

Chairs Reports.

I had the pleasure to attend the one awards last July in Gloucester which was truly inspiring to hear about all the great people in the region and the commitment and time they offer to our sport. As a county Dorset was hugely underrepresented there are so many people which give up their time and pour their passion into Netball in Dorset to deliver the very best for all our athletes regardless of their skill, age and ability offering a netball experience to suit their needs. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to everybody involved around the county.

This year I've had the opportunity to attend some of our U16 regional games to see our athletes in compete. Volunteer at the Regional Round of the National Schools Competition held in Bournemouth and at the Veterans Tournament held in February and the Canford School. I've been able to spectate a couple of the NPL games which included some of Dorset's athletes.

I would like to engage with the wider netball community to get involved more with events in the county as volunteers. As a county committee how can we engage better with you?

I have learnt so much more about netball in Dorset since becoming part of the Netball Dorset Committee I am still learning. If anyone is interested in what we do as a committee or is just interested in helping at events or would like to know more, please get in touch.

England Netball have recently released more coaching and officiating courses. I encourage you to take that next step in either or both areas with support available to you. Netball Dorset will fund 50% of the coaching course fee – to be paid upon completion of the qualification/course. For existing umpires looking to progress there is a 50% funding of the course available to be paid upon completion of the qualification for A or B awards.