



Derbyshire Netball Association

AGM

4th November 2026

Via Zoom

At 7:00 pm

The **Annual General Meeting** of the above-named Association will be held on
Wednesday 4th November 2026 at 7pm
Via Teams Video Conferencing - Register in advance for this meeting via [this link](#).
(The registration link will close 2 days prior to the meeting)

The purpose of this pack is to provide important information in advance regarding changes to the
Derbyshire Netball Constitution and roles of members of the Derbyshire Netball County
Management Board.

In addition, the pack will include reports and accounts from the county for season 2025-26.

Clubs are requested to send at least one representative to the AGM.
Any apologies should be emailed to: Dawn Heron – admin@derbyshirenetball.co.uk

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Advanced Notice: Date of next AGM will be Wednesday 3rd November 2027

Minutes of the Derbyshire Netball Association AGM

Date: Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at 7:00 pm

Video Conference Call - Zoom

1	Welcome from Charlie Sizer – Chair									
	Charlie welcomed everyone to the AGM.									
2	List of Attendees									
Name		Club/Position				Name		Club/Position		
Charlie Sizer		Chair				Liz Alsop		Pennine NC		
Pauline Brasher		President				Cheryl Naylor		Ripley NC		
Dawn Heron		Admin (new role)				Liz Goddard		Ashbourne Rose NC		
Rowena Hackwood		EMRN Chair				Harriett Kelly		Belper NC		
Donna Beckett		CMB General Member (new role)				Julie Law		Officiating TSG Lead (new role) / Derby Diamonds NC		
Rebecca Randell		Social Media Officer				Debbie Haynes		Allestree NC		
Debbie Hopkinson		PDP TSG Lead				Jane Hadfield		Resolution Lead (new role) / High Peak NC		
Sarah Hollidge		Safeguarding Officer				Ruth Sampson		Ashbourne NC		
Mary Yardley		Vice Chair				Leah Pinto				
Carol Spencer		CMB General Member				Claire Sanders		Notts Forest Netball		
Claire Bowen		EN Development Officer				Liz Wilson		Southgate NC		
Caroline Richards		Treasurer				Rachel Mycock		CMB General Member		
2	List of Apologies:									
Name		Club/Position				Name		Club/Position		
Tracey Mellor		CMB General Member				Kay McKenzie		Stapleford NC		
Sara Bostock		DANA League Chair								
3	Tellers Appointed: 2 Voting Strength: 17									
4	Minutes of the previous AGM held on 4 th September 2024 were reviewed and accepted as a true record. Agreed as true reflection proposed by Dawn Heron and Seconded by Debbie Hopkinson.									
5	President’s Address – Pauline Brasher - as per the address provided in the AGM pack supplied prior to the AGM. Pauline reiterated the wonderful year of achievement in Derbyshire Netball and spoke of how proud she was of being part of Derbyshire Netball. Well done to everyone and many thanks for all the hard work.									
6	Chair’s Report – summarized by Charlie Sizer (written report included in AGM Pack), with the									

	following highlighted. • Thanks to the commitment of all our volunteers and those who are part of the Technical Support Groups (TSG). All must be commended for their dedication and passion for Derbyshire Netball. • We've had notable improvements and successes through talent. • New link with Nottingham Forest Netball as a new Super League franchise. • Two key areas to focus on in Derbyshire, East Midlands and for England Netball are: 1. Continual challenge for venues and facilities 2. Improvement of links with Schools to gain better relationships, conversations, and connections. • We're proud of the Youth Board with three members currently, but hoping to expand with a new application form going out and hoping will help with succession planning for Derbyshire Netball's future. • Thanks to Donna Beckett for her years of service as Officiating TSG Lead, who will be passing this role to Julie Law but will continue to support her in the transition and continue on the CMB as a General Member. • NFN Community Roots Programme – this is a good start for young players who may have not tried netball before but also to support the growth of the game and also contributing to netball at grassroots level. Claire Sanders – NFN Officer reiterated that they are really passionate about the programme and want to help in schools. Julie Law, Derby Diamonds NC, and new Officiating TSG Lead referred to the cost of the programme for parents and asked if there was anything that could be done. Claire Sanders confirmed that five bursary places were available, and the 'Dream' was for the programme to be 'free' for all but it's small steps and more investment and funding is required. Liz Goddard, Ashbourne Roses NC referred to the Derbyshire dates being held at Derby High School clashing with Yardley Junior League. Claire Sanders responded that they are working with schools for venues and will work with Counties in the future.
7	Treasurer's Report, Acceptance of the Accounts The accounts were presented for acceptance at the meeting. Caroline Richards confirmed that the loss for the year is linked to the new website which had been designed which gives a better picture of Derbyshire Netball and is easier to navigate. Cheryl Naylor raised a question regarding the Derbyshire Awards Festival whereby a nett figure was given rather than show income and expenditure. It was confirmed to CN that the cost of trophies was also included in the figure, but a note will be put on the accounts to confirm this. Thanks were given to Liz Alsop for inspecting the Accounts for another year. PDP accounts – Debbie Hopkinson confirmed there has been a slight loss due to extra kit, a loss on a residential trip due to costing of transport so parents were subsidized but normally the accounts would break even.

	The accounts were proposed by Mary Yardley and seconded by Jane Hadfield.
8	TSG Reports. (Included in the AGM Pack presented prior to the meeting) - Competitions TSG – Caroline Richards (CR) - Officiating TSG – Donna Beckett (DB) - Performance Development Pathway – Debbie Hopkinson (DHo)
9	NDO Report – Claire Bowen (CB) - (included in the AGM Pack presented prior to the meeting). - CB reiterated the focus with working with School Games Organisers in the County to help link schools to clubs. There is a need to work alongside teachers to ensure that netball is delivered to the schools. - Continuation of keeping the membership of netball and help it rise. - Opportunities of using different facilities which may help support Walking Netball and other developing areas. - England Netball are looking at having a NetballHer Champion for each County as shown in the AGM report provided. Cheryl Naylor, Ripley NC referred to her job role in Amber Valley and the work being carried out with Bees Netball through School Sport Partnerships of which this year's event was held by Derbyshire including using young umpires in the games and being supported by mentors, Jayne Bell and Donna Beckett. CB asked Cheryl to liaise with her after the meeting as good practice needs to be shared.
10	Additional reports (included in the AGM Pack presented prior to the meeting) - Derbyshire Netball Awards Festival – Dawn Heron (DHe) & Mary Yardley (MY) - Derby Arena Walking Netball – Mary Yardley (MY) - East Midlands One Awards (Mary Yardley (MY) - Youth Board Update- Charlie Sizer (CSz)
11	Changes to the Constitution - The Governance & Finance Team proposed a few slight changes to the Constitution, predominately for consistency and ensuring alignment with East Midlands Netball - A visual summary was shared prior to the AGM and during the meeting highlighting the slight changes which were for finer details. TSG members are elected by the TSG group and therefore ratified by the CMB. - The AGM will be moving to November in the future due to the end of financial year being 31st July and doesn't give much time to finalise and have the accounts checked. - Governance & Finance Group – reference was made to the inclusion of Gender Eligibility Policy in line with England Netball and legislation. The proposed changes were accepted. (17 votes) Amendments to Byelaws for information: - Affiliation Increases shown. - Minor changes to clauses - G&F group is a sub-group of the Board and not limited to a set number to sit on it. - Youth Board has been included in the Byelaws.

12	VOTING OF MEMBERS TO THE CMB & ACCEPTANCE Nominations for ratification were as follows: Officiating TSG Lead – Julie Law - Application details provided in the AGM pack. Administrator & Membership Officer – Dawn Heron (change of role from General Member) Resolution Officer– Jane Hadfield (change of role from Membership Officer) Safeguarding Officer – Sarah Hollidge (relinquishing Resolution Officer) General Member – Donna Beckett (change of role from Officiating TSG Lead) Nominations were accepted in bulk: 16 votes. Most of the existing members were willing to continue in post so no vote was 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 Competition TSG Lead – Caroline Richards (looking for someone takeover from 2025-26) Coaching TSG Lead – Vacant Charlie Sizer thanked everyone for their attendance and for everything that they do for netball. Any feedback, ideas, or items to share can always be sent to chair@derbyshirenetsball.co.uk The Derbyshire celebrations held in July received a very positive response and we need a massive drive to get everyone included. A vote of thanks by Mary Yardley to Charlie for chairing the meeting and thanking everyone for their attendance contribution.
13	The AGM was closed at 19:57 hrs. Date of the next AGM: Wednesday 4th November 2026

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President's Address

It has been a pleasure and privilege to have been your President for the past twelve years.

What has contributed to my term in office is the dedication and hard work of all involved in Derbyshire netball, whatever your positions or involvement.

As you know the highlight of the year has been the Centenary of England Netball when we joined the East Midlands celebration at the Derbyshire County Cricket Club to present Derbyshire's Awards too. Many people from all over the East Midlands Counties were also there to celebrate with us. At this event Derbyshires Awards, PDP Awards and Yardley League Awards were presented. In the East Midlands Awards Derbyshire had three winners who will go forward to Birmingham on 3rd October. We offer our congratulations to all the winners and wish them well in the National finals.

I am pleased to report that Netball in Derbyshire is in a very healthy state and many of the local leagues are going from strength to strength. However, these rely on volunteers to assist, and we are always looking for additional assistance. Should anyone wish to volunteer please contact our admin officer via our website.

I am of the view that the past few years have shown that Derbyshire Netball has a firm foundation to carry forward to a successful future over many years to come.

Pauline Brasher
Derbyshire Netball President

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Chair's Report

The past year has brought many successes and opportunities to celebrate, and I would like to thank everyone who has played a part in supporting and developing netball across Derbyshire.

The County Management Board (CMB) plays an important role in helping to grow, strengthen and promote netball throughout Derbyshire; however, we continue to have several vacant committee roles, and we would very much welcome interest from anyone who is keen to contribute. We are actively exploring ways to increase awareness of these opportunities and encourage more people to become involved.

One of the highlights of the year was supporting the regional centenary celebration event, where we were also able to present our county awards. The event was a great success and provided an excellent opportunity to celebrate the achievements and contributions of our netball community. My thanks go to everyone involved in planning and delivering the event, and in creating such an eye-catching Derbyshire display, including the now-infamous balloon and ball arch which attracted plenty of attention throughout the day.

Our links with local clubs and franchises continue to strengthen, and I would like to thank all clubs, leagues, volunteers, coaches, officials and players for their continued dedication and support. These relationships are vital in helping us grow and develop the game within Derbyshire.

Increasing participation in schools remains a key priority for us. Encouraging more young people to experience and enjoy netball will continue to be an important focus.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to Derbyshire Netball over the past year.

It has been a privilege to be the Chair of Derbyshire Netball over the last three seasons; I have had the honour of meeting and working with wonderful dedicated people without whom Derbyshire Netball would not be the fantastic community it is today. I wish you all the best for the future and I will continue to support the county in other ways.

Julie Law took over the reign as Chair from 1st August 2026 and I am confident that Derbyshire Netball is in very good hands to keep building as a successful county.

Charlie Sizer

Outgoing Chair, Derbyshire County Netball Association

AGM 2025 Treasurer's Report & Accounts

County Accounts

DERBYSHIRE NETBALL ASSOCIATION

FINAL ACCOUNTS for 2025-6

		2025-26		2024-25	
		£	£	£	£
INCOME :	Membership Fees	5,034.64		4,599.95	
	Yardley League	10,514.00		10,776.50	
	Walking Netball	725.00		703.50	
	Officiating Income	1,849.00		967.00	
	Derbyshire Performance Netball	30,502.71		44,174.38	
	Derbyshire Clubs Talent Programme	-		-	
	Interest on Deposit Account	95.07		131.09	
	County Competition	-		245.00	
	Sundry Income - EMRNC	1,000.00		-	
			49,720.42		61,597.42
EXPENDITURE :	Membership Fees	147.89		154.45	
	Yardley League	10,248.72		9,311.21	
	Walking Netball	805.77		460.00	
	Officiating Costs	922.25		678.84	
	Derbyshire Performance Netball	33,737.06		47,026.44	
	Derbyshire Clubs Talent Programme	-		-	
	County Tournaments & Equipment	-		399.22	
	Regional Competition funding	1,000.00		1,165.00	
	Website Regn & Maintenance	693.88		1,813.38	
	Sundry Expenditure - PDP	1,000.00		-	
	Netball Festival *net of income	865.17		2,484.86	
	Archive Costs	625.68		573.54	
	Bank Charges	44.91		-	
	Donations, Grants & Funding	1,436.45		1,971.40	
	Stationery, Gifts & Sundry items	40.00		55.68	
	AGM & Officers Expenses	528.60		279.80	
			52,096.38		66,373.82
	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-	2,375.96	-	4,776.40
	Yardley Deposits		-		-
	Balance brought forward at 1/8/24		32,606.01		37,382.41
	Balance carried forward at 31/7/25		30,230.05		32,606.01
	Balance in Current Account		2,087.83		1,324.51
	Balance in Deposit Account		9,855.36		9,760.29
	Performance Bank/Cash/Stock		18,286.86		21,521.21
	Total Funds held		<u>30,230.05</u>		<u>32,606.01</u>

* Performance Accounts breakdown attached

Accounts Prepared by: Caroline Richards

Inspected by: Liz Alsop

PDP Accounts:

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

Performance	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Training fees	£ 16215.00		
Donated subs	£		
Training venue costs		£ 4870.00	
Training kit		£ 2458.43	
Match kit		£ 162.98	
End of season festival		£ 1014.16	
Equipment		£ 99.26	
Coaching expenses		£ 7539.46	
Admin expenses		£ 257.56	
Other expenses		£ 133.54	-320.39
Match subs	£ 1826.58	£ 4297.87	-2471.29
Trial subs	£ 3490.39	£ 3675.29	-184.90
Kit sales	£ 3194.00	£ 2946.00	248.00
Summer Camps	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	0.00
Residential Trips	£ 3780.00	£ 3747.10	32.90
Other trips	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	0.00
Derby Roses	£ 1414.00	£ 1259.40	154.60
Interest received	£ 82.74		82.74
EM Region subsidy	£ 500.00		500.00
Decrease in stock	£	1276.01	-1276.01
	£ 30502.71	£ 33737.06	£ -3234.35

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

	2025/2026
Income & Expenditure this year	£ -3234.35
Add balance from last year	£ 21521.21
Total funds held	<u>18286.86</u>
as :	
Performance bank account	£ -213.47
Reserve account	£ 11779.30
Cash account	£ 85.48
Spond	£ 5.00
Debtors	£ 0.00
Stock	£ 6630.55
Creditors	£ 0.00
	<u>18286.86</u>

AGM 2026 - Competition TSG Report

Local Affiliated Leagues

Monday Evening	DANA
Monday lunchtime	Walking Netball
Tuesday Evening	Yardley League
	Burton & District League
	High Peak League
Wednesday Evening	Erewash Netball League
Thursday Evening	Landau Forte 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. County Rounds Schools – October/November 2025

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

U19's – 1st October

Winners	Trent College	finished 1st in Regional Round
R/Up	QEGS	finished 7th in Regional Round
3rd	Repton	
4th	Littleover	
5th	Ecclesbourne	
6th	Lady Manners	
7th	Brookfield	

U16's – 8th October

Winners	Ecclesbourne	finished 6th at Regional Round
R/Up	Dronfield	finished 8 th at Regional Round
3rd	QEGS	
4th	Repton	
5th	Woodlands	
6th	Lady Manners	
7th	Chapel	

U14's – 5th November

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

2. County Regional League Qualifying Tournament

No qualifying tournament held this year as only one team wished to enter, being Derby Roses Two.

Regional Competitions

For more information visit www.eastmidlandsnetball.co.uk/competitions

1. U11 Netball

Open Tournament – May 2025

1	Charnwood Blue	09	Nottingham City
2	Stamford & Rutland	10	Hawks
=3	Charnwood Purple	11	Ashbourne NC
=3	Northants Storm	12	LES Shooters
=5	Bramcote	=13	Ashby
=5	Lincoln City	=13	Bingham
=7	Hucknall Town		
=7	Market Harborough		

2. U12 Tournament

Open Tournament – June 2-25

1	Stamford & Rutland	07	Allestree
2	Nottingham City	08	Market Harborough
3	Charnwood Rutland	09	Stamford & Rutland Giants
4	Lincoln City	10	Ashbourne
5	Northants Storm	11	Bingham
6	Bramcote	12	Comets

3. U14 JLQT for season 2026-7 (15 teams entered)

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

Section A

1	Charnwood Rutland
2	Stamford & Rutland
3	Northants Storm
4	Market Harborough
5	Bingham
6	Cliftonettes Red

Section B

Nottingham City
Belper
=3 East Mids. Tornadoes
=3 Lincoln City
Allestree
Oundle Flames
Hucknall

4. U16 JLQT for season 2026-7 (15 teams entered)

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

Section A

1	Bramcote
2	Charnwood Rutland
3	Belper
4	Stamford & Rutland
5	Bingham
6	Brigg
7	Market Harborough
8	Pennine

Section B

Lincoln City
Northants Storm
East Mids. Tornadoes
Notts City
Ashby
Lutterworth
Allestree

For Senior and Junior Regional League Fixtures and Results please visit
www.eastmidlandsnetball.co.uk/competitions

5. Dates for your Diaries:

Sept26 – Mar27	Regional Leagues Open & Junior Leagues
Oct 7th	U19 County Schools Tournament
Oct 14th	U16 County Schools Tournament
Nov 6th	U14 County Schools Tournament
Jan 23rd	U14 Regional Schools
Jan 30th	U19 Regional Schools
Jan 31st	U16 Regional Schools
April 25th	Regional League Qualifying Tournament
May 09th	U11 Open Tournament (May 16th Reserve date)
June 06th	U12 Open Tournament (June 12th Reserve Date)
June 13th	U14 Regional League Qualifying Tournament (July 4th Reserve date)
June 27th	U16 Regional League Qualifying Tournament (July 11th Reserve date)

Caroline Richards
Competition TSG lead

AGM 2026 - Officiating TSG Report

It has been another busy season of mentoring and assessments; it has been really encouraging to see so many officials progressing through the pathway and gaining confidence and experience on court.

A huge thank you goes to our officiating TSG for the time, commitment and expertise they have contributed throughout the season. Their support for developing new and existing umpires is invaluable and plays a vital role in maintaining the high standards of officiating across Derbyshire.

We are also grateful to our local leagues for continuing to provide opportunities for mentoring umpires and facilitating assessments.

Derbyshire Officiating TSG Members: Julie Iaw (County Officiating Lead), Donna Beckett, Jayne Bell, Sara Bostock, Heather Gleadall, Dawn Heron.

INTO Award qualifications

Congratulations to the following **39** umpires who have successfully completed and passed their INTO Award (Sept 2025-July 2026):

- Leah Pinto, Amy Sheerin, Connie Busby, Lois Beard, Diya Datta, Molly Hammond, Samantha Brown, Abigail Crispino, Katie Clarke, Sam Skelton, Katie Johnson, Isabella Endacott, Katie Howes, Anna Wain, Lucy Hart, Katy Lou Evans, Clare Ward, Robyn Mander, Eesha Athwal, Kirsten Holland, Alana Allcock, Charlotte Burton, Sophie Caulton, Naomi Harris, Charlotte Stone, Caitlin Harris, Taliya Neumann, Olivia House, Elizabeth Willis, Eliabeth Wilson, Lucy Hayes, Rachael Nash, Florence Brown, Magdalena Fowler, Amelile Ratliff, Ella Ratliff, Carys Searchy-Smith, Emily Haran, Hannah Iliffe.

C Award qualifications

Congratulations to the following **17** umpires who have successfully completed and passed their C Award (Sept 2025-July 2026):

- Emma Palfreyman, Abbie Morris, Sasha Tebay, Georgia Allsopp, Ella Davies, Rachel Wood, Ava Conroy, Freya Hill, Amelia Elwell, Mary Sweeney, Amy Sheerin, Meradith Newham-Miles, Laura Goodwin, Amelia Goodwin, Matilda Wright, Clare Ward, Harriet Kelly.

INTO and C Award Development Workshops

The Derbyshire Officiating TSG has continued to provide a wide range of development opportunities for umpires working towards their INTO and C Awards.

Four practical workshops were delivered on 9th and 16th of September 2025 at Woodlands School, Allestree, in partnership with the Yardley League. Two INTO Award and two C Award workshops were offered, focusing on positioning and movement, vision, terminology and the application of penalties.

The sessions had over 50 attendees taking part across the two evenings. Our thanks go to Jayne Bell, Dawn Heron and Donna Beckett for their delivery and support.

A further practical workshop for candidates preparing for their C Award assessment was held on 27th of January 2026. In addition to on court development, participants received guidance and support related to the C Award theory paper. The event was well received, and several attendees subsequently went on to successfully pass their written assessment. Thank you to Ripley Netball Club for providing games and to Dawn Heron, Rachel Mycock and Jayne Bell for mentoring and supporting those in attendance.

An additional workshop was held at Woodlands School on 19th of May 2026. Originally planned to support C Award candidates, the session was adapted to meet demand from officials progressing towards their INTO Award assessment. Fifteen umpires attended, including two candidates working towards their C Award. The workshop proved highly successful, with one umpire subsequently achieving their C Award and seven candidates completing their INTO Award qualification. Thank you to Dawn Heron, Jayne Bell and Julie Law for supporting the evening.

Face to Face INTO Course - High Peak

Following an approval process via England Netball, a face to face INTO Award course was delivered in High Peak on 22nd of March 2026 at Buxton Sports Centre. The course was led by Pam Weatherby (Nottinghamshire County Officiating Lead), supported by Donna Beckett and Jayne Bell, with travel expenses kindly funded by the Derbyshire County Management Board.

Learners are continuing to work towards completion of their practical assessments. Rachel Mycock also organised a series of five practical development sessions, each lasting 90 minutes, to further support learners on their officiating journey. The course and follow up workshops have been extremely successful and demonstrate the value of local, accessible officiating development opportunities.

Umpire Mentoring Course

In partnership with England Netball, the Derbyshire Officiating TSG delivered a pilot Umpire Mentoring Course led by Yvonne Adshead (A Award Mentor and Assessor). The programme was designed to increase the number of qualified mentors across the county and improve progression rates for officials undertaking INTO and C Award qualifications.

Two online sessions were delivered on 13th and 20th of January 2026, there were 11 participants, alongside 5 existing TSG mentors. Participants are currently completing their practical assessments and once completed will be able to support officiating development within Derbyshire leagues. England Netball is currently evaluating feedback from the pilot programme to inform a potential national rollout.

Rules and Game Management Webinars

To support ongoing umpire development, Rules and Game Management webinars were delivered to a number of Derbyshire leagues during September. Sessions were held for DANA (18 attendees), Burton and District League (46 attendees) and High Peak League (32 attendees).

Delivered by Julie Law, with support from members of the TSG, these webinars focused on developing officials' understanding of game management principles and increasing confidence in applying them effectively during matches. The sessions were well attended and provided an accessible opportunity for officials across the county to enhance their knowledge and share best practice.

Recognition and Profile

Jo Ball

- Technical Official – NxtGen and NSL 2026
- Technical Official – NSL Super Cup 2026
- Retired as a Technical Official (TO) in 2026. We thank Jo for her many years of service and contribution to netball officiating.

Sara Bostock

- Technical Official Celtic Cup 2025
- Appointed as Europe Netball TO's working group chair (2025)
- Technical Official – NSL Super cup 2026
- Technical Official – NxtGen and NSL 2026
- Technical Official Quad Nations Series 2026
- Technical Official BUCs finals

Donna Beckett

- EN Long Service Award
- EN East Midlands One Awards: Special Recognition
- EN National One Awards: Special Recognition – highly commended

Jayne Bell

- Technical Official – NxtGen and NSL 2026
- Technical Official BUCs finals
- EN East Midlands One Awards: Outstanding Contribution – Making it all happen

Heather Gleadall

- Assessor for NSL season 2025/2026
- UAP Celtic Cup 2025 Glasgow
- UAP Europe Netball U17 2026 Aberdeen

- UAP World Cup Qualifiers Europe Region 2026 East Kilbride

Julie Law

- Umpire EN National Performance League 2025/26
- Umpire EN National Premier League 2025/26
- Umpire BUCs finals - men's showcase
- Umpire U16 National Schools (appointed to 3rd/4th play off)
- Umpire U14 National Schools (appointed to the semi-final)
- Umpire U16 National Clubs (appointed to the final)
- Umpire Premier League Play offs (appointed to one of the 3 finals)
- Umpire National Performance League Tournament (appointed to the U17 final)

Kate Mann:

- Umpire EN National Performance League 2025/26
- Umpire EN National Premier League 2025/26
- Umpire Australia vs South Africa test series 2025
- Umpire Celtic Cup 2025
- Umpire NSL 2026
- Umpire Commonwealth Games 2026
- Umpire England Men's & Mixed Netball Association (EMMNA) National tournament (2026)

Amy Mosely

- Umpire England Men's & Mixed Netball Association (EMMNA) National tournament (2026)

Rachel Start

- Technical Official – NxtGen and NSL 2026
- Umpire EN National Performance League 2025/26
- Umpire EN National Premier League 2025/26

Thanks again to everyone for their support over the past year. I am looking forward to the season ahead!

Julie Law (County Officiating Lead, Derbyshire)

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County Player Development Programme (PDP) Report

TSG Lead: Debbie Hopkinson Academy Coach Rep: Ruth Sampson County Performance Identifier: Amy Ruffell-Hazell Umpiring and Junior League Liaison: Donna Beckett

2025/2026 Season

The 2025/2026 Under 13 and Under 15 squads were selected in September 2025.

Training commenced on 4th October. England Netball have dictated that training should now finish at the end of March, so our final training session was 21st March 2026.

The coaching team was.

Under 13	Head Ruth Sampson	Assistant Lora Turner
Under 15	Head Amy Ruffell-Hazell	Assistant Kelly Hopkinson

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

Under 13s

We took twenty athletes into the U13 PDP squad, ten were from Derbyshire clubs, the rest were from Sheffield and Birmingham.

The U13 squad took on nine training partners, four of which were from Derbyshire clubs. In January we moved seven year 8 athletes from the Under 13 PDP squad to U15 training partners as it was felt that these were ready to progress. This enabled more training partner athletes to experience higher level match play.

The U13s had five match play days at Soar Valley in the form of a round robin tournament against the other East Midlands Counties. They also had three more standalone tournaments (Denstone, Bedford and Trent College)

Under 15s

We took seventeen athletes into the U15 PDP squad, of which ten were from Derbyshire clubs, the rest were from Sheffield.

The U15 squad took on seven training partners, three of which were Derbyshire and these were joined by the seven year 8s after C&C in January. We also promoted three training partners to PDP after C&C

The Under 15s also had matches and tournaments plus the three standalone tournaments. We also invite the Cheshire PDP squad for match play in January 2026

Nottingham Forest Netball

Trials for the U17 and U19 NPL squads and also the U18 PDP squads took place in September 2026 and I am pleased to report the following successes.

Nottingham Forest Under 19 NPL	Grace Pycroft (Derbyshire 2019 – 2023)	Ex Long Eaton
Nottingham Forest Under 19 NPL	Harriet Whetton (Derbyshire 2019 – 2023)	Ashbourne
Nottingham Forest Under 19 NPL	Katy Ascott (Derbyshire 2019 – 2023)	Allestree
Nottingham Forest Under 17 NPL	Maizie Goddard (Derbyshire 2020 – 2024)	Ashbourne
Nottingham Forest Under 17 NPL	Deena Kalinins (Derbyshire 2020 – 2025)	Bramcote
Nottingham Forest Under 17 NPL	Heidi Sumner (Derbyshire 2020 – 2025)	Sheffield Steel
Nottingham Forest Under 21 PDP	Tilda Wright (Derbyshire 2019 – 2023)	Ex Long Eaton
Nottingham Forest Under 18 PDP	Eliza Palin (Derbyshire 2020 – 2024)	Queenspark
Nottingham Forest Under 18 PDP	Jessica Barnett (Derbyshire 2020 – 2024)	Ashbourne
Nottingham Forest Under 18 PDP	Bea Smith (Derbyshire 2020 – 2024)	Allestree
Nottingham Forest Under 18 PDP	Ella Jones (Derbyshire 2022 – 2025)	Sheffield Steel
Nottingham Forest Under 18 PDP	Alice Vaughan (Derbyshire 2023 – 2025)	Sheffield Steel
Nottingham Forest Under 18 PDP	Sophie Wilson (Derbyshire 2023 – 2025)	Sheffield Steel
Nottingham Forest Under 18 PDP	Georgie Hemsall (Derbyshire 2023 – 2025)	Sheffield Steel
Nottingham Forest Under 18 PDP	Florence Stirling (Derbyshire 2022 – 2025)	Ex Long Eaton
Nottingham Forest Under 18 PDP	Lauren Tuhme (Derbyshire 2022 – 2025)	Ex Ripley
Nottingham Forest Under 18 PDP	Maisha Jeffers (Derbyshire 2022 – 2025)	Ex Long Eaton
Nottingham Forest Under 18 PDP	Kessie Webster (Derbyshire 2021 – 2025)	Ex Long Eaton
Nottingham Forest Under 18 PDP	Elise Roach (Derbyshire 2024 – 2025)	Northants Storm
Nottingham Forest Under 18 PDP	Molly Wittch-Jackson (Derbyshire 2024 – 2025)	Northants
Nottingham Forest Under 18 PDP	Harriet Robertson (Derbyshire 2023 – 2025)	Sheffield Tigers
Loughbro Lightning Under 17 PDP	Mollie Cooling (Derbyshire 2020 – 2025)	Ex Long Eaton
Loughbro Lightning Under 17 PDP	Imogen Hasan (Derbyshire 2022 – 2024)	Sheffield Tigers

NSL Under 15 PDP Academy (School Games)

Trials for this Academy, which is the next step on the Pathway for Under 15s, took place in April 2026 and I am pleased to report the following successes;

Nottingham Forest Netball

Aimee Oliver
Deena Kalinins
Elise Roach
Ella Jones
Grace Ganley
Molly Witchett- Jackson
Rosie Bennet

2026/2027 Season

Trials have taken place and the squads are selected. Training started on 3rd October.

Ruth Sampson has stepped down as U13 Head coach to devote more time to family life; we thank her for all her hard work and dedication over the past 10 years. The new team is.

Under 15 Lead	Kelly Hopkinson
Under 15 Assist	Madi Baxter
Under 13 Lead	Lora Turner
Under 13 Assist	Sophie Adams

Amy has remained in the role of Lead Coach, this means she will continue to deal with all coaching matters, and the mentoring programme she started last year; she has however stated her intention to resign this role at the end of the season.

We are looking forward to another busy and successful season.

Debbie Hopkinson
County Player Development TSG Lead

RESULTS FOR SEASON 2025-26

MATCH PLAY RESULTS - 2025/2026 SEASON				East Mids Tournaments			
ALL AT SOAR VALLEY							
<u>01/11/2025</u>							
				POINTS			
Under 13 A	Lincs A	14 - 2	WIN	5	20	FIRST PLACE	
	Notts A	14 - 5	WIN	5			
	Leics A	24 - 2	WIN	5			
	Northants A	9 - 7	WIN	5			
Under 13 B	Lincs B	15 - 3	WIN	5	20	FIRST PLACE	
	Notts B	12 - 11	WIN	5			
	Leics B	11 - 4	WIN	5			
	Northants B	9 - 7	WIN	5			
Under 15 A	Lincs A	11 - 10	WIN	5	16	SECOND PLACE	(First = Notts)
	Northants A	23 - 4	WIN	5			
	Notts A	9 - 12	LOSS	1			
	Leics A	14 - 4	WIN	5			
Under 15 B	Lincs B	13 - 4	WIN	5			

Notts B	12 - 8	WIN	5		
Leics B	13 - 5	WIN	5		
Extra	10 - 4	WIN	5	20	FIRST PLACE

29/11/2025

				POINTS			
Under 13 A	Lincs A	19 - 6	WIN	5			
	Notts A	8 - 10	LOSS	1			
	Leics A	20 - 4	WIN	5			
	Northants A	13 - 1	WIN	5	16	SECOND PLACE	(First = Notts)
Under 13 B	Lincs B	18 - 4	WIN	5			
	Notts B	11 - 2	WIN	5			
	Leics B	6 - 8	LOSS	1			
	Northants B	14 - 11	WIN	5	16	SECOND PLACE	(First = Leics)
Under 15 A	Lincs A	13 - 11	WIN	5			
	Northants A	17 - 1	WIN	5			
	Notts A	13 - 13	DRAW	3			
	Leics A	15 - 9	WIN	5	18	JOINT FIRST	(with Notts)
Under 15 B	Lincs B	15 - 1	WIN	5			
	Notts B	14 - 6	WIN	5			
	Leics B	17 - 6	WIN	5			
	Extra match	14 - 7	WIN	5	20	FIRST PLACE	

Derby B moved into the A group Derby C formed (with TPs and year 8s) and played in the B group

17/01/2026

				POINTS			
Under 13 A	Lincs A	9 - 9	DRAW	3			
	Notts A	9 - 10	LOSS	1			
	Leics A	13 - 5	WIN	5			
	Northants A	9 - 8	WIN	5	14	JOINT SECOND PLACE	(First = Notts)
Under 13 B	Lincs B	19 - 8	WIN	5			
	Notts B	7 - 11	LOSS	1			
	Leics B	8 - 8	DRAW	3			
	Northants B	12 - 2	WIN	5	14	SECOND PLACE	(First = Notts)
Under 15 A	Lincs A	9 - 16	LOSS	1			

Under 15 B	Derby B	17 - 7	WIN	5	16	SECOND PLACE	(First = Notts)			
	Notts A	13 - 12	WIN	5						
	Leics A	11 -10	WIN	5						
	Lincs A	10 - 14	LOSS	1						
	Notts A	11 - 12	LOSS	1						
	Leics A	6 - 15	LOSS	0						
	Derby A	7 - 17	LOSS	0				2	FIFTH PLACE	Derby B played against the other A teams
	Lincs B	11 - 7	WIN	5						
	Notts B	9 - 8	WIN	5						
	Leics B	8 - 7	WIN	5						
Under 15 C	Northants	8 - 9	LOSS	1	16	SECOND PLACE				
	28/02/2026									
	Lincs A	9 - 6	WIN	5	20	FIRST PLACE				
	Notts A	21 - 6	WIN	5						
Leics A	12 - 0	WIN	5							
Northants A	16 - 6	WIN	5							
Under 13 B	Lincs B	13 - 4	WIN	5	10	JOINT SECOND PLACE	(With Leic)			
	Notts B	15 - 4	WIN	1						
	Leics B	10 - 10	DRAW	3						
	Northants B	11 - 15	LOSS	1						
Under 15 A	Lincs A	17 - 11	WIN	5	15	SECOND PLACE	(First = Notts)			
	Derby B	15 - 10	WIN	5						
	Notts A	8 - 14	LOSS	0						
	Leics A	11 - 8	WIN	5						
Under 15 B	Lincs A	9 - 17	LOSS	0	5	FIFTH PLACE	Derby B played against the other A teams			
	Notts A	11 - 14	LOSS	1						
	Leics A	9 - 9	DRAW	3						
	Derby A	10 - 15	LOSS	1						

Under 15 C	Lincs B	14 - 10	WIN	5			
	Notts B	10 - 13	LOSS	1			
	Leics B	6 - 15	LOSS	0			
	Northants	11 - 9	WIN	5	11	FORTH PLACE	
<u>28/03/2026</u>							
Under 13 A	Leics A	17 - 8	WIN	5			
	Notts A	14 - 7	WIN	5			
	Nothants A	11 - 15	LOSS	1			
	Lincs A	10 - 11	LOSS	1	12	FIRST PLACE	
Under 13 B	Leics B	4 - 13	LOSS	0			
	Notts B	11 - 10	WIN	5			
	Northants B	5 - 11	LOSS	0			
	Lincs B	5 - 6	LOSS	1	6	FIFTH PLACE	Derby B played against the other A teams
Under 15 A	Leics A	12 - 12	DRAW	3			
	Notts A	10 - 14	LOSS	1			
	Derby B	13 - 8	WIN	5			
	Lincs A	10 - 10	DRAW	3	12	THIRD PLACE	(First = Leics)
Under 15 B	Leics A	2 - 18	LOSS	0			
	Notts A	10 - 14	LOSS	1			
	Derby A	8 - 13	LOSS	1			
	Lincs A	9 - 13	LOSS	1	3	FIFTH PLACE	Derby B played against the other A teams
Under 15 C	Leics B	7 - 5	WIN	5			
	Notts B	10 - 11	LOSS	1			
	Lincs B	9 - 9	DRAW	3			
	Northants B	9 - 3	WIN	5	14	SECOND PLACE	(First = Lincs)

MATCH PLAY RESULTS - 2025/2026 SEASON

16/11/2025 South Staffs

Under 13 A (U15 did not enter)

Cheshire 1	4 - 2	Loss	0
Derbys 2	5 - 8	Loss	1
Notts 2	8 - 4	Win	5
Shropshire 1	6 - 2	Win	5
Shropshire 3	5 - 1	Win	5
Shropshire 4	16 - 2	Win	5
South Staffs 1	1 - 6	Loss	0
Staffs 2	7 - 4	Win	5
Worcesters 1	8 - 6	Win	5

Under 15 B

Cheshire 1	1 - 17	Loss	0
Derbys 1	8 - 5	Win	5
Notts 2	5 - 5	Draw	3
Shropshire 1	1 - 8	Loss	0
Shropshire 3	7 - 2	Win	5
Shropshire 4	7 - 5	Win	5
South Staffs 1	1 - 11	Loss	0
Staffs 2	2 - 6	Loss	0
Worcesters 1	3 - 10	Loss	0

31
4th
PLACE

18
7th
PLACE

24/01/2026 Cheshire PDP

				DERBY	CESHIRE			
Derby A	Cheshire A	24 - 28	Loss	1	5	Cheshire A	6	JOINT SECOND
Derby B	Cheshire B	33 - 32	Win	5	1	Cheshire B	2	
Derby B	Cheshire A	35 - 33	Win	5	1	Derby A	6	JOINT SECOND
Derby A	Cheshire B	26 - 24	Win	5	1	Derby B	10	FIRST

25/04/2026 NFN CLOSNG TOURNAMNT - TRENT COLLEGE

Under 13 A	THIRD
Under 13 B	SECOND
Under 15 A	SECOND
Under 15 B	THIRD

09/05/2026 BEDFORDSHIRE PDP TOURNAMENT - BEDFORD

Under 13 A	13th out of 16
Under 15 A	9th out of 16

10/05/2026 STAFFS PDP TOURNAMENT - DENSTONE COLLEGE

Under 13 A	CUP COMPTITION - THIRD
Under 13 B	PLATE COMPETITION - FITTH
Under 15A	CUP COMPETITION - FIRST
Under 15 B	PLATE COMPETITION - SECOND

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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 a regional festival this season in May at Derby Arena. It was a smaller festival but we still had ladies from Derby, Long Eaton, Chilwell and Nottingham join us along with a team from over the boarder from Staffordshire.

Earlier in April Derbyshire had a Nottingham Forest arena game to showcase all things Derbyshire with a focus on WN. A mixed group from Derby and High Peak took to court to showcase the wonderful game. Along with Ali and Sam getting to umpire on the show court. A great afternoon had by all.

Ball girls for the main event, Nottingham Forest Netball v Loughborough Lightning, were supplied by Derbyshire U13 PDP squad players.



Regional schools

The Regional Schools Tournament took place back in January and Trent College from Derbyshire came out on top in the U19s and progressed to the National Finals in March.



National ONE Awards 2025.



Caroline Richards and Donna Beckett received National Long Service Awards for their incredible dedication to helping netball develop and grow at a county, regional, national and / or international level for over 25 years.



East Midlands ONE Awards 2026.



Special
Recognition
Donna Beckett
(L) Mary Yardley
(R)



Outstanding
Contribution –
Making It All
Happen

Jayne Bell (L)



East Midlands
Jean Perkins
Walking
Netball Award

Hannah
Hitchcock (L)

- East Midlands ONE Awards was an amazing opportunity to recognise the wonderful work of our volunteers.
- Donna Beckett & Mary Yardley won Special Recognition
- Jayne Bell – Outstanding Contribution – Making It All Happen



National ONE Awards 2026.



This year's National Awards doesn't really fall into last seasons review, but we could not mention that the wonderful Donna Beckett received a Highly Commended Award for the Special Recognition Award.

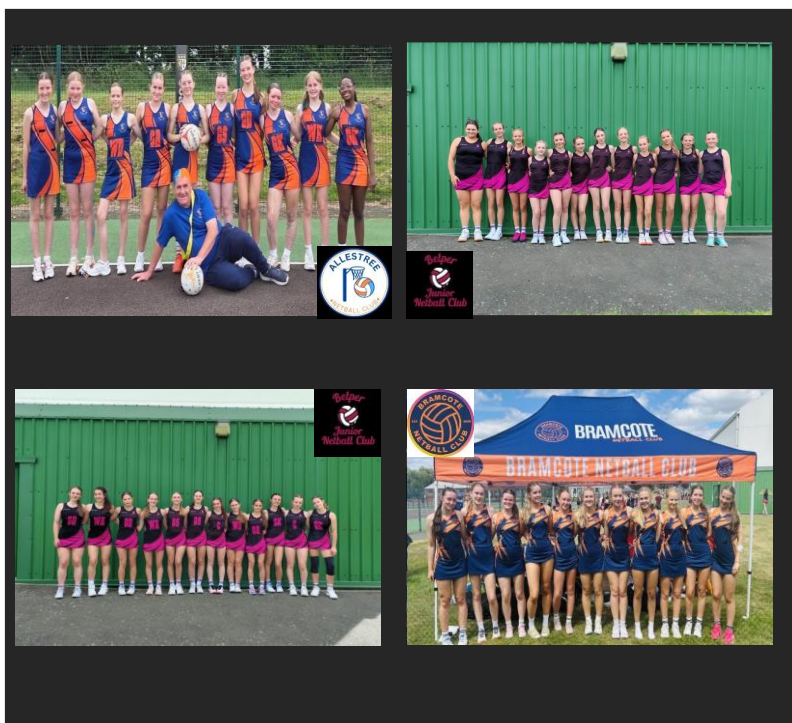
Also, the Derbyshire support crew who enjoyed a day out at Birmingham REP Theatre for the awards celebrating our wonderful EM winners Donna, Jayne and Mary.



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



Regional Junior League

- U14 qualifier saw 13 teams competing. Allestree and Belper have secured their places in the league next season.

- U16 qualifier had 15 teams competing. Belper and Bramcote U16 secured their place next season.

- All teams are playing to secure the 2 top spots to progress to National clubs 2027.



Netball Sessions

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

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

Registered WN Sessions

High Peak
Tideswell
Findern
Derby Arena/Rykneld
West Park
Glossop
Clay Cross
Granville Academy
Arc Leisure Centre

Registered Back To Netball Sessions

High Peak
Tideswell

Thank you to all the volunteers that make netball happen



Claire Bowen
Derbyshire/Nottinghamshire Netball Development Officer

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Derbyshire Netball Awards and Yardley League Winners

Young Umpire of the Year	Winner: Ava Conroy
Umpire of the Year	Winner: Julie Law
Young Coach of the Year	Winner: Ciorstaidh Smith
Coach of the Year	Winner: Cheryl Naylor
The Janice Ruddle – Young Volunteer of the Year	Winner: Chloe Daniel
The Jean Staley – Volunteer of the Year	Winner: Alexandra Quas Cohen
Derbyshire Long Service Awards	Paul Hardy, Sarah Hollidge, Debbie Hopkinson, Ruth Sampson,
The Critchlow Services to Netball Award	Winner: Debbie Hopkinson
Chair Discretionary Award (Special Recognition)	Ruth Sampson & Amy Griffiths

Yardley League Awards – 2025-26

Winter League

Division 3	Runners Up	Allestree Harriers
Division 3	Winners	Allestree Doves
Division 2	Runners Up	Ripley Hurricanes
Division 2	Winners	Allestree Kites
Division 1	Runners Up	Allestree Kestrels
Division 1	Winners	Belper Phoenix

Spring/Summer League

Division 3	Runners Up	Belper Dazzlers
Division 3	Winners	Allestree Harriers
Division 2	Runners Up	Belper Sparkles
Division 2	Winners	Belper Comets
Division 1	Runners Up	Allestree Kestrels
Division 1	Winners	Belper Phoenix

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Walking Netball (The Arena/Rykned Walking Netball Group)

The Derby Arena Walking Netball (WN) group have had yet another successful year fulfilling its aims of fun, fitness and friendship. With an average of 17 participants over the year's sessions, our lovely ladies have continued to progress and improve. The overriding 'vibe' that we get is the friendliness, concern and caring nature that all embody.

There have been a few highlights this season. The group was invited to showcase WN before a SuperLeague game between Nottingham Forest Netball and Loughborough Lightning on 11th April 2026 at the Motorpoint Arena, Nottingham. The group joined forces with the High Peak WN group hosted by Ali Quas Cohen, with umpire Sam Skelton from the Findern WN group. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all involved with several ladies saying how much they loved being on the 'big' court and would definitely do again if asked. There was a buzz around the Arena from the group and on the tram going to and from the venue. Thank you to Nottingham Forest Netball for inviting Derbyshire's WN groups and to Ali and Sam for umpiring.

Another highlight was our youngest member, Hannah Hitchcock, being a winner of the Region's Jean Perkins WN Award at the East Midlands Centenary One Awards at Derbyshire County Cricket Club on 4th July. Congratulations Hannah.

The social events were a Christmas lunch and Secret Santa on 4th December 2025 at The Bluebell, South Wingfield, a picnic in Darley Fields on 6th July 2026 and a summer lunch on 9th July with a select few.

We attended a tournament at Derby Arena on 29th June but unfortunately only had enough people to enter one team. Had a good day but no medals.

We were saddened to lose one of our lovely walking netballers, Lynne Belcher who died on 29th October 2025. Our memories of Lynne are of a gentle and kind person who some of us remember playing with or against in club netball years ago. The last time Lynne played was on 29th June 2025 at WN Festival/Tournament so it was a great shock that we learned that she developed a brain tumour and was taken so quickly.

Pauline and I would like to thank Julie, Jayne and Dawn for supporting us in doing warm ups, delivering practises and using their experience to encourage the group. We would also like to thank the group for being such a pleasure to work with and get to know.

Mary Yardley

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Derbyshire Netball Constitution: Proposed Changes

The full Constitution is on pages 35 – 42 of this document with deletions ~~striked-out~~ and changes/inserts in **RED**. The areas of change are listed below. The majority of changes are for better wording and clarity.

Current	Change
6.1.2 C – Administrator F – Membership Officer	6.1.2 C and F role to be combined as Membership is now on-line and the role can be done as 1
F – Membership Officer	Delete – as per above
H – Safeguarding Officer	Changes to G due to deletion of F above
I – Social Media & Digital Officer	Changes to H due to deletion of F above
J – EDI Officer	Delete – as Equality, Diversity and Inclusion built into all CMB roles
K – Lead of each Technical Support Group (TSG)	Change to I due to the deletions as above
L – 2 Appointed members	Change to J due to deletions as above
6.1.10 Each member of the CMB as listed in 6.1.2 A-K will have one vote.	6.1.10 A-K to change to A-I to fall in line with changes to 6.1.2 above
6.1.11 Five members present and entitled to vote shall form a quorum	6.1.11 Change to seven due to the number of members on CMB
6.1.13 The members of the CMB will be reimbursed by the County Association at Derbyshire Netball Association's 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.	6.1.13 – Reword for clarity The members of the CMB will be reimbursed by the County Association for expenses incurred in line with the byelaws.
6.1.15 Members of the CMB shall have limited liability and are covered by EN's insurance policy.	6.1.15 – Additional wording 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.

6.2.4 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.	6.2.4 - Reword for clarity 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.
6.2.6 The CMB shall have the power to make, alter, add to and revoke Byelaws of the County Association, provided that such changes Byelaws or any alterations, or revocation shall not be effective until the earlier of:	6.2.6 – Reword for clarity The CMB shall have the power to make, alter, add or revoke Byelaws of the County Association, provided that such changes shall not be effective until the earlier of:
8.2.1 (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.	8.2.1 – Reword for clarity (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 being proposed.
9 a. Each Member shall pay an annual subscription to the County which shall be due by the 1st September. b. The membership fee shall be decided by the CMB.	9. Reword for clarity a. Each Member shall pay their Annual membership via England Netball Engage to the County which shall be due by the 1st September. b. The Derbyshire membership fee shall be decided by the CMB.
11. Policy & Procedures	11. Policy & Procedures Add – Disciplinary Procedures

CONSTITUTION

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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 its 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 EN's Adventure Strategy
 - 4.1.4 work in partnership and collaboration with East Midlands Regional 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 registered to Derbyshire as their primary 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~~ /F	~~Administrator~~ (as one)	Elected	Yes	Yes
D	Treasurer	Elected	Yes	Yes
E	4 General Members	Elected	Yes	Yes
~~F~~ /C	~~Membership Officer~~	Elected	Yes	Yes
F	Resolution Officer	Elected	Yes	Yes
~~H~~ G	Safeguarding Officer	Elected	Yes	Yes
~~I~~ H	Social Media & Digital Officer	Elected	Yes	Yes
~~J~~	~~EDI Officer~~	Elected	Yes	Yes
~~K~~ -I	Lead of each Technical Support Group (TSG)	Appointed by TSG Ratified by CMB	Yes	Yes
~~L~~ J	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 on 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.
- 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 four times a year.
- 6.1.10 Each member of the CMB as listed in 6.1.2 ~~A-K~~ **A-I** 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~~ **SEVEN** 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's travel and subsistence rates for travel, accommodation and other~~ **for** expenses incurred by them in connection with meetings of the Board or other approved business of the Board **in line with the byelaws.**
- 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's 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 Byelaws.
- 6.2.6 The CMB shall have the power to make, alter, add to ~~and~~ **or** revoke Byelaws of the County Association, provided that such changes ~~Byelaws 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 **21** days prior to the meeting to each member of the County

Association. The County Administrator will be responsible for circulating 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.

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~~ **being proposed**.

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 **registered to Derbyshire as its primary county**.

(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 Partnership & Delivery Manager
- (d) Directors of England Netball
- (e) The County Netball Development Officer (NDO)
- (f) A representative from Derbyshire Schools Association

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.

12. FINANCE

- a. The financial year shall end on 31st July.
- b. Each Member shall pay **their Annual membership via England Netball Engage.** ~~an annual subscription to the County~~ which shall be due by the 1st September.
- c. The **Derbyshire** membership fee shall be decided by the CMB.

13. 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.

14. POLICY & PROCEDURES

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

- Gender Eligibility and Participation
- 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
- **Disciplinary Procedures**

Available at www.EnglandNetball.co.uk

Please note, over time the names and/or inclusion of these policies may change on ENs website, CMB are committed to aligning with all policies and procedures that are current.

15. INTERPRETATION

For the avoidance of doubt, all policies adopted above shall, where applicable, be interpreted as if the County Association were the principal of the policy, by way of example only, if a policy states a complaint should be sent to England Netball's Office, it should be sent to the County Resolution Secretary. In the event of any confusion on processes please contact a member of the Derbyshire Netball Association CMB for further guidance.

16. ARBITRATION AND MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

If any dispute shall arise on the interpretation of this Constitution or the need arises to deal with any matter not provided for in this Constitution, reference shall be made to the Chair of the County Association who shall refer the same to the East Midlands Regional Management Board whose decision shall be binding on all parties.

17. DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be dealt with in a manner to be determined by resolution of a general meeting so as to promote the objects of the County or of some organisation with kindred aims. In the event of there being a deficit, the general meeting shall decide how it should be met.

18. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Members acknowledge that these rules constitute a legally binding contract to regulate the relationship of the Members of the County Association.

19. GOVERNING LAW & JURISDICTION

This Agreement and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of England and Wales.

AGM 2026

Derbyshire Netball Bye-Laws:

Changes to reflect England Netball membership fees for 2026-27 and clarity in areas.

Constitution Byelaws

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 ~~1st August 2025~~ **1st August 2026** are as listed below: -

2026-27	EN	EMN	DNA	Total
Adult Over 18	42.54	4.20	5.26	52.00
Junior U18	19.61	2.63	3.76	26.00
Junior U14	10.88	2.63	2.99	16.50
Junior U11	7.62	1.00	1.38	10.00
Adult Social & Supporting	16.37	No charge	No charge	16.37
Secondary School	29.95	No charge	9.05	39.00
County Fee	68.71			68.71

Secondary membership 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~~ bursaries for the financial year is £2,500.00. **Funding requests and offers will be received in the strictest confidence and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Grants are subject to Derbyshire Netball having enough available funds, as only a finite sum of money is ring-fenced for this type of support each year.**
- 3.2.2. Funding opportunities include, but are not limited to:

A	Clubs competing in Regional Competitions	
	<i>Senior Regional League</i>	<i>£200 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	CMB Members' Annual Membership	100%
C	DBS checking for CMB and Academy Staff	100%
D	Individual grant applications, including	

	<i>Coaching Level 1</i>	<i>50%</i>
	<i>Officiating C Award</i>	<i>50%</i>
E	Here to Help Applications	<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@derbyshirenetball.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 & Subgroups.

- 5.1 TSG Leads will be appointed for the following Groups:

- Officiating
- Performance
- Competition
- **Coaching**
- 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 the CMB which includes, but not limited to, the Chair, Vice Chair, Administrator and Treasurer of the Association. Membership of the group will be agreed by the CMB at the first meeting after the AGM.
- 5.3 Derbyshire Youth ~~Forum~~ **Board** consists of members between the ages of 14-25, chaired by the CMB Chair or accredited deputy.

6 Annual County Awards

- 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.

7 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 2026

Derbyshire Netball County Management Board

Voting members to the CMB & Acceptance

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

The County Management Board for 2026-27 will be:

Chair – Julie Law

Vice Chair – POSITION VACANT

Administrator & Membership Officer – Dawn Heron

Treasurer – Caroline Richards

Resolution Officer – Jane Hadfield

Safeguarding Officer – POSITION VACANT

Social Media & Digital Officer – Rebecca Randell

General Member – Carol Spencer

General Member – Rachel Mycock

General Member – Tracey Mellor

General Member – Donna Beckett

Player Development TSG Lead – Debbie Hopkinson

Officiating TSG Lead – Julie Law

Competition TSG Lead – Sara Bostock – to be ratified at AGM

Mary Yardley has served many years on Derbyshire Netball CMB and other roles spanning over 40 years and has decided to step down as Vice-Chair. As per DN Constitution 7.1, the CMB has invited Mary to become a Vice-President in recognition of her long service to Derbyshire Netball.

Pauline Brasher will continue as President.

Derbyshire Netball County Management Vacancies

Current vacant roles on the CMB are as follows.

1. Vice-Chair – previously advertised - closing date 18th October 2026
2. Safeguarding Officer – previously advertised - closing date 18th October 2026

Any applicants will be invited to the AGM and their application shared with those registered members for the AGM. If a vote is required it will be held at the meeting.

Derbyshire Netball County Youth Board

The Youth Board (16 – 25 years) will continue with the following members:

Chloe Daniels

Isobel Holland

Holly Smith

The 2026 window for Youth Board applications will re-open after the AGM and we encourage applications from across the County with support from clubs. Further details will be provided on the website and advertised through social media when ready.