will continue to communicate as junior club coaches both formally and informally.

Mary Yardley



## One Awards Report for Derbyshire Netball AGM

The East Midlands One Awards and Regional Awards Event was held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at the Radisson Blu Hotel, East Midlands Airport where a buffet lunch was served.

This year's response was excellent with 143 nominations received for 103 individuals. Unfortunately, the number of nominees from Derbyshire was very few compared to previous years. Thanks go to the people who took the time to submit nominations for several categories; those being: Community Club of the Year – Swadlincote Netball Club, Coach of the Year Children and Young People – Jenny Chenery (Pennine Netball Club), Community Official of the Year – Dawn Heron (IRP), Mandy Proudler and Stuart Allan (LEJNC), Unsung Hero – Jackie Milsom, (Loughborough Lightning) and Matthew Millington (Pennine NC). For the Regional Awards: Hannah Hitchcock was nominated for the Jean Perkins Walking Netball Award.

Although no one from Derbyshire won any of the above; to be nominated recognises the impact that the above volunteers and participants have made and hopefully they can appreciate that recognition.

Two people, Liz Alsop and Sarah Hollidge were presented with the Regional Long Service Award. Congratulations to them.

Debbie Hopkinson received Derbyshire's Special Recognition Award for her considerable dedication, time and commitment to our Performance Programme. A very worthy winner. Congratulations to all nominees. Netball wouldn't function without its volunteers.

The event was very well attended with Regional Competition winners also being recognised. The Region also presented Sue Hunter, who was retiring as Regional Chair, a gift in appreciation of her 15 years as Chair guiding the Region in an exceptional manner.

At the event a raffle was held with prizes donated by each County in aid of the Osteoporosis Society and over £700 was raised.

Tables displaying and promoting 1) NetballHer with packs available for clubs to take and 2) the Regional Development TSG highlighting Sustainability in Netball. More details of how to get involved to follow.

From an update from Eleanor Udall (Regional Officer) the event has received some positive feedback and photos from the event can be seen on the East Midlands website.

The National Event, where winners of the One Awards from the 9 Regions are presented is on 19<sup>th</sup> October at the Motorcycle Museum in Birmingham.

Mary Yardley



## Proposed Changes to the Constitution

The changes proposed to the Constitution are minor, and include the following changes:

Clause	Current	Proposed Change
2.2	The County will serve as a forum to co-ordinate activities, organise competitions, arrange technical courses and elect representatives to serve on Regional Committees in line with plans and strategies approved by England Netball	Remove "arrange technical courses"
6.1.2	Table of CMB members C. Secretary	To be changed to Administrator
6.1.2	Table of CMB Members F. Membership Secretary G. Resolution Secretary	Both to be changed to Officers
6.1.2		New role added as I, Social Media and Digital Officer
6.2.6	The CMB shall have the power to make, alter add to and revoke Bye-Laws of the County Association, provided that such Bye-Laws or any alterations, or revocation shall not be effective until the earlier of	Comma added after alter
8.1.5	(e) Appoint auditors of the accounts for the next 12 months	Replace "auditors" with Inspector
8.3.3		Wording updated to reflect procedure on zoom inline with East Midlands netball
9	(b) Each Club shall pay an annual subscription to the County which shall be due on the 1st September	"club" replaced with "Member"

In addition to the Constitution the County also has a set of bye-laws which contain more detailed operational rules – such as annual membership charges. From time to time the CMB will make amendments to this – this year these include an increase in the mileage rate in line with East Midlands netball. Both the Constitution and Bye-laws are available on the website.



## Derbyshire Netball County Management Board

Existing members are willing to continue in post and therefore no vote is required

President – Pauline Brasher

Chair – Charlie Sizer

Vice Chair – Mary Yardley

Social & Digital Officer – Rebecca Randall

Treasurer – Caroline Richards

Membership Secretary – Jane Hadfield

County Resolution Lead – Sarah Hollidge

General Member – Carol Spencer

General Member – Tracey Mellor

General Member – Dawn Heron

General Member – Vacant

Performance Development TSG Lead – Debbie Hopkinson

Officiating TSG Lead – Donna Beckett

Competition TSG Lead – Caroline Richards

Coaching TSG Lead – Vacant

Administrator – Vacant

One new board nomination has been received, and a vote will be held at the AGM.

**Position: General Member**

**Applicant: Rachel Mycock**



## Derbyshire Netball Association

### County Management Board Elected Member Application Form

Name of Nominee:			
In support of a nomination for the post (please tick):			
General Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We aim to appoint Board Members who collectively have the skills, abilities and experience appropriate to the needs of the County Management Board. We do not expect members to have all the individual skills and experience. Each member will bring their own qualities – tell us about yours. Please attach a separate sheet if insufficient space is available. Please ensure that you have clearly indicated which section the attachment relates to.			

#### ***Business Skills and Experience:***

I have my own butcher's shop which I started myself, I manage all aspects of the running of this business. Planning and forecasts, sales and development, purchases and all connected accounting work with the business accountants.

I also have a family farm which has a variety of livestock which we breed to sell in the shop as well as selling at the local livestock markets. I manage all aspects of the running of the farm day to day, develop and plan the business and prepare all the accounts for the agricultural accountant.

Part of a diversification for our farming business, I have developed and manage a camping facility on our land. I deal with the marketing of the site and sell space using an online platform, manage all the bookings and day to day running of the site.

I am a Governor at the local nursery school. I have in particular worked with the school around their safeguarding controls and risk assessments to make sure that they are improved for pupil and staff safety.

#### ***Interpersonal Skills and Experience: (leadership; relationship and people management; influencing and networking; communication)***

I work with people on many different levels, I communicate in a clear manner and remain professional in my attitude. I understand the need to vary communication styles for different people and do this naturally.

In my work, I work with a wide variety of people and am comfortable with everyone.

I am a level 2 netball coach and coach with a team of coaches at the high peak netball club. I am a B award umpire, I also mentor and support members of the highpeak netball club who are working toward their into and C award umpiring qualifications.

I have recently completed my into and C award assessors course so I can now assess umpires.



***Knowledge and Understanding of sporting competition and development pathways:***

I Am a coach at High Peak netball club. We are a grassroots club and develop young players to play together as a team. We have local friendly games with our neighbouring districts, enter teams into our local league when they are ready and if applicable signpost gifted and talented athletes to Derbyshire Netball trials. I also support and encourage the junior members in starting their umpiring pathway with this I have 3 which have passed there into umpiring and are now progressing onto there C award. I also coach Lady Manners school netball team in term time and attend local competition and additional training sessions when necessary. I also support the school by umpiring as well as coaching in there school tournaments

***Please list any prior experience of serving as a volunteer:***

I am a volunteer at High Peak Netball Club. As well as coaching I mentor the young coaches/umpires who also support the club.

I volunteer at lady manners school coaching and umpiring.

I Organise the umpiring rota for the high peak netball club league. I identify and mentor all upcoming umpires and make sure they have all they need to progress.

When doing Into assessments this is also voluntary work.

Aswell as netball I have recently taken my level 1 in football coaching in order to help support and manage my daughter's football team.

My work in supporting the local nursery school is also all voluntary. I help in supporting organised events and fundraisers for the nursery alongside being a governor

***Understanding of equality and ethical issues in sport, including Duty of Care, Safeguarding:***

I have a good understanding of how a sports club needs to run operational and the importance of safeguard and risk assessment to have safe and good practice. Alongside this I have also completed the FA safeguarding in children course.

***Understanding and experience of other voluntary sports organisations:***

My daughter plays football and I have recently undertaken my level 1 football coaching so I am able to be an additional support to the club and the coaches.

***A passion for the development of sport:***

I have been involved with netball clubs for over 10 years and love all aspects of development. I have supported my daughters and encouraged them to not only play but to umpire and coach as well.





***Knowledge, understanding and experience of Derbyshire Netballs vision and strategic plan for the development of the sport:***

I would like to be involved and learn more about the plans for netball in derbyshire.

***Knowledge of Derbyshire Netball's County Management Board Structure:***

**Criminal convictions.....**

Have you ever been convicted of any criminal offence?

No

**DECLARATION**

I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief all particulars I have given are complete, true and accurate. I understand that any false declaration, information, omission or misleading statement may lead to my being prevented from acting as a volunteer now or in the future.

**Signed:** Rachel Mycock  
**Print Name:**

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024