

# **NDO Dorset, report to Netball Dorset AGM, 17 July 2024**

## **England Netball – Adventure Strategy**

The Adventure Strategy, launched in 2022, sets out the journey for Netball, at all levels, across England for the next 5 years. At the heart of this Strategy is the desire for the netball community to 'Work as One' with the aim to improve the netball experience for everyone, to increase participation and to raise the profile of the sport and its participants. [https://d2cx26qpfwuhvu.cloudfront.net/englandnetball/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/24225157/EN-Adventure-Strategy-FINAL-2021\\_2031.pdf](https://d2cx26qpfwuhvu.cloudfront.net/englandnetball/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/24225157/EN-Adventure-Strategy-FINAL-2021_2031.pdf)

## **Netball Programmes**

Netball programmes that took place during the year included:

- Back to Netball (Budmouth and Bournemouth) with a new session starting in May 24 at Wimborne
- Netball Now (North Dorset)
- Walking Netball (North Dorset, Weymouth, Bridport, Dorchester, Sherborne).
- WI Walking Netball (Sturminster Newton, Sandford and Wareham, Studland, Child Okeford, West Lulworth). With a new session with over 60 participants through the initial 20 weeks at Ashley Heath.

## **Netball events**

- NYCs at Dorchester and Poole Apr, June, Jul, Oct 23 and Feb 24 (next NYCs are on 22 July 24 at Dorchester 11-14 years and 24 July 24 in Poole 9-11 years)
- Teams from Dorset participated in the Netball South West WN festival in Yeovil in February 24.
- Vets Tournament Feb 2023 introduced by NDO as 'Working as One' initiative with Netball Dorset was picked up by all SW counties in 2024 with Regional Vets Tournament now to be included as a Netball SW giveback offer in 2024 and 2025.
- One Awards : Dorset nominations were Kelly Browne (Children and Young People coach of the year, Pioneer Award), Nola Smith (Inclusion Award) , Sam Shrewbridge (Children and Young People coach of the year), Mairead Smith (Teacher Award).
  - Congratulations to Mairead Smith of Atlantic Academy, Portland for winning the Teacher of the Year Award 2024. Good luck at the National Awards.
- School Games Bee Netball Festival May 24 – organised by SGO Poole (Carla Rham)

## **Coaching workforce**

- 2 Community Coaches recruited for NYC support
- Support provided to clubs to help recruit and/or develop new coaches

## **Facilities**

Newly refurbished courts now available at QE Wimborne.

Budmouth outdoor courts are of poor quality and the S&W Dorset league are continuing to resolve the issues and/or seek alternative courts. This has proven to be a lengthy and complicated process. Matched funding has been approved from England Netball to support the transition of the league to the Hockey pitch (to provide 6 floodlit netball courts). Discussions continue regarding the practicality of the venue, particularly around parking.

## **Sport England – Tier 1 Governance**

England Netball is required by Sport England to ensure that the Regions and Counties all meet the Tier 1 requirements for Governance. A set of guidance, with templates and toolkits has been issued to Counties. Netball Dorset have completed all the documents (the skills audit needs re formatting to be compliant before submission).