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**Derbyshire Netball Association**  
**AGM**  
**3rd September 2025**



The **Annual General Meeting** of the above-named Association will be held on  
Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at 7pm  
Via Zoom Video Conferencing - Register in advance for this meeting via [this link](#).

The purpose of this pack is to provide important information in advance with regards to changes to the Derbyshire Netball Constitution and roles of members of the Derbyshire Netball County Management Board. A further AGM pack will be shared in advance of the meeting, and will include reports and accounts from the county.

**Clubs are requested to send at least one representative to the AGM.** Any apologies should be emailed to: Charlie Sizer – [chair@derbyshirenetsball.co.uk](mailto:chair@derbyshirenetsball.co.uk)

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Advanced Notice: Date of next AGM will be Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2026



## Minutes of the Derbyshire Netball Association AGM

**Date: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Video Conference Call - Zoom

### AGM - List of Attendees

Name	Club/Position
Charlie Sizer	Chair
Mary Yardley	Vice Chair
Caroline Richards	Treasurer/Stiletto NC
Jane Hadfield	Affiliations Sec/High Peak NC
Donna Beckett	Officiating TSG Lead
Debbie Hopkinson	PDP TSG Lead
Rebecca Randell	Social Media Admin
Tracey Mellor	General Member
Carol Spencer	General Member
Sarah Hollidge	Resolution & Safeguarding Officer
Rowena Hackwood	East Midlands Regional Chair
Claire Bowen	NDO

Name	Club/Position
Eran Warren	Ripley NC
Shelley Ashenden	Stiletto NC
Harriett Kelly	Belper NC
Paul Hardy	Allestree NC
Cheryl Naylor	Ripley NC
Ann Kerwood	Pennine NC
Janie Pearson	Ripley NC
Liz Goddard	Ashbourne NC
Ruth Bailey (Part attendance)	Ripley NC
Rachel Mycock	New Board Member
Dawn Heron	General Member

### Minutes:-

1	Welcome from Charlie Sizer – Chair  Charlie welcomed everyone at the AGM, and thanked everyone for their hard work and organisation throughout the year in keeping us on track, and thanks Rowena Hackwood for joining from East Midlands Netball
2	Apologies: Sara Bostock, Pauline Brasher, Ruth Sampson, Liz Broomhead
3	Tellers Appointed:
4	Voting Strength:16



5	President's Address – unfortunately Pauline was absent, but in her absence, Charlie recognised the value she brings to both the Board and Walking Netball, and how despite a tough year personally she's already back on a netball court and is missed from today's meeting.
6	Minutes of the previous AGM held on 6th September 2023 were reviewed and accepted as a true record. Agreed as true reflection by 16 votes
7	Chair's Report – summarized by Charlie Sizer (written report included in AGM Pack), with the following highlighted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A thank you to fellow Board members for their support in the first year</li> <li>• Shared the importance of the new Youth Board for netball in our community, an initiative that Charlie has championed since joining the Board, asking for support to continue to grow the members of the group</li> <li>• How the Board has been focused on modernizing the face of Derbyshire netball, including new Facebook Community, Instagram Profile and we are currently working on a new logo and website, with thanks to Rebecca Ransford and Sarah Hollidge</li> <li>• A huge thank you for all of the people involved in Derbyshire Netball and wider community for whom are responsible for making the game as great as it is.</li> </ul>
8	Treasurer's Report, Acceptance of the Accounts  The accounts were presented for acceptance to the meeting. A small loss of £351.39. The balance in the deposit account should read £12,994.04, instead of £12,129.20 Waiting for Liz Alsop to inspect Accounts  No questions or comments were raised: 16 acceptances were counted – Approved.  Thanks were given to Liz Alsop for inspecting the Accounts for another year.
9	TSG Reports. (Included in the AGM Pack), along with a report on Walking Netball
10	NDO Report – Claire Bowen - Claire added to the report that she has been busy visiting the clubs in our County, along with new Session in Findern, and walking netball in Normanton Park. A successful youth camp took place at Allestree since the report was shared with 22 girls attending. Focus area for 24/25 season with Schools Games to get participants involved earlier through Bee Netball with the pack updated for schools, and also increase in coach numbers with bursaries available from County and Region for support. If anyone has any questions please reach out to Claire for support.
11	Additional reports are part of the pack <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Awards</li> </ul>







	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Derbyshire Clubs Talent Report – with thanks to Mary Yardley and everyone involved, an initiative we should be very proud of. A gap was identified in the Derbyshire offering and a group initiated that course. Mary Yardley also thanked all the coaches for their support.</li></ul> <p>-</p>
12	<p>Changes to the Constitution</p> <p>The G&amp;F Team proposed a number of small changes to the Constitution, predominately for consistency and ensuring alignment with East Midlands Netball</p> <p>A visual summary was shared during the meeting highlighting the proposed changes.</p> <p>The proposed changes were accepted. (16 votes)</p>
13	<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>General Member – Rachel Mycock – Application details provided in the AGM pack</p> <p>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 2024-5 will be:</p> <p>Chair – Charlie Sizer Vice Chair – Mary Yardley Administrator (previously secretary) – Vacant Treasurer – Caroline Richards Membership Officer– Jane Hadfield Resolution &amp; Safeguarding Officer – Sarah Hollidge Social Media &amp; Digital Officer – Rebecca Randell General Member – Carol Spencer General Member – Rachel Mycock General Member – Tracey Mellor General Member – Dawn Heron Player Development TSG Lead – Debbie Hopkinson Officiating TSG Lead – Donna Beckett Competition Lead – Caroline Richards Coaching TSG Lead – Vacant</p>



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	A vote of thanks was given to Charlie Sizer by Mary Yardley for her Leadership over the past year and also to everyone for their contribution.
13	The AGM was closed at 7.45 Date of the next AGM: Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025





## **AGM 2025**

### **President's Address**

As we enjoy the summer break we may wonder what season 25-26 will bring for Netball here in Derbyshire.

In February Charlie our Chair announced the launch of the Derbyshire Youth Board. An initiative to encourage younger netballers onto our committee and also to give them an insight into what goes on behind the scenes. Chloe Daniel, Holly Smith and Isabel Holland were the successful candidates. Hopefully their youthful ideas and fresh perspective will help to develop the future of Derbyshire netball and keeps us abreast and forward looking. They have supported various functions and any ideas they have put forward have been warmly welcomed.

Derby Roses are going from strength to strength winning Division three of the Regional netball league quite convincingly. This is the first season they have represented Derbyshire in this league and we all wish them well when they move into Division two later in the year.

Walking netball is going from strength to strength. The only bug bear is the Arena not always being available and we have to resort to Rykneld Sports Centre. Mary will no doubt mention this in her report. Of course, whatever the standard of netball played we all wish we had our own facilities.

Caroline has once again organised regional tournaments at Repton and Allestree schools though in both, Derbyshire were beaten by teams from the east and south of the region.

In July Derbyshire held a Netball Festival and Awards day at Allestree Woodlands and what a super day we had. Very many thanks to the helpers who turned up on that very wet morning, most looking like drowned rats by the time they were ready for the onslaught of over 350 parents and their charges. The weather luckily improved and became quite warm during the afternoon.

Presentation awards were given out for the Derbyshire leagues and individual players presented for theirs by representatives from Nottingham Forest and Loughborough Lightning squads. Netball clubs held their own presentations during the day.

I was selling Caroline's confectionery left over from the tournaments held earlier in the year with Holly and Izzy and had a lovely time getting to know them both. They worked



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their socks off doing various tasks during the day and I know from what I experienced they will be an asset to Derbyshire.

The organisation for this function was second to none and thanks must be given to the group that pulled it off. My thanks and let's have another next year! I see there is a feedback form to complete. Please return it duly completed. It's your day so anything you would like to happen / or not please let us know.

I must mention something close to my heart, other than our own netball facility, our website. What a difference it has made, letting the wider community know what Derbyshire Netball is about. Showcasing the work which you all do which is voluntary, that you do for our young people, helping them to be healthy, active adults and the friendships they make will last a lifetime.

Due to work and personal commitments our Chair Charlie handed in her resignation but has kindly said she would stay on for another year of which we are thrilled and Dawn has kindly volunteered to help with the admin duties.

We will also be losing Donna Beckett who has given over twenty years as Officiating Lead. Thank you, Donna, from all those you have supported and guided over the years. Donna has left the position in good hands with Julie Law, Dr Ju, taking over. Donna will be around to guide and mentor Julie for a period of time and will also serve on the committee as a general member.

My best wishes to you all for season 25-26.

Pauline Brasher  
President



## AGM 2025 Chair's Report

It has been another rewarding year as your Chair, I'm proud of the progress we've made and excited about the direction netball is travelling in.

We are continuing to build strong relationships with our professional clubs, and we feel privileged to have two Netball Super League pathways within our county. The relationship we are building with Nottingham Forest as a new franchise is strengthening and we are collaborating on key areas of growth and challenge, to ensure we are provide as much playing opportunity as possible.

We also welcome a new Regional Chair this year and it has been fantastic to work alongside Rowena, who is already making a huge positive impact with her challenging thought, energy and deep knowledge and understanding of both netball and business.

We must continue to push for answers and find solutions across a number of areas that continue to cause us headaches, including facilities and our relationships with schools – this will be a key area of focus for us this upcoming season.

There will continue to be much change and many challenges ahead of us but I commend you all for your unwavering commitment to our county and I urge all of you to collaborate with each other, and with the Derbyshire County Board, so we continue to move forward and make decisions as one.

I will be continuing my role as Chair for a further 1 year until the end of the 25/26 season, we therefore encourage anyone who is passionate about driving Derbyshire Netball forward through collaboration and making change for good, to reach out to us.

I also send my thanks to Donna Beckett, who has been an absolute asset to us for many years and we are glad she will continue to be part of our netball family.

Best of luck to all for the upcoming season. Please reach out to me at any time with your thoughts, ideas and feedback.

Charlie Sizer  
Chair





# AGM 2025

## Treasurer's Report & Accounts

### County Account:

#### DERBYSHIRE NETBALL ASSOCIATION

#### FINAL ACCOUNTS for 2024-25

		2024-25		2023-24	
		£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME :</b>					
	Membership Fees	4,599.95		4,359.96	
	Yardley League	10,776.50		8,606.50	
	Walking Netball	703.50		937.15	
	Officiating Income	967.00		952.50	
	Derbyshire Performance Netball	44,174.38		50,858.16	
	Derbyshire Clubs Talent Programme	-		2,050.00	
	Interest on Deposit Account	131.09		135.16	
	County Competition	245.00		220.00	
	Sundry Income - EMRNC	-		1,000.00	
			61,597.42		69,119.43
<b>EXPENDITURE :</b>					
	Membership Fees	154.45		173.00	
	Yardley League	9,311.21		8,158.48	
	Walking Netball	460.00		800.00	
	Officiating Costs	678.84		1,083.90	
	Derbyshire Performance Netball	47,026.44		50,405.82	
	Derbyshire Clubs Talent Programme	-		1,835.50	
	County Tournaments & Equipment	399.22		268.78	
	Regional Competition funding	1,165.00		905.00	
	Website Regn & Maintenance	1,813.38		1,177.50	
	Sundry Expenditure - PDP	-		1,000.00	
	Netball Celebration	2,484.86		-	
	Archive Costs	573.54		636.97	
	Donations, Grants & Funding	1,971.40		2,206.00	
	Stationery, Gifts & Sundry items	55.68		279.99	
	AGM & Officers Expenses	279.80		539.88	
			66,373.82		69,470.82
	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-	4,776.40	-	351.39
	Yardley Deposits		-		-
	Balance brought forward at 1/8/24		37,382.41		37,733.80
	Balance carried forward at 31/7/25		32,606.01		37,382.41
	Balance in Current Account		1,324.51		879.94
	Balance in Deposit Account		9,760.29		12,129.20
	Performance Bank/Cash/Stock		21,521.21		24,373.27
	Total Funds held		32,606.01		37,382.41

\* Performance Accounts breakdown attached

Accounts Prepared by: [Caroline Richards](#)

Inspected by: [Liz Alsop](#)





## PDP Account:

### Derbyshire Netball Association - Income & Expenditure Accounts as at 31-07-2025

	Income	Expenditure	Balance
<b>Performance</b>			
Training fees	£ 16525.00		
Donated subs	£		
Training venue costs		£ 6040.00	
Training kit		£ 2719.95	
Match kit		£ 2389.50	
End of season festival	145.00	£ 1432.77	
Equipment		£ 384.01	
Coaching expenses		£ 6167.35	
Admin expenses	40.00	£ 544.20	
Other expenses		£ 185.13	-3337.91
Match subs	£ 1948.76	£ 2623.15	-674.39
Trial subs	£ 3222.00	£ 3520.09	-298.09
Kit sales	£ 4685.50	£ 3521.01	1164.49
Summer Camps	£ 1050.00	£ 682.15	367.85
Residential Trips	£ 12886.00	£ 13637.53	-751.53
Other trips	£ 733.54	£ 1011.25	-277.71
Derby Roses	£ 2045.00	£ 2168.35	-123.35
Interest received	£ 193.30		193.30
EM Region subsidy	£ 500.00		500.00
Increase in stock	£ 200.28		200.28
	£ 44174.38	£ 47026.44	£ -2852.06

### Derbyshire Netball Association - Balance Sheet as at 31/07/2025

		<b>2024/2025</b>
Income & Expenditure this year		£ -2852.06
Add balance from last year		£ 24373.27
Total funds held		<u>21521.21</u>
as :		
Performance bank account	£ 535.11	
Reserve account	£ 13515.56	
Cash account	£ 165.48	
Spond	£ 45.00	
Debtors	£ 53.50	
Stock	£ 7906.56	
Creditors Trophies	£ -700.00	
Prepaid	£	
	<u>21521.21</u>	

Prepared by Debbie Hopkinson



## AGM 2025 - Competition TSG Report

### Our Objectives

We continue to facilitate clubs who wish to compete at County, Regional and National Competitions.

Our biggest challenges are the lack of indoor facilities, the spread of Clubs in the County and availability in the week

It's been very encouraging to see Derbyshire Clubs participating in all competitions, how do we support our Clubs to reach their success?

### Local Leagues:

Monday Evening	Derby Area Netball Association (DANA)
Monday lunchtime	Walking Netball
Tuesday Evening	Yardley League
	Burton & District League
	High Peak League
Wednesday Evening	Erewash Netball League (formally Sandiacre League)

This has been an exciting year for the junior Clubs in the County with all Clubs taking part in County and Regional Competitions.

Please see below a summary of the County and Regional Events which are available for Clubs.

### County Events

#### 1. Yardley League

For the first time, the Yardley league consisted of junior teams playing in U16, U14 and U12 age groups with no open division.

#### Winter League Results

Div.		Cup	Plate
ONE	1	Allestree Starlings	Allestree Swallows
	2	Pennine Tigers	Ashbourne Mars
	3	Belper Phoenix	Long Eaton Lions
	4	Ripley Cyclones	Belper Rockets



TWO	1	Allestree Kestrels	Pennine Pumas
	2	Belper Comets	Ripley Hurricanes
	3	Stapleford U14	Ashbourne Neptune
	4	Belper Fireflies	Ripley Blizzards
THREE	1	Belper Sparkles	Ashbourne Pluto
	2	Allestree Kites	Allestree Doves
	3	Ripley Twister	Belper Dazzlers
	4	Long Eaton Bears	Ripley Storm

### Summer League Results

Div.		Cup	Plate
ONE	1	Allestree Starlings	Allestree Kestrels
	2	Belper Phoenix	Ripley Cyclones
	3	Pennine Tigers	Long Eaton Lions
	4	Allestree Swallows	Ashbourne Mars
TWO	1	Stapleford U14's	Belper Sparkles
	2	Belper Rockets	Ashbourne Neptune
	3	Belper Comets	Belper Fireflies
	4	Pennine Pumas	Ripley Hurricanes
THREE	1	Allestree Kites	Allestree Doves
	2	Long Eaton Bears	Belper Dazzlers
	3	Ashbourne Pluto	Ripley Storm
	4	Ripley Twister	Ripley Lightning

## 2. County Rounds Schools – October/November 2024

The top two teams qualify for a place in the Regional Round of the Competition

U19's – 2nd October

Winners	Repton School	finished 2nd in Regional Round
R/Up	Trent College	finished 8th in Regional Round
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dronfield	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Derby High	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ecclesbourne	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Littleover	
7 <sup>th</sup>	QEGS	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Woodlands	



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9<sup>th</sup> Lady Manners

### U16's – 9th October

Winners	QEGS	finished 3rd at Regional Round
R/Up	Repton	finished 8th at Regional Round
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Trent College	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ecclesbourne	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Littleover	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Chapel	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Woodlands	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Lady Manners	

### U14's – 6th November

Winners	Ecclesbourne	finished 6th at Regional Round
R/UP	Trent College	finished 4th at Regional Round
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Littleover	
=4 <sup>th</sup>	Derby High	
=4 <sup>th</sup>	Repton	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Lady Manners	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Highfields	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Chapel	
9 <sup>th</sup>	QEGS	

Repton U19's qualified for a place in the National Schools Round finishing =17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>

## 3. County Round National Clubs U16 – 19th January 2025

Top two teams qualify for a place in the Regional Round

Winners	Ashbourne	finished 3rd/10 in Regional Round
R/Up	Allestree	finished 8th/10 in Regional Round
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Long Eaton	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Stapleford	
5 <sup>th</sup>	High Peak	

## 4. County Round National Clubs U14 – 16th March 2025

Top two teams qualify for a place in the Regional Round

Winners	Allestree	finished 3rd/9 in Regional Round
R/up	Pennine	finished 9th/9 in Regional Round
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ashbourne	



4<sup>th</sup>

High Peak

Please note: There will be NO County or Regional Round of this competition from 2025/6 season.

The Winner and Runners-up of the U14 & U16 Leagues will represent the Region in the National Round of this Competition.

Regional Competitions

For more information visit <https://www.eastmidlandsnetball.co.uk/competitions>

## 5. U14 Junior Regional League (Sept 24 – March 25)

### U14 Division 1

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bramcote
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lincoln City
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Allestree
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nottingham City Sapphires
- 5<sup>th</sup> Louth
- 6<sup>th</sup> Charnwood Rutland A
- 7<sup>th</sup> Northants Storm Purple
- 8<sup>th</sup> Bingham Blue

### U14 Division 2

- 1<sup>st</sup> Stamford & Rutland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Market Harborough
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Charnwood & Rutland B
- 4<sup>th</sup> Northants Storm Black

## 6. U16 Regional Junior League (Sept 24 – March 25)

### U16 Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lincoln City
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Charnwood & Rutland A
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bramcote
- 4<sup>th</sup> Northants Storm Purple
- 5<sup>th</sup> Charnwood & Rutland B
- 6<sup>th</sup> Louth
- 7<sup>th</sup> Allestree
- 8<sup>th</sup> Stamford & Rutland

### U16 Division 2

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nottingham City Swifts
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cliftonettes Red
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cliftonettes Jades
- 4<sup>th</sup> Long Eaton
- 5<sup>th</sup> Northants Storm Black
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grasshoppers
- 7<sup>th</sup> Bingham
- 8<sup>th</sup> Stapleford

## 7. Bee Netball

Open Tournament – May 2025



1 <sup>st</sup>	Stamford Rutland Titans	9 <sup>th</sup>	Bramcote
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Charnwood Rutland Blue	10 <sup>th</sup>	Charnwood Rutland Purple
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Market Harborough	11 <sup>th</sup>	Bingham
4 <sup>th</sup>	Northants Storm	12 <sup>th</sup>	Washingborough
5 <sup>th</sup>	Nottingham City	13 <sup>th</sup>	Stamford Rutland Warriors
6 <sup>th</sup>	Lincoln City	14 <sup>th</sup>	Hawks
7 <sup>th</sup>	Stamford Rutland Mavericks	15 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Belper</a>
8 <sup>th</sup>	Charnwood Rutland Black	16 <sup>th</sup>	Hucknall

Please Note: This tournament will change to U11 seven-a-side in 2025-26 Season

## 8. U12 Tournament

Open Tournament – June 2-25

1 <sup>st</sup>	Northants Storm	9 <sup>th</sup>	Lincoln City
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nottingham City	10 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">High Peak</a>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stamford Rutland Warriors	11 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Allestree</a>
4 <sup>th</sup>	Stamford Rutland Flames	12 <sup>th</sup>	Bramcote
5 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Belper</a>	13 <sup>th</sup>	Cliftonettes Red
6 <sup>th</sup>	Market Harborough	14 <sup>th</sup>	Cliftonettes Blue
7 <sup>th</sup>	Charnwood Rutland Warriors	15 <sup>th</sup>	Washingborough
8 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Ashbourne</a>		

## 9. U14 JLQT for season 2025-6 (16 teams entered)

Top 10 teams qualify for the League; top 2 teams will qualify for the National Clubs Competition

### Section A

1	Nottingham City
2	Charnwood Rutland
3	Louth
4	Hawks
5	Future Print

### Section B

1	Stamford & Rutland
2	<a href="#">Belper</a>
3	<a href="#">Allestree</a>
4	Lincoln City
5	Northants Storm

[Ripley](#) 1st Reserve  
Lutterworth Robins 2nd Reserve

Other entries; [Pennine](#), Brigg, Market Harborough, Bingham

## 10. U16 JLQT for season 2025-6 (17 teams entered)





Top 10 teams qualify for the League, top 2 teams will qualify for the National Clubs Competition

#### Section A

- 1 Lincoln City
- 2 Bramcote
- 3 Leicester Vixens
- 4 Cliftonettes
- 5 [Allestree](#)

#### Section B

- 1 Charnwood Rutland
- 2 Northants Storm
- 3 Louth
- 4 Notts City
- 5 Bingham

Future Print 1st Reserve  
Lutterworth Robins 2nd Reserve

Other entries; Stamford, [Long Eaton](#), Market Harborough, Brigg, Hawks

### 11. Regional League Sept 24 – March 25

Promotion & Relegation for Divisions, Qualifying Tournament for entry to League.

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
1 Hinckley Hurricanes	Hucknall Town	<a href="#">Derby Roses</a>	Foxhall Jets
2 Northants Storm 1	TFC Leics Too	Hawks	Bridgford Blues
3 TFC 1	Ashby Giants	Lincoln City 2	Northants JMs
4 Bridgford Navy	Notts City	Ashby Titans	Bramcote
5 Charnwood Rutland	Grasshoppers 1	Cliftonettes Navy	Brigg Impacts 1
6 Cliftonettes Scarlet	Grasshoppers 2	Charnwood R. 2	Fenland Panthers
7 Lincoln City	Falcons Yellow	Moll Buzzers	
8 Notts Sirens	Northants Storm 2	Sleaford Barge	

Congratulations to Derby Roses who will be promoted to Division 2 next season.

Division 4 is not played at the central venue, playing home and away matches hosted by Clubs.

The 2026-7 Season will see the Regional League return to three divisions.

### 12. Regional League Qualifying Tournament (6 teams entered)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hampton Harriers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Notts City
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Future Print
- 4<sup>th</sup> Aircare
- 5<sup>th</sup> Brigg & District
- 6<sup>th</sup> Fenland



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### 13. Dates for your Diaries:

Sept 25 – Mar 26	Regional Leagues Open & Junior Leagues
Oct 1st	U19 County Schools Tournament
Oct 8th	U16 County Schools Tournament
Nov 5th	U14 County Schools Tournament
Jan 24th	U14 Regional Schools
Jan 25th	U19 Regional Schools
Jan 31st	U16 Regional Schools
April 19th	Regional League Qualifying Tournament
May 10th	U11 Open Tournament (May 17th Reserve date)
May 31st	U12 Open Tournament (June 7th Reserve Date)
June 14th	U14 Regional League Qualifying Tournament (Reserve date TBC)
June 28th	U16 Regional League Qualifying Tournament (Reserve date TBC)

Caroline Richards  
Competition TSG lead



## AGM 2025 Officiating TSG Report

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 from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2024 – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025

- 62 Into Officiating Course
- 13 C Award Course
- 3 B Award Course

### INTO AWARD

Congratulations to the following umpires on passing their INTO Award, Lauren Minto, Annie Kinane, Orla Jones, Rebecca Hankin, Chloe Hankin, Harriet Kelly, Georgia Allsopp, Amelia Elwell, Ellie Oliver, Freya Hill, Rachel Wood, Jessie Jack, Daisy O'Connor, Laura Goodwin, France Courtney-Hale, Meredith Newham-Miles, Katie Sharpe, Phoebe Winter, Freya Parker, Hannah Evans, Freya Noakes, Ava Conroy, Danielle Medgyesy, Rachel Catlin, Leah Pinto.

### C AWARD

Congratulations to the following umpires on passing their C Award, Stephanie Eadsforth, Abigail Young, Rachel Catlin, Jenna Halton.

### B Award

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

Congratulations to Rebecca Haynes for attaining an A pass grade on her A/B written assessment.

We have 3 active B Awards with their written paper working towards their award, Hannah Newman, Lorna Tebay and Claire Campbell. All umpiring in Regional Div 3.

Working towards their B Award to gain more experience Mollie Garrett, Rebecca Haynes, Lynda Saunders and Holly Smith as approved umpires for Regional Division 3, U14 & U16.

### INTO & C Award Workshop.

We ran a workshop on 25<sup>th</sup> February at Woodlands Sports Hall. 6.45pm – 9.45pm.

Session 1, INTO Award: Gaining confidence with the whistle and voice. Moving around the court in relation to the play. See it, blow it, Say it. Terminology and practicing the sequence for infringements. (19 attendees)



Session 2 C Award. Foot patterns and driving to the goal line in relation to play, vision, where to look, when to react, Terminology. Rules. (8 attendees)

A very successful workshop with positive feedback. We will repeat this again next season. Huge thanks to Dawn Heron and Jayne Bell for running the course and to Yardley League for the time slots and generous paying costs for the court.

### New Assessors

Congratulations to Kerri Flower on completing her C Award observations this coming season. Kerri can now Assess at INTO and C Award level.

### Recognition and Profile

Jayne Bell	Technical Official - Nations Cup - February 2025 Technical Official - NSL Super Cup at Sheffield EIS - March 2025 Technical Official - NxtGen and NSL 2025. Loughborough Lightning & Nottingham Forest.
Sara Bostock	National winner of Community Official of the Year 2024 at the National ONE Awards. Technical Official - Nations Cup - February 2025 Technical Official - NSL Super Cup at Sheffield EIS - March 2025 Technical Official and Mentor - UAE Netball Cup (Dubai) – July 2025 Technical Official NxtGen and NSL 2025 Technical Official U15s NPL summer Tournament at Walsall – August 2025
Jo Ball	Technical Official on Game 1 of Vitatility Horizon Series – November 2024 Technical Official - Nations Cup - February 2025 Technical Official – NSL Super Cup at Sheffield EIS – March 2025 Technical Official NxtGen and NSL 2025.
Kate Mann	Umpire - Constellation Cup 2024 in New Zealand and Australia – October 2025 Umpire – NSL 2025 season Umpire - Europe Netball Qualifying Tournament for the World Youth Cup 2025 – September 2024
Julie Law	Umpire – EN U19 & U21 Netball Performance League (NPL) 2024/25 Umpire – EN NPL Closing Tournament Umpire – EN National Premier League – 2024/25 Umpire – EN National Schools U19 and U17 (allocated U19 3 <sup>rd</sup> place off and U17 semi-final)
Rachel Start	Technical Official - NSL Super Cup at Sheffield EIS - March 2025 Technical Official NxtGen and NSL 2025. Loughborough Lightning & Nottingham Forest. Umpire - EN National Premier League - 2024/25. Umpire - EN U19 & U21 Netball Performance League (NPL) 2024-25



Heather Gleadall Umpire Appointment Panel (UAP) - Celtic Cup in Wales and Glasgow – November 2024  
UAP – Africa Cup in Namibia – December 2024  
UAP - Nations Cup in England - January 2025  
UAP - International Ranking Tournament in Wales – May 2025  
Assessor for NSL season 2024/2025

### **Regional Schools 2025, U14, U16 & U19**

Mollie Garrett, Rebecca Haynes and Claire Campbell made their debut at Regional Schools. Also representing Derbyshire, Kate Mann, Holly Smith and Helen White.

**Congratulations** to Holly Smith & Jessica Barnett on umpiring at Motorpoint Arena for the U15 County final. This was a showcase match before the Nottingham Forest v Birmingham Panthers NSL fixture. Thank you to Kate Mann, IUA for attending and presenting them with a gold whistle.

### **Announcement**

Sara Bostock and Jayne Ball have been appointed as Technical Officials at the World Netball Youth Cup in Gibraltar (September 2025).

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

**Please be aware from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 all INTO Award assessments will now be charged at £35. 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.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

I will be stepping down as County Officiating Lead (COL) as of 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025. Julie Law will be taking over as COL from September, and we are looking forward to working with her. Julie is an experienced A Award Umpire. As well as being a member of the Derbyshire Officiating TSG, Julie is a member of DANA Committee. I will remain on the Officiating TSG to support Julie over the next two years, and in the role as lead of the Derbyshire Assessors and Mentors. Our aim as Derbyshire Officiating TSG is to provide opportunities, support, mentoring and guidance whilst on your journey in all areas of Officiating from the INTO Award to Technical Officiating. This will remain our priority, and we will endeavour to update and keep a professional standing at all levels in this sport we love.

Thank you.



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Looking forward to next season.

Donna Beckett

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







## AGM 2025

### County Player Development Programme (PDP) Report

#### 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

#### 2024/2025 Season

The 2024/2025 Under 13 and Under 15 squads were selected in September, due to numbers we had a second trial day for each squad, this year we tried a new system of first trial on the Saturday and second on the Sunday – upside of this was that we could start training in September, down side was that it was mentally exhausting for both admin and selectors as decisions had to be made by 8pm on the Saturday evening for the Sunday invites to go out. Also, we didn't get a decision on some offers until the end of September, so we will go back to the usual month-long trials this September.

Training commenced on 7<sup>th</sup> October and continued through to May 2025.

The U15 squad took on 5 training partners, 2 of which were Derbyshire, and these were joined by the five year 8's in January. Two athletes were successful at Loughborough Lightning U17 PDP trials, so these left the programme in January, and three additional athletes were accepted, after C&C, one from Derbyshire and two from Northants.

The coaching team was

Under 13 Head Ruth Sampson  
Under 15 Head Amy Ruffell-Hazell

Assistant Harriet Kelly  
Assistant Kelly Hopkinson

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

We did not have the trip to Lea Green this year, as it was not well received the previous year, however on reflection we think we should have done this for the U13s as a bonding exercise, and we will be doing this trip in 2025.



### Under 13s

We took 19 athletes into the U13 PDP squad (one athlete declined their offer) of the 19, nine were from Derbyshire clubs, so just shy of 50%, the rest were from Sheffield and Birmingham

The U13 squad took on eight training partners, three of which were from Derbyshire clubs, three more training partners joined at C&C in January, two were Derbyshire and the other was Northants. We moved five year 8 athletes from the Under 13 PDP squad to U15 training partners in January as it was felt that these were prematurely ready to progress. This enabled more training partner athletes to experience higher level match play.

The A/B/C teams contained athletes from all clubs, and it did not take long for them to all become friends and teammates, no matter where they played for club. The teams had five match play dates and three tournaments plus a weekend playing at Conover. The A team also attended a high-quality PDP tournament in Bedford. The results are attached.

### Under 15s

We took 20 athletes into the U15 PDP squad, of which four were from Derbyshire clubs, however ten of these had been in our programme since 2022 and of these ten, five were originally from a Derbyshire club, having moved to Sheffield after their first year.

The U15 squad took on five training partners, two of which were Derbyshire, and these were joined by the five-year 8s after C&C in January. Two athletes were successful at Loughborough Lightning U17 PDP trials, so these left the programme in January, and three additional athletes were accepted after C&C, one from Derbyshire and two from Northants.

The Under 15s also had matches and tournaments plus a tournament at Keele in June, the results are attached.

### Under 17s – Derby Roses

We entered our year 10 "leavers" from 2024 into the East Midlands Senior Regional League Division Three and I am pleased to report that we came first and have been promoted to Division Two

The year 10 leavers for 2025 are nearly all from Sheffield and as such will be playing for their Club in the Yorkshire U16 Regional League, so they are not available for East Midlands Regional matches for the coming season. We did consider entering a year 10 team into the Division Four qualifier, but as this is home and away and as it is being disbanded in 2026, we decided to wait until the Division Three qualifier next April to progress our next lot of year 10 athletes.

### Summer Camps

We offered two summer camps to athletes in current years 4/5/6/7, this is part of the EN pre-screening guidelines, and they were intended to prepare athletes for what to expect at



trials. They were very well attended. We just ran out of time to run any U15 camps I am afraid

#### 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 2025 and I am pleased to report the following successes

#### Loughborough Lightning

Kessie Wester

Mollie Cooling

#### Nottingham Forest Netball

Lauren Thume

Deena Kalinins

Sophie Wilson

Florence Stirlin

#### Other Achievements

I am delighted to report the following athletes' success at Franchise trials this year

Nottingham Forest Under 19 NPL	Grace Pycroft (Derbyshire 2019-23) Ex Long Eaton
Nottingham Forest Under 19 PDP Savannah Howard-Hull (Derbyshire 2019-23) Ex Long Eaton	
Loughborough Lightning Under 17 PDP Mollie Cooling (Derbyshire 2020-25) Ex Long Eaton	
Nottingham Forest Under 17 NPL	Tilda Wright (Derbyshire 2019-23) Ex Long Eaton
Nottingham Forest Under 17 NPL	Maizie Goddard (Derbyshire 2020-24) Ashbourne
Nottingham Forest Under 17 PDP	Bea Smith (Derbyshire 2020-24) Allestree
Nottingham Forest Under 17 PDP	Katy Ascott* (Derbyshire 2019-23) Allestree
Nottingham Forest Under 17 PDP Imogen Hasan (Derbyshire 2022-24) Sheffield Tigers	
Nottingham Forest Under 17 PDP	Eliza Palin (Derbyshire 2020-24) Queenspark
Birmingham Panthers Under 17 PDP Jessica Barnett (Derbyshire 2020-24) Ashbourne	

\*\*Katy was moved to the Nottingham Forest U17 NPL squad in May.

Nottingham Forest also formed an Under 16 Forest Performance Centre – which is not an official pathway -they describe it as -

We will be hosting an U16 Performance Centre for those who need a year of extra development before joining the England Netball Pathway at NPL level. Players will be invited to trial.

We had 7 athletes selected for this – the total squad is 24 They are

Deena Kalinins	Bramcote (Ex Ripley)	Current U15 Year 9
Florence Stirling	Sheffield Steel (Ex Long Eaton)	Current U15 Year 10
Maisha Jeffers	Sheffield Steel (Ex Long Eaton)	Current U15 year 10



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Lauren Tuhme	Sheffield Steel (Ex Ripley)
Georgie Hemsall	Sheffield Steel
Sophie Wilson	Sheffield Steel

Current U15 Year 10
Current U15 Year 10
Current U15 Year 10

I am also pleased to announce that Kelly Hopkinson was appointed as Nottingham Forest U17 NPL Asst Coach and, also, U19 PDP Head Coach. Harriet Kelly has been appointed as Loughborough Lightning U17 NPL Assistant Coach and U15 Academy Head Coach

#### Nottingham Forest Netball

We started the season with not much idea as to how our new Franchise link would work; I am pleased to report that it has been a huge success. The team at Nottingham Forest Netball in particular Claire Sanders (Pathway Lead) have been very supportive. Claire gave our U15 athletes the chance to train with the U16 squad on a couple of occasions and we also got to showcase out Under 15 A team and local umpires at a curtain raiser for the NSL match against Birmingham Panthers on 5<sup>th</sup> June. This event was televised, and our athletes really appreciated the exposure and opportunity. Claire also organised and funded a tournament at Trent College on 18<sup>th</sup> May.

We are looking forward to building on this relationship with more events planned for the 2025/2026 season.

#### 2025/2026 Season

Screening for the County squads takes place on 6<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> September for U13s and 13<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> September for U15s. We have 70 athletes for Under 13s – about 50% of these are from Derbyshire clubs, there is less interest from out of county clubs at this age group this year, I think this could be to do with the amount of commitment we demand, I know the current U13 athletes have struggled with this.

We have 87 athletes for Under 15 – about 35% of these are from Derbyshire, the rest are from out of county.

The top 40 Under 13 athletes will go through to a second trial on the 20<sup>th</sup> September and the squad will be selected on that day – offers will go out the week commencing 22<sup>nd</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 13<sup>th</sup> September will be invited to a final selection day on 27<sup>th</sup> September – offers will go out week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> September, again we will have a reserve list.

The 2024/2025 training will continue to be at Woodlands School on a Saturday morning. The coaching team will be

Under 15 Lead	Kelly Hopkinson
Under 15 Assist	TBA





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Under 13 Lead  
Under 13 Assist

Ruth Sampson  
TBA

Harriet Kelly has stepped down as U13 Assistant Coach. Kelly Hopkinson took over as U15 Head coach in March, when Amy started her maternity leave, she has agreed to stay on as U15 Head coach for the coming season

Amy Griffiths stepped down as U15 Head Coach in March 2025 for her maternity leave. She has however accepted the Role of PDP Lead Coach; this means she will deal with all coaching matters and will also start a mentoring/education initiative for the PDP. As a Level Three coach and with her Mentoring and Education qualification we are excited about this new role and what this will mean for the intensity of our training sessions. Amy, Kelly, and Ruth are interviewing for Assistant and Relief coaches this week with a view to having people in place in time for trials

We are looking forward to another busy and successful season.

Debbie Hopkinson  
County Player Development TSG Lead





DERBYSHIRE NETBALL																										
MATCH PLAY RESULTS - 2024/2025 SEASON																										
Date	Host	Match/tournament	U13A			U13B			U13C			U15A			U15B											
26/10/2024	LEICS Soar Valley	Tournament See sheet	FIRST PLACE			JOINT FIRST PLACE			JOINT FIRST PLACE			FIRST PLACE			FIRST PLACE											
01/12/2024	LEICS Soar Valley	Match	Lincs A	50 - 15	5	Lincs B	40 - 17	5	No match			Lincs A	55 - 36	5	Lincs B	45 - 33	5									
26/01/2024	LINCS Soar Valley	Match	Notts A	37 - 18	5	Notts B	55 - 10	5	Leic B	43 - 15	5	Notts A	48 - 42	5	Notts B	48 - 19	5									
22/02/2024	NOTTS TBA	Match	No match			0			No match	0			Notts B	51 - 29	5	No match	0									
09/03/2024	DERBYS Soar Valley	Match	Northants A	57 - 20	5	Derby C	42 - 35	5	Derby B	35 - 42	0	Northants A	85 - 18	5	Notts C	50 - 35	5									
06/04/2024	NORTHANTS Kettering Sports Village	Match	Leic A	48 - 15	5	Leic B	24 - 21	5	Lincs B	Cancelled	0	Leic A	38 - 44	0	Leic B	42 - 21	5									
						20						10						15						20		
RESULTS																										
U13A	First in group		U15A	First in group																						
U13 B	First in group		U15B	Second in group																						
U13 C	Second in group																									
PLAY OFFS - 11/05/2025																										
Netball Centre		U13 A	Notts A	Notts pulled out - league result stands - WIN																						
		U13 B	Derby C	Match cancelled - League results stand - WIN																						
		U13 C	Derby B	Match cancelled - League results stand - SECOND																						
		U15 A	Leic A	Match cancelled - League results stand - WIN																						
		U15 B	Notts B	Match cancelled - League results stand - SECOND																						
Date	Host	Match/tournament	U13A			U13B			U13C			U15A			U15B											
26/10/2024	LEICS Soar Valley	Tournament	FIRST PLACE			JOINT FIRST PLACE			JOINT FIRST PLACE			FIRST PLACE			FIRST PLACE											
26/04/2025	Bedford Bedford Academy	Tournament	9th PLACE			N/A			N/A			12th PLACE			N/A											
27/04/2025	Staffs U12s Denstone	Tournament	THIRD PLACE			N/A			N/A			N/A			N/A											
11/05/2025	Staffs Denstone	Tournament	4th PLACE			SECOND PLACE			N/A			FIRST PLACE			THIRD PLACE											
18/05/2025	NFN Tournament Trent	Tournament	FIRST PLACE			SECOND PLACE			6th PLACE			FIRST PLACE			THIRD PLACE											
14/15 June	Condoover Residential	Tournament	FIRST PLACE			THIRD PLACE			4th PLACE			N/A			N/A											
21/22 June	Keele Residential	Tournament	N/A			N/A			N/A			FIRST PLACE			FIRST PLACE											







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## AGM 2025

### England Netball Development Officer (NDO) Report





## Membership Renewal

Its that time of year when memberships need renewing.

All clubs have the option to generate QR codes for each type of membership that they can share with members or new players.

These can be found on the Clubs Organisational Profile tab.

There are also QR codes for

- creating an account
- Register to play
- Club Page



## Derbyshire News

Derbyshire hosted 2 regional festivals this season in October and June at the Arena. Derbyshire teams included Brashers Babes, Diamonds, Queenspark and players from Long Eaton WN joined forces with others to play in June.

June Festival Queenspark won the In it to Win it and Diamonds the Wiggle and Giggles.

Fun had by all



## Regional schools

- The Regional School finals were back in February and Derbyshire had some great successes in all 3 age groups in the Cup and Plate competitions.
- Repton U19 came Runners up and went onto National school being one of the top 18 schools in the country.



## East Midlands ONE Awards.



- East Midlands ONE Awards was an amazing opportunity to recognize the wonderful work of our volunteers.
- The amazing Sarah won the East Midlands Jean Staley Award

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NetballHer

NetballHer Champions for each county needed. If interested in becoming involved, please get in touch

- Dedicated website launched March 2023 at [netballher.co.uk](http://netballher.co.uk)
- On the [NETBALLHer](http://NETBALLHer) website, 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



## Regional Junior League

- U14 qualifier saw 17 teams competing. Allestree and Belper have secured their places in the league next season.
- U16 qualifier had 16 teams competing. Allestree U16 secured their place next season.
- All teams are playing to secure the 2 top spots to progress to National clubs 2026.



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## Netball Sessions

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

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

## Upcoming for new season

- Netball Youth Camp – Venue TBC
- Walking Netball Festival – Derby Arena
- New B2N and WN sessions starting in Derbyshire

**Diamonds Netball**

**BACK 2 NETBALL**  
Start Playing Again!

A fun way to return to netball after a long break. Whether you haven't played before, since school or paused for family or other commitments, these sessions will get you back to playing regularly again.

- Fun Skill Based Drills
- Improve fitness
- Defence, Attack & Shooting
- Game Play

We go back to basics and you get expert coaching from our England Netball qualified coaches. You can then continue enjoying our range of sessions or go on to join a local team or league with confidence.

**NEW SESSION STARTING SEPTEMBER IN DERBY!!**  
Wednesdays - Starting 10th September (Running term times)  
at Derby Moor Spencer Academy, Littleover, Derby DE23 3PS  
8-9pm | £3 a session or £42 for 1/2 Term Package (n £6 a session)

Contact Sam on 07783 548576 for more info or book  
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**All Abilities Welcome!**  
Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced, Veterans, All Welcome!

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Hosted by **ASHBY NETBALL CLUB**

**Take the game at your own pace!**

**Taster sessions available**  
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11th September, 18th September,  
25th September and 2nd October

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## AGM 2025 Nottingham Forest Netball Update



**NOTTINGHAM FOREST  
NETBALL**

**COMMUNITY ROOTS  
2025-2026**

**WHERE THE FOREST FAMILY BEGINS**



**AGES: U8-U16**

**VENUES IN: DERBYSHIRE, LINCOLNSHIRE,  
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE & STAFFORDSHIRE**

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## **AGM 2025**

### **Derbyshire Netball Awards & Festival Celebrations**

Derbyshire Netball celebrated their volunteers and winners on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at Allestree Woodlands School, Derby between 3pm and 9pm.

This was a first, in this format, for Derbyshire Netball and the Working Group only had 4 months to put things in place. The Working Group consisted of Mary Yardley, Donna Beckett, Dawn Heron, Debbie Hopkinson, Cheryl Naylor, Rebecca Randell and two of our Youth Board, Izzy Holland and Holly Smith supported by Charlie Sizer (Chair).

Various activities were arranged throughout the day, which were all included in the £2.50 per person fee charged prior to the event, these included; Bouncy Castle and Bouncy slide, Acoustic Singer, Circus Skills area (stilts, diablo etc.), Surf Simulator, Katy Perry tribute, Fire show, Lotty T'vay Singer. There were also payable stalls available; Festival hair and makeup, 200 degree coffee stand in a horsebox and food stalls run by various netball clubs.

Prior to the event Clubs were asked if they wanted to run food stalls to help raise funds for their clubs. Belper NC, Pennine NC and Ripley NC took this on providing hot and cold food, drinks, sweets and cakes. Ripley were the only club that chose also to hold their club presentations. Between 5pm and 7pm various presentations were held; Ripley NC, Yardley League Presentation, Derbyshire Academy Presentation and Derbyshire Netball Association Awards

In total 362 tickets were sold prior to the event with an additional 34 VIP's and all nominees invited so 396 people were expected during the day.

Whilst the weather was not kind first thing and during the erecting of various gazebos by the number of fantastic volunteers, by 3pm the rain had stopped and the event was lucky enough to be held outside as previous hoped.

Congratulations to all winners and for the fantastic day that was had by those that attended. Many thanks to our guests who presented awards, Kate Mann, IAU Super League Umpire and Derbyshire Umpire Lauren Nicholls (Loughborough Lightning Assistant Coach, Amy Braithwaite, Nottingham Forest Netball NextGen Player, Sarah Hollidge, Derbyshire Board Member and Regional Chair of East Midlands Governance & Finance Group, Pauline Brasher, Derbyshire Netball Association President.



A feedback form has been created and sent with a closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 to all Derbyshire participants.

Report by Dawn Heron & Mary Yardley

### **Derbyshire Netball Association Awards – Season 2024-25**

Chair Discretionary Award (Special Recognition):  
Anne Sparkes

Critchlow Services to Netball Award:  
Winner: Barbara Smith

Jean Staley – Volunteer of the Year:  
Winner: Rebecca Randall

Janice Ruddle – Young Volunteer of the Year:  
Winner: Abigail Young

Coach of the Year:  
Winner: Kelly Hopkinson

Young Coach of the Year:  
Winner: Blossom Diffin

Umpire of the Year:  
Winner: Barbara Smith

Young Umpire of the Year:  
Winner: Holly Smith

Long Service Award:  
Tracey Mellor  
Anne Sparkes  
Janie Pearson (Wheatley)  
Denise Howard





## **AGM 2025**

### **Walking Netball**

(The Arena Walking Netball Group)

This report only covers the Derby Arena Walking Netball Group. There are other Walking Netball (WN) groups all over the county.

As usual the group has been very successful with an average of 17+ attendees over the 35 sessions.

We entered 2 teams into the Regional Festival on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024: Brashers's Babes and Mary's Marvels. The teams did us proud by winning their sections in the afternoon session being rewarded with medals.

We were only able to field one team at the Festival on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and on this occasion, Brasher's Babes were runners up. Thanks to Claire Bowen and the other Regional NDOs for organising and facilitating.

Social occasions were a Christmas meal on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and an Easter lunch on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at our usual venue, the Bluebell at South Wingfield.

Pauline and I are grateful to Julie Malinski and Jayne Bell who assist us with warm ups, coaching on court and umpiring. Dawn Heron also coaches on court and it's a pleasure to have these ex county players supporting us.

I sent a message to the group in readiness for this report requesting 'what WN means to you'. The response was overwhelming with the main themes being those outlined in previous reports – Fun, Fitness and Friendship. DH

To acknowledge the contributions, they are listed below.

Enjoyment, feeling like a young player again as you don't notice the game is any slower. The ball can still go fast. Still thinking about spaces and timings. JM

Being able to take part in a sport I adore at a pace I can manage and within a wonderful group of people. HF

Never played netball since I was 11 so took it up about 8 years ago aged 64! Lots to learn, love and laugh. RW

The joy of playing with a group of people who are now friends who help us all to enjoy the game and hopefully improve without judgement!! CE





Taking part in netball again with a friendly and welcoming bunch of ladies. Lovely to have giggles and fun while enjoying exercise. FW

After retiring from playing netball in my 40s, coming to WN has reignited my passion for the game and given me the confidence to play 'normal' netball again in my 60s. But best of all it's the friendships made within our group. BS

Love it. A great activity for me after retirement from work. It's great fun and everyone is so friendly. PP

Fabulous and enjoyable form of exercise, I look forward to our sessions. Made so many lovely friends. JG

Hadn't played netball for 46 years! Everyone was so welcoming. Lovely group of people. DC

Coming back to netball, a sport I've always enjoyed, at my 'tender age' I was very apprehensive. But on meeting the lovely group and being welcomed in, it was such an enjoyable experience and it has only got better. Thank you. BT

Magic Monday. Netball memories from the past. Super coaching and plenty of talking. GC

Our walking netball is about fun, friendships, fitness and first aid. LA

Last but not least:-

Walking Netball means so much to me.  
At the Arena on a Monday is where I'll be.  
Playing netball again in my 60s who'd have thought.  
Having fun again on the netball court.  
The friendships made I love the most  
Pauline and Mary, we couldn't ask for better hosts.  
KK

A huge thank you to all our participants, Pauline and I enjoy the time spent with these lovely people.

Mary Yardley - August 2025



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## **AGM 2025**

### **East Midlands One Awards 2025**

The event was held on 6th July 2025 at the Radisson Blu, East Midlands Airport from 1.00pm. A buffet lunch was served.

Although nominations were down from previous years; (this was also reflected across all Regions) over 120 people attended.

Unfortunately, not many nominations were received for Derbyshire volunteers in the National categories and none were successful.

However, in the Regional Awards Derbyshire had more success with a well deserved Jean Staley Award going to Sarah Hollidge. Sarah works tirelessly behind the scenes on behalf of Derbyshire and East Midlands Netball using her many skills ensuring good governance, safeguarding and resolution issues. Congratulations Sarah.

The Regional Competition Awards also formed part of the event and congratulations must go to Derby Roses who were winners of Division 3. A magnificent achievement in their first year of entering the competition. Well done to the players (all U16s) and coaches Kelly Hopkinson and Harriet Kelly from Derbyshire's PDP.

The national event will be in October 2025, venue to be confirmed.

Mary Yardley





## **AGM 2025**

### **Derbyshire Youth Board**

It has been a fantastic first year launching our inaugural Derbyshire Youth Board – a project I'm incredibly proud to get off the ground.

The aim of launching the Youth Board this year was to ensure we are injecting new energy, ideas from our younger generations. We want them to be at the forefront of ideation and decision making, so we continue to build a netball county sustained for the future with continued growth.

Equally, we also want to provide our Youth Board with new opportunities to develop skills, learn how county netball is organised, and become the future of the sport. All of this we hope contributes to their bright and successful futures ahead by offering them additional credentials for their netball and non-netball personal portfolios.

Our three members of the Youth Board, Chloe, Izzy and Holly, have been exceptional. The energy, passion, ideas and commitment they have given to both netball and the board has been outstanding. We have been introduced to new technology platforms to improve the efficiency of our operations during matches and tournaments, ideas to engage our youngest players, and playing important roles during our schools tournaments and end of season celebrations.

Applications will be reopening in September 2025 and will be published on our website and social media pages. I encourage you to put forward support young talent in your clubs who would be a great addition as we grow this group into the next season.

Charlie Sizer  
Chair





# AGM 2025

## Derbyshire Netball Constitution: Proposed Changes



### Derbyshire Netball Association

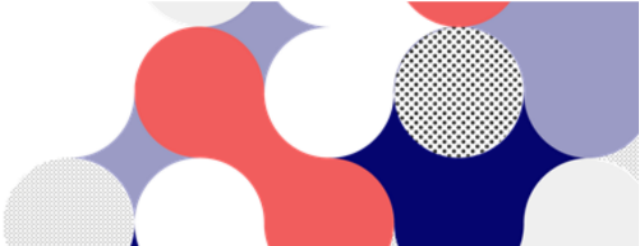
#### CONSTITUTION

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**DERBYSHIRE NETBALL ASSOCIATION  
CONSTITUTION**

**1 NAME**

- 1.1 The [County](#) Association shall be called Derbyshire Netball Association ([DNA](#)). The County Association will use the approved England Netball (EN) logo and branding as determined by the Board of Directors of England Netball and/or the Derbyshire Netball logo and branding as determined by the County Management Board (CMB) from time to time.

**2 OBJECTIVES**

- 2.1 The County [Association](#) endeavours to work closely with the East Midlands Regional Management Board, for the growth and development of the game in Derbyshire in line with plans and strategies
- 2.2 The County [Association](#) will serve as a forum to co-ordinate activities, organise competitions, and elect representatives to serve on Regional Committees in line with plans and strategies approved by England Netball.
- [2.3](#) The County Association and its Members are committed to treating everyone equally and with respect; it shall not discriminate in any way against any other Member and will act in compliance with the Equality Act 2010.

**3 VISION & MISSION STATEMENT**

- 3.1 The County Association supports and endorses the East Midlands Region's vision, mission and strategic goals.
- 3.2 The County Association's own mission statement is: To establish netball in the county as a high-profile sport in all disciplines with a financially sustainable governing body that promotes "Netball for Life" and develops athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers.

**4 GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- 4.1 The County Association endorses EN's Adventure Strategy, embracing the elements of the Moral Compass and will
- 4.1.1 always place the participant at the heart of everything we do and provide the best quality service we can, but we will balance that with the need to grow and manage a sustainable County Association.
- 4.1.2 value and respect the contribution and needs of our volunteers who are integral to our success.
- 4.1.3 be innovative and progressive in our thinking, always connecting short-term actions to medium-term strategies and long-term goals striving to improve the quality and standard of what we do and how we do it, in line with ENs Adventure Strategy
- 4.1.4 work in partnership and collaboration with East Midlands Region Netball Association where there is a mutual benefit in terms of operations effectiveness and efficiency, value for money and added value for participants in netball.





- 4.1.5 develop, enable and encourage programmes and activities that have a positive and beneficial impact on the lives of netball participants and delivery of the sport within Derbyshire.
- 4.1.6 recognise and celebrate individual and collective contributions and success.

5 MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 5.1 The members of Derbyshire Netball Association shall comprise:  
  
Each club registered to Derbyshire as their primary county  
Each secondary school registered to Derbyshire as their primary county  
Members of the CMB  
Individual Members of the County
- 5.2 Voting members of Derbyshire Netball may make nominations and vote in the elections for the CMB.

6 CMB

- 6.1 Structure of the CMB
  - 6.1.1 The business of Derbyshire Netball shall be managed by the CMB.
  - 6.1.2 The CMB shall comprise:

	Role	Status	EN Member	Voting Right
A	Chair	Elected	Yes	Yes
B	Vice-Chair	Elected	Yes	Yes
C	Administrator	Elected	Yes	Yes
D	Treasurer	Elected	Yes	Yes
E	4 General Members	Elected	Yes	Yes
F	Membership Officer	Elected	Yes	Yes
G	Resolution Officer	Elected	Yes	Yes
H	Safeguarding Officer	Elected	Yes	Yes
I	Social Media & Digital Officer	Elected	Yes	Yes
J	EDI Officer	Elected	Yes	Yes
K	Lead of each Technical Support Group (TSG)	Appointed by TSG Ratified by CMB	Yes	Yes
L	2 Appointed Members	Appointed by CMB	Not required	No

- 6.1.3 An individual can hold more than one role but the risks should be considered in a Conflict of Interest Form
- 6.1.4 Members of the CMB should not be paid members of England Netball.
- 6.1.5 The England Netball Partnerships and Delivery Manager and Netball Development Officer are co-opted non-voting members and will be able to attend meetings.

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- 6.1.6 Minutes of the meeting will be taken by the Administrator or, in their absence, another member of the Board.
  - 6.1.7 The CMB may, from time to time, allocate certain areas of responsibility to members of the CMB.
  - 6.1.8 The CMB may fill any vacancy that may occur during the year. If this involves filling an elected position then that person, if willing to stand, may offer themselves for election at the next Annual General Meeting (AGM) following their initial appointment without nomination
  - 6.1.9 The CMB shall meet a minimum of 4 times a year.
  - 6.1.10 Each member of the CMB as listed in 6.1.2 **A-K** will have one vote. In the event of a tie in votes cast on any item of business, the Chair of the meeting shall have a further casting vote.
  - 6.1.11 **FIVE** members present and entitled to vote shall form a quorum.
  - 6.1.12 A post on the CMB may be vacated if:
    - (a) The Member concerned resigns their post by notice to the CMB
    - (b) They shall be absent for more than 2 meetings throughout the year without justifiable reason
    - (c) They are requested to resign by a vote of the CMB
  - 6.1.13 The members of the CMB will be reimbursed by the County Association at Derbyshire Netball Association Travel and subsistence rates for travel, accommodation and other expenses incurred by them in connection with meetings of the Board or other approved business of the Board.
  - 6.1.14 Skills of the Board Members should be recorded in the County Skills Matrix to ensure a broad mix of skills and diversity
  - 6.1.15 Members of the CMB shall have limited liability and are covered by EN's insurance policy. No member of the CMB is to be held personally liable for any actions.
- 6.2 Role of the CMB
- 6.2.1 The principal role of the CMB is to plan, support and co-ordinate the development of the game within Derbyshire in a manner that supports regional plans and strategies determined by England Netball.
  - 6.2.2 The CMB will work with England Netball, County and Regional Staff to deliver national targets according to the county needs
  - 6.2.3 The CMB will provide direction, support and guidance to Clubs and sporting partnerships to ensure that the overall policies and strategies for the development of the game are communicated consistently and effectively
  - 6.2.4 The CMB may at the request of England Netball or the Regional Management Board nominate appropriate individuals to serve on any national or regional working, standing or technical committees established by England Netball.



- 6.2.5 The CMB may establish Technical Support Groups (TSGs) as may be deemed necessary and determine their membership and terms of reference in line with the Bye-Laws.
- 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:
  - (a) Approval at the AGM or
  - (b) Three months after passing of an appropriate resolution by the Derbyshire CMB
- 6.2.7 The CMB will ensure that funds are used appropriately for the development of the game within Derbyshire.

6.3 Elections to the CMB

- 6.3.1 At the AGM Members of the County Association would consider and vote on the list of nominations received for all Elected Members
- 6.3.2 Officers standing for re-election do not require re-nomination. But, in the event that a vote is required for any position, details of any relevant experience should be made available to members.
- 6.3.3 Each nomination should be accompanied by a completed nomination form highlighting appropriate experience. Appointments would be by simple majority. Nomination forms must be returned to the Board 28 days before the AGM
- 6.3.4 Immediately after the AGM the CMB shall meet to ratify the TSG Leads and determine the Appointed Members

6.3.4.1 Vacancies in TSG Leads will be appointed from within the TSG where possible and ratified by the CMB. To facilitate this the TSGs will continue to evaluate their succession planning. Appointed General Members will be appointed by the CMB.

7 HONORARY MEMBERS

- 7.1 Special service to Derbyshire Netball Association may be recognised by the appointment of Honorary Members, who for the purpose of the Constitution shall be deemed to be Members of England Netball, shall be eligible to attend all General Meetings of the County in a non-voting capacity and receive such rights and privileges as determined by the CMB.
- Appointments are made by the CMB, and could include such roles as President and Vice-President(s).

8 GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE COUNTY (AGMs and EGMs)

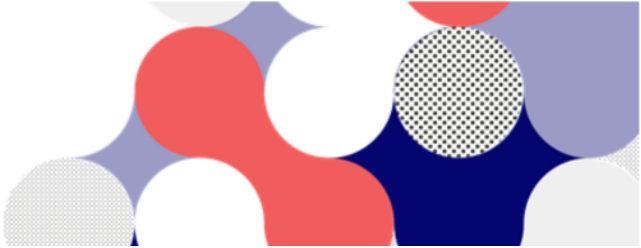
- 8.1 The Annual General Meeting (AGM):
  - 8.1.1 The AGM shall be held annually on a date to be determined by the CMB.
  - 8.1.2 The date of the AGM shall be fixed and reported not less than 56 days prior to the date of such meeting. Agenda and motions shall be circulated not less than twenty-one days prior to the meeting to each member of the County Association. The County Administrator will be responsible for circulating

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notices to each [member of the CMB, and all Clubs and schools in membership](#) of the County Association. [The full AGM pack will be made available 7 days prior to the AGM.](#)

- 8.1.3 The Chair or Vice-Chair of the County Association shall act as Chair of the AGM. If neither is present, a Chair shall be elected from among those members of the CMB present at the meeting.
- 8.1.4 **TEN** members present and entitled to vote shall form a quorum.
- 8.1.5 Business to be transacted at the AGM shall be:
- (a) To receive reports;
  - (b) To elect those members of the CMB who have been nominated in accordance with paragraph 6.3.3, each of whom shall hold office to the end of the General Meeting at which their successor is appointed;
  - (c) To consider any proposed resolution submitted in writing to the County Administrator not less than 21 days before the date of the AGM, which has been proposed by one County Member and seconded by another County Member;
  - (d) To receive the independently inspected accounts of Derbyshire Netball Association
  - (e) Appoint Inspector of the accounts for the next 12 months

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8.2 Extra-Ordinary General Meeting

- 8.2.1 An Extra-Ordinary Meeting may be convened at any time provided that it is either:
- (a) by order of the CMB or
  - (b) upon receipt of a written request from SIX or more of the County Association Members entitled to vote at a General Meeting stating the purpose for which a meeting is required and setting out any resolution that it is desired to propose;
- 8.2.2 An Extra-Ordinary Meeting shall be convened within 28 days from receiving the request, giving no less than 10 days' notice.
- 8.2.3 **TEN** members present and entitled to vote shall form a quorum

8.3 Voting at General Meetings (AGMs and EGMs)

- 8.3.1 The following shall be entitled to attend, speak and vote at a General Meeting (AGM or EGM) of the County:
- (a) An appointed person from each club which are members of England Netball
  - (b) Eligible voting Members of the CMB
- 8.3.2 The following shall be entitled to attend and speak at a General Meeting (AGM or EGM) but shall not be entitled to vote:
- (a) Honorary Members of the County Association
  - (b) The Regional Chair or RMB Representative
  - (c) The England Netball Partnerships & Delivery Manager
  - (d) Directors of England Netball
  - (e) The County Netball Development Officer (NDO)
  - (f) Any member of England Netball whose primary county is Derbyshire
  - (g) A representative from Derbyshire Schools Association

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- 8.3.3 Voting procedure at General Meetings (AGM or EGM) shall be as follows:
- (a) Each person entitled to attend and vote shall be permitted to cast one vote;
  - (b) No proxy voting will be allowed
  - (c) No postal voting will be allowed
  - (d) A simple majority of those present and entitled to vote shall be required to pass any resolution. The Chair of the meeting shall have a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.
  - (e) If the AGM is held by electronic means the following voting procedure will be applicable
    - Anyone holding a vote must be visible on their camera, failure to do so will mean their vote is excluded.
    - By registering your attendance, you agree to being recorded, which will be used to create the meeting minutes and not to be distributed or publicised.

**9. FINANCE**

- a. The financial year shall end on 31st July
- b. Each Member shall pay an annual subscription to the County which shall be due on the 1st September
- c. The membership fee shall be decided by the CMB

**10. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

- a. Proposals to alter the constitution shall be submitted in writing to the County Administrator no later than 28 days before the AGM, by a member of Derbyshire Netball Association, seconded by another member.
- b. No alteration or addition to the constitution shall be made except by special resolution passed at a General Meeting (AGM or EGM) with not less than two-thirds of the votes cast being in favour.

**11. POLICY & PROCEDURES**

Derbyshire Netball Association adopt England Netball current policies and procedures, including but not inclusive to:

- [Gender Eligibility and Participation Policy](#)
- Anti-doping Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- DBS Disclosure Information and Information Sharing Protocol
- Recruitment of Ex-Offenders Policy
- Data Protection and Privacy Policies
- Anti-bullying & Harassment Policy
- Complaints and Customer Charter Policy
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- Whistle Blowing Policy
- Codes of Conduct
- Social Media Policy
- GDPR

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# AGM 2025

## Derbyshire Netball Bye-Laws: Proposed Changes



### Derbyshire Netball Association

#### Constitution Bye-Laws

##### 1. Membership Fees

- 1.1 The County Management Board (CMB) shall set the County Membership Fee for each New Season commencing 1st September.
- 1.2 This fee will represent a summation of the fees as set by England Netball (EN), East Midlands Netball (EMN) and Derbyshire Netball Association (DNA). Members will be notified of the amount due prior to the renewal date. Engage to be updated accordingly.
- 1.3 The fees payable from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025 are as listed below:-

	EN	EMN	DNA	Total
Senior Fee	41.30	4.00	5.00	50.30
Age 18 and under	19.04	2.50	1.86	23.40
Age 14 and under	10.56	2.50	1.44	14.50
Age 11 and under	7.40	No charge	No charge	7.40
Social & Supporting Membership	15.89	No charge	No charge	15.89
Derbyshire Senior Schools Association	29.08	No Charge	9.02	38.10

Secondary memberships will be £0.00 for Derbyshire players to a second Derbyshire team  
Secondary memberships will be at the DNA rate above for Out of County players

##### 2. Regional Association and England Netball

- 2.1 The County Administrator or an accredited deputy shall ensure that all relevant information from both EMN and EN shall be made available to county members  
  
Only those Members whose County Membership fees are paid by the due date as stated for each event shall be entitled to participate in County, Regional or National organised events or courses except where conditions apply.

##### 3. Finance

###### 3.1 Expenses

A claim for reimbursement of expenditure may be made as follows by those engaged on official business of the County.

- 3.1.1 Travelling Expenses - public transport and car (current mileage rate is 45p per mile )
- 3.1.2 Essential meals, accommodation and other expenditure are not usually required. If a project is to be undertaken requiring expenditure other than standard travel, a budget must be submitted to the treasurer prior to the event. This budget must be approved by the CMB either at the next meeting or by written agreement of the CMB. Quorum must be obtained to approve such expenditure.
- 3.1.3 All expense claims must be signed off by the appropriate authorised person prior to being submitted to the Treasurer for reimbursement. Receipts must be attached where possible.
- 3.1.4 All expense claims must be submitted within 28 days of the event.
- 3.1.5 Discretionary Payments







Each TSG and the Governance & Finance Group may approve discretionary expenditure up to £200 per financial year over and above their budget without seeking CMB Approval.

No single transaction to be above £100

### 3.2 Funding and Grant Applications

3.2.1. The amount ring-fenced for funding and Grants for the financial year is £2,500.00

3.2.2. Funding opportunities include, but are not limited to:-

<b>A</b>	<b>Clubs competing in Regional Competitions</b>	
	<i>Senior Regional League</i>	<i>£200 per team</i>
	<i>Regional Rounds of U16/U14 National Clubs</i>	<i>£50 per team</i>
	<i>Junior Regional League</i>	<i>£100 per team</i>
	<i>U12 Clubs Open Tournament</i>	<i>£25 per team</i>
	<i>U11 Competitions</i>	<i>£25 per team</i>
	<i>Regional League Qualifying Tournaments (U14/U16/Open)</i>	<i>£40 per team</i>
<b>B</b>	<b>CMB Members' Annual Membership</b>	100%
<b>C</b>	<b>DBS checking for CMB and Academy Staff</b>	100%
<b>D</b>	<b>Individual grant applications, including</b>	
	<i>Coaching Level 1</i>	<i>50%</i>
	<i>Officiating C Award</i>	<i>50%</i>
<b>E</b>	<b>Here to Help Applications</b>	<i>(See below)</i>

#### 3.2.3 Here to Help Applications

Each Application for Here to Help assistance will be reviewed by the Governance & Finance Group, (G&F) on a case by case basis, on receipt of the application to [chair@derbyshirenetsball.co.uk](mailto:chair@derbyshirenetsball.co.uk).

The Group will aim to respond to the applicant within 2 weeks of the application being received. Successful applications will be recorded with supporting comments relating to the outcome of application.

## 4 County Events & Courses

- 4.1 This relates to events organised by a TSG or an individual organising on behalf of DNA.
- 4.2 All documentation distributed in relation to the event shall be produced on DNA headed paper or contain the DNA Logo.
- 4.3 Approval should be obtained from the CMB through the Technical Support Group (TSG) procedures for funding towards events/courses. Requests should include a budget showing the anticipated cost required to fund the project.
- 4.4 Any TSG or individual organising an event/course on behalf of DNA which involves finance must produce a balance sheet for the event/course within 28 days of the event. Variances in income/costs should be noted and commented upon where necessary.
- 4.5 It is the responsibility of the organisers to check that the entry rules/requirements and regulations to any event are adhered to.

## 5 Appointment of TSG Leads & Sub Groups

- 5.1 TSG Leads will be appointed for the following Groups:
  - Officiating
  - Performance
  - Competition
  - Other TSGs as deemed necessary by the CMB from time to time
- 5.1.1 Following the AGM, and prior to the first County Association Meeting of the year, the elected CMB will approve the TSG Leads for the coming year.



5.1.2 TSG Leads standing for re-appointment do not require re-nomination. In the event that another nomination is received and a vote is required for the position; details of any relevant experience will be required.

5.1.3 Each Nomination should be accompanied by a completed nomination form available from the website or the Administrator highlighting appropriate experience. Nomination forms must be returned to the Board for ratification.

5.2 Derbyshire Governance & Finance Group is a sub group of Members from the CMB which includes, but not limited to the Chair, Vice Chair, Administrator and Treasurer of the Association. The membership of the group will be agreed by the CMB at the first meeting after the AGM.

5.3 Derbyshire Youth Forum consists of members between the ages of 14-25, chaired by the CMB Chair or accredited deputy.

## 6 County Awards

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6.1 The type and number of County Awards will be determined by the CMB.

6.2 Nominations for each award may be received from Registered Clubs and members of the CMB, where after, a panel appointed by the CMB will evaluate and decide the recipients of the Awards.

6.3 The Chair of the Awards Panel will have the casting vote in the event of a tie.

## 8 Voting by CMB Members outside of CMB Meetings

Where matters arise which need CMB approval outside the normal CMB Meeting dates the following guidelines should be followed:

- a) A reasonable amount of time must be given which should exceed seven days.
- b) Where this is not possible (when an urgent decision required) CMB members should be contacted by email with the details and by a second communication to advise them that their urgent communication is required. A reply-by date should be advised within the communication.
- c) Approval by five CMB members shall form a quorum. In the event of a tie in votes on any item of business, the Chair shall have a further casting vote.
- d) Voting rights remain the same as detailed in the Constitution.
- e) The results of any discussion held in this manner must be recorded in the minutes of the next CMB Meeting.



## **AGM 2025**

### **Derbyshire Netball County Management Board Voting members to the CMB & Acceptance**

Existing members are willing to stand or change roles therefore no votes were required for those roles.

The County Management Board for 2025-26 will be:

Chair – Charlie Sizer

Vice Chair – Mary Yardley

Administrator & Membership Officer – Dawn Heron (change of role from General Member)

Treasurer – Caroline Richards

Resolution Officer – Jane Hadfield (change of role from Membership Officer)

Safeguarding Officer – Sarah Hollidge (relinquishing Resolution Officer)

Social Media & Digital Officer – Rebecca Randell

General Member – Carol Spencer

General Member – Rachel Mycock

General Member – Tracey Mellor

General Member – Donna Beckett (change of role from Officiating TSG Lead)

Player Development TSG Lead – Debbie Hopkinson

Officiating TSG Lead – Julie Law (to be ratified at AGM)

Competition Lead – Caroline Richards (looking for someone takeover from 2025-26)

Coaching TSG Lead – Vacant





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## Derbyshire Netball County Management Vacancies

Current vacant roles on the CMB are as follows. The Roles & Responsibilities will be available after the AGM and placed on the Derbyshire Netball Website. Any new person can express interest by getting in touch with [chair@derbyshirennetball.co.uk](mailto:chair@derbyshirennetball.co.uk).

For anyone who is interested we are open to discussing shadowing and learning opportunities before a full role is taken.

1. Chair
2. Coaching TSG Lead
3. Competitions TSG Lead

## Derbyshire Netball County Youth Board

The Youth Board will continue with the following members:

Chloe Daniels  
Isobel Holland  
Holly Smith

The 2026 window for Youth Board applications will re-open in September 2026 and we encourage applications from across the County with support from clubs.



## Derbyshire Netball Association

### County Management Board Elected Member Application Form

Name of Nominee:	Julie Law		
In support of a nomination for the post (please tick):			
General Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	TSG Officiating Lead	X
Administration Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Resolution Lead	
<p>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.</p>			
<p>Business Skills and Experience:</p> <p>At the University of Nottingham, I am Deputy Director of the Primary Care Education Unit, and as part of this role I am responsible for managing its budget—balancing resource allocation, forecasting, and cost-efficiency to support educational and clinical objectives. My role overseeing medical student placements across around 150 GP practices requires coordination and stakeholder engagement at scale, reflecting an understanding of systems management and service delivery. Additionally, as a school governor at a local primary school responsible for budgetary decisions, I bring governance experience and accountability to this aspect of the education sector. My work with national bodies such as the General Medical Council further demonstrates my ability to operate within complex regulatory frameworks, ensuring quality assurance and compliance.</p>			



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

With over 18 years experience as a medical doctor and 13 years as a GP, I have a portfolio of leadership, relationship management, and communication skills across clinical, academic, and regulatory domains. As a GP, communication skills are central to my work, both with colleagues and patients. As a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Nottingham, as deputy director of the Primary care education, I manage multiple staff members and oversee student placements across 150 GP practices in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire—demonstrating strategic coordination, mentorship, and operational oversight. My role involves delivering training sessions (including communication skills) to both medical students and practicing GPs, requiring clear, adaptive communication and the ability to inspire and influence diverse audiences. I have built strong networks across regional and national healthcare bodies, including the General Medical Council, where I contribute to quality assurance processes at other medical schools—highlighting my capacity to collaborate, influence policy, and uphold professional standards.

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

Having played netball continuously since school and representing Derbyshire in my teens, I have first-hand experience of athlete development from grassroots through to county-level competition. At university, I founded a netball team within the Biochemistry department. Since 2003, I've remained actively involved in the local Derby league as a player, maintaining a strong connection to community sport. For around the past five years I have also been on the Derbyshire Area Netball Association (DANA) League committee, ensuring smooth running of a local league with over 30 teams participating every year. My progression through umpiring qualifications—from C award in 2006 to A award in 2023—reflects a sustained dedication to officiating. I have umpired across all levels, including grassroots, National Premier League, and the National Performance League (NPL), where I've officiated trials and matches across all age groups. This breadth of experience has given me a comprehensive understanding of the competitive structures and talent pathways within netball, including how players progress through county, regional and national systems. My involvement at multiple levels enables me to appreciate athlete development, the importance of structured competition, and the role of officiating in maintaining standards and supporting progression.

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

In a voluntary capacity I have held the following roles:

- Parent School Governor, St Peter's School, Derby
- Derbyshire Area Netball Association League (Committee Member: Safeguarding lead and Resolution lead)
- Performance Technical Support Group - Umpiring, Derbyshire (Committee Member, DANA representative)
- I have also been involved in fundraising for local charities such as Treetops.

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

I have previously completed all four modules of the England Netball conscious inclusion package. I am the safeguarding officer for the DANA league and as such I am aware of EN safeguarding policies and ensure they are applied. I was also the DANA Covid Officer during the Covid pandemic, ensuring adherence to the Covid regulations. In my clinical role I am required to attend annual training in safeguarding and hold level 3 safeguarding for children and adults.





Understanding and experience of other voluntary sports organisations:

My family's active involvement in a local swimming club has given me valuable insight into the workings of other voluntary sports organisations. With my children regularly training and competing at swim galas, including at a regional level, and my husband serving as both safeguarding lead and club official, I've gained a strong appreciation for the governance, compliance, and community engagement required to sustain grassroots sport. This experience has deepened my understanding of the vital role volunteers play in athlete development, event coordination, and maintaining safe, inclusive environments for young people in sport.

A passion for the development of sport:

I have dedicated over three decades to netball as both a player and umpire, progressing from grassroots to national-level officiating demonstrating a deep commitment to the sport's growth and excellence. From founding a team whilst at university, running a team in the DANA league for over twenty years and supporting talent pathways through umpiring, I've consistently championed opportunities for participation, progression, and high standards in sport.

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

My long-standing involvement in Derbyshire netball—as a player, umpire, and advocate—has given me a good understanding of the county's mission "to establish netball in the county as a high-profile sport in all disciplines with a financially sustainable governing body that promotes "Netball for Life" and develops athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers". I actively support Derbyshire Netball's strategy including always putting the participant at the heart of everything and the drive to be innovative and progressive.

Knowledge of Derbyshire Netball's County Management Board Structure:

I have a clear understanding of Derbyshire Netball's County Management Board (CMB) and its role in shaping the strategic direction and operational delivery of netball across the county.

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: J.Law  
Print Name: Julie Law

Date: 11/08/25



## Appendix

- Jane Hadfield, CMB application form (change of role)
- Dawn Heron, CMB application form (change of role)
- Donna Beckett, CMB application form (change of role)



# Derbyshire Netball Association

## County Management Board Elected Member Application Form

Name of Nominee:	Jane Hadfield		
In support of a nomination for the post (please tick):			
General Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	TSG Officiating Lead	<input type="checkbox"/>
Administration Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Resolution Lead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>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.</p>			

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

Company Director with 35 years as an employee

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

Retail trade face to face contact for 45 Years  
Previously chair for Buxton League. Many years as an umpire  
Worked within the Junior section

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

Organised local leagues & tournaments, assisted and umpired at County/inter County tournament  
Worked within the Junior section

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

Organising Buxton then High Peak League for many years  
Umpiring for 45 years  
Assisting at County /inter County tournaments  
TO for 3-4 years  
Volunteer at the London Olympics 2012  
Derbyshire Management board for 30 plus years

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

I have limited experience of equality and ethical issues.



I have previously attended a safeguarding course but it probably need updating  
Attended a resolution course probably about 2020

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

The only other sports organisations that I've actively been involved with is for the local swimming club but always happy to learn about others if needed.

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

Full on passion for development of sport especially at grassroots and netball at any level. Give me job and I'll do my best to make it work

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

Hands on knowledge for Derbyshire Netball vision and a current member of the management board.

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

Current member of the CMB

**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:**

*J A Hadfield*

**Date:** 20 August 2025

**Print Name:** Jane Hadfield



# Derbyshire Netball Association

## County Management Board Elected Member Application Form

Name of Nominee:	Dawn Heron		
In support of a nomination for the post (please tick):			
Administration Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Membership Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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### ***Business Skills and Experience:***

#### **Qualifications relating to Business Skills & Experience:**

- City & Guilds Further Education & Adult Teacher's Certificate – April 2001
- FA Generic Tutor Training – May 2007
- FA Licensed Tutor Training – Equality Workshops – September 2008
- The FA CEO Leadership Programme – September 2010
- EDI Level 3 Certificate in Management Principles – Nov 2011
- NVQ Level 3 Certificate in Management – January 2012
- Advance Level Apprenticeship in Management in the Business Skills Sector – June 2012

#### **Employment over the last 20 Years:**

- Derbyshire County Football Association (DCFA) Head of Business Support – July 2018 – June 2019
- Chief Executive Officer for DCFA – July 2012 – June 2018
- DCFA Assistant County Association Secretary – January 2001 – June 2012

During my eighteen and a half years at DCFA I was lucky enough to be able to work with Governing Bodies, Local Authorities, Business Partners but also the volunteers that help run grassroots football.

I worked in all aspects of the business from just after it became a Limited Company (Feb 2000) when funding from The Football Association started to increase to enable County Associations to have their own paid staff. DCFA had 2 Full-Time Staff members and one Part-Time staff member when I started in January 2001. Over the years, through applying for FA Funding and working with statutory organisations, the business increased its staff to fourteen. This allowed for more development to be injected into the game and volunteers to be supported in helping to run leagues,

clubs and other footballing activities including Referee courses and Coaching courses.

Being involved in a small company meant being involved with all aspects of the business and managing the finances alongside their accountants. Business Plans had to be produced on a 4-year cycle to ensure FA funding was released and having to deal with any changes needed to personnel.

Other areas:

- Managing the Premises and Health & Safety for staff.
- Supporting the Football Disciplinary process.





- Working with Committee / Council Members who are volunteers.
- Being part of The FA IT Working Group and liaising with other County FA's.
- Managing conflict internally and externally

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

When first employed by the DCFA it was apparent that it was a very male environment and over my time working with other County FA's there was more encouragement to bring more females into the game. I was only the third female appointed as a Chief Executive Officer but due to my involvement as a volunteer in netball I was able to share

my experiences and also highlight the need for a more diverse workforce.

I had a good working relationship with many peers and believe that due to my communication skills had the opportunity to voice my views and work to come to a solution for the betterment of the game.

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

Being involved in netball from Junior School and being part of the 'old' County Structure from 13 years to 30 years of age and seeing the changes over the years has given me a good understanding of the competitions and development pathways. Whilst there have been some changes for the better, I believe there is still more work to do to ensure that no player whether as a player, coach, umpire or other form of volunteer has the opportunity to succeed in some element of the game.

Please list any prior experience of serving as a volunteer:

**England Netball**

Sep 2000 - Jun-2010 - National League umpire

Sep 2000 – Current - Umpire Assessor

Jun 2004 – Nov 2012 - Umpire Tutor

Sep 2004 - Jun 2010 – Netball Super Cup & Super League Umpire (Talent Identified)

Jan 2002 – Jan 2005 - International Scorer & Timekeeper

**Regional Netball**

Mar 2000 – Jun 2010 - Regional League umpire

**County Netball**

Sep 2003 – Current – Derbyshire Officiating TSG

Sep 1992 – Aug 2002 – Derbyshire Netball Secretary

Sep 1988 – Aug 1989 – Derbyshire Netball Secretary

Nov 1987 – Current – Umpire – Qualifications: C Award (1987), B Award (1997), A Award (2000)

**Club Netball**

Dec 2003 – Aug 2018 - Secretary - Pennine NC

Sep 2007 - Aug 2018 - Coach (Level 2) - Pennine NC

Nov 1987 – Current - Umpire - Pennine NC

I played County Netball for Derbyshire netball from 1980 – 1997 and was Derbyshire U21 captain during the 1986-87 and 1987-88 seasons. In 1988 we won the England Netball Inter Counties Championships. I also played a season at U21 and a season at Senior level for East Midlands Regional Squads.



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

I have signed the England Netball Belonging Statement;

In netball we want everyone to find a place to belong, flourish and soar. A place where you can retain your own personality, style and flair. A place you are cherished and appreciated for simply being you.

Also, everyone of us has a responsibility to ensure that all involved take responsibility and ensure that Safeguarding is in place whether as a child or a vulnerable Adult.

I have listed below workshops and on-line training sessions I have undergone to keep up to date with these topics.

- The FA Safeguarding For Committee Members - 4 April 2017
- The FA Welfare Officer Workshop – May 2018
- Derbyshire Safeguarding Childrens Board – Introduction to Safeguarding – May 2018
- Derbyshire Safeguarding Childrens Board Safeguarding for Managers & Safeguarding Leads – July 2018
- Derbyshire Safeguarding Childrens Board – Safeguarding – Everybody's Business – February 2019
- The FA Safeguarding Adults - January 2020
- England Netball Conscious Inclusion On-line Course – Dec 2022
- The FA Safeguarding For All - April 2023
- The FA Safeguarding Children - April 2023

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

I was also involved in playing Women's Club and County Cricket between 1992 – 2008 and acted as Fixtures Secretary for a few years and liaising with Local Authorities and Cricket Clubs to hire out pitches.

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

I've played sport from a very young age and my father was also a keen sportsman playing cricket, football, hockey and

he was my role model. He volunteered in many sports for over 50 years and his passion for volunteering and helping others through Sport has 'rubbed off' on me. He sadly passed away in March 2022 and after caring for both parents during Covid, I feel that I am now in a position to help more on the Derbyshire County Netball Board.

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

Whilst I would need some further information to the current Vision and Strategic Plan I am focussed in helping as much as I can.

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

From viewing the Derbyshire Netball Website I have viewed the Management Board Structure and have a good understanding of the roles and responsibilities.

**Criminal convictions.....**

Have you ever been convicted of any criminal offence?

NO

**DECLARATION**



www.derbyshirenetball.co.uk



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**Signed:** *Dawn Heron*

**Date:** 06/08/2025

**Print Name:** Dawn Heron



# Derbyshire Netball Association

## County Management Board Elected Member Application Form

Name of Nominee:	Donna Beckett		
In support of a nomination for the post (please tick):			
General Member	X	TSG Officiating Lead	
Administration Officer		Resolution Lead	
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### ***Business Skills and Experience:***

A relative comprehension of IT and social media.

A good organiser, but I like to be involved at hands on level, whether this is for Leagues or one off events.

Taking of minutes and collating reports from League Reps. Submitting report to County Management Board (CMB) one week prior to meeting.

Tracking payment for all Officiating Awards

Collating and tracking paperwork submitted to England Netball (EN)

Navigating Engage system, which is quite frustrating and not as efficient as it could be.

Arrange Officiating meetings for Technical Support Group (TSG) 4 times per year.

Attend and submit a report at Regional meetings. 4 times per year.

Attend National COL meetings via zoom quarterly.

Organise and set Assessments in accordance with England Netball (EN) procedures.

Liaise and manage the 7 County Assessors and distribution of Assessments

Understand and advise on enquiries for the Officiating Pathway via e-mail.

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

As a person I take my role within the sport seriously. I am approachable and empathetic. I understand the levels and what pressure this can sometimes create for Umpires. My feedback to umpires is positive, honest and evidence based on that game. This can be from very early grassroots league for INTO Award to Regional League and A Award. I can adapt my knowledge and feedback accordingly

I like to work with U18's as their development can have the greatest impact and a confidence for their playing and relating game play to rule capabilities.

I work well with other TSG's, but I particularly like to work alongside Performance as this keeps my knowledge and understanding of the game, new and fresh, it also gives me a Coach perspective and challenges my knowledge from time to time.

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



Umpire for 35 years to A Award Level from grassroots to National Premier League (retired 2016)  
25 years of experience with Officiating, for all levels including Technical Officials pathway.  
20 years County Officiating Lead  
Officiating Assessor for INTO, C and B Award.

Mentor for Officiating from grassroots to Regional Level.  
Mentor for all Regional Events as requested from Regional Umpiring Secretary.  
Tutor for INTO and C Award.

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

30 years umpiring and supporting Yardley League  
10 years NPL Manager Loughborough Lightning  
21 years on Officiating TSG. 20 years as County Officiating Lead (COL)  
22 years County Management Board Member (20 years as COL)

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

Through social media and e-mail from EN I keep up to date with ethical and equality issues. Whilst working with Performance both Duty of care & Safeguarding are part of the 30 week programme.

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

No other experience in other Sports

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

My main passion is developing and offering opportunities for all levels of umpiring.  
The area I feel we lack communication and support in, is from schools. If I had a wish list this would be the area I would like to tap into. To go in to schools and reach them at an early age. Introduce the rules, fair play and respect for all Officials.  
An open day organised by Derbyshire along with our NDO to educate teachers/parents for sport and Netball would be there as one of the top sports for both girls and boys. All schools invited, with some sort of incentive or reward for coming? Free Coaching session from one of our Franchises?

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

This will be arranged after September 2025 as a half day of planning session. Our current strategic plan is out of date.

Key focus areas:  
Raising the level of competition.  
Strengthening our school partnership.

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

I understand the structure of Derbyshire's CMB.



**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:** Donna Beckett  
**Print Name:** Donna Beckett

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025

