

## **NDO Dorset – report Dec 24**

- **Festivals**

Next Walking Netball Festival is 2 February 2025 at Clifton, Bristol. There are 3 indoor courts and over 20 teams are expected to be participating. Entries are still open.

Walking Netball Super Session was held in October 24 with 33 Walking Netballers spending 3 hours learning new drills, game and player adaptations, umpiring and some non scored match play. Next session in Spring 2025

- **Netball Youth Camps**

July 24 – Poole 9-11 years and Dorchester, 11-14 years

Oct 24 – cancelled due to lack of participants

Next planned camp : 20 February 25, Dorchester

- **Participation**

New Walking Netball session starts January 25, Wimbourne (Dumpton School)

Looking for a Bournemouth venue in order to start a new Walking Netball session in Jan 25

Walking Netball sessions : Sturminster Newton, Piddlehinton, Weymouth, Bridport, Ashley Heath, Wimborne, Blandford

Back to Netball sessions : Weymouth, Bournemouth, Wimborne

- **Officiating**

England Netball trialed 18+ sessions for Into Officiating and these have continued for last release of sessions on 11 December 24.

It is really important to fill in the Expression of Interest form for courses (particularly the Into Officiating) as those that do will receive an email letting them know that the courses have been released.

- **Schools**

England Netball and the Youth Sports Trust have been working to provide simplified activity cards for School Games Organisers (SGOs) and teachers to encourage more Bee Netball in primary schools. Working with Woodroffe School, Poole High School and Atlantic Academy and the Dorset lead for the School Games to include Bee Netball festivals for year 3/4s.

Working with Atlantic Academy and St Adhelms School to increase netball participation in IMD communities.

- **Membership**

Clubs and individuals now know to forward problems with ENgage and purchasing membership and in the vast majority of cases the problem has been solved. Despite the complications of ENgage, there were less issues this year than in previous years. I continue to be available to help.

Dorset membership is currently 1900 compared to 2150 at the end of Aug 2024 and 2086 at the end of Aug 2023.

- **Facilities**

NDO and S&SW Dorset netball league put in a huge amount of effort to identify a solution for a new league venue and persuade all the stakeholders to pursue a bid for England Netball funding and gain success at stage 1. Sadly the late intervention of Active Dorset regarding a parking issue that was not identified by them as a red flag and a level of inflexibility over proposed solutions, the bid had to be abandoned. The need for a new venue remains and the league are actively managing the risk of the current courts.