

## **EN Netball Development Officer – Dorset**

**The 2 priorities for England Netball (and therefore for me) during the 2020/2021 season are :**

- To support the return of netballers back on court
- To modernise their approach to people

### **1. Supporting the return of netballers back on court**

#### **COVID Risk Assessment and Risk Mitigation and Modified Rules**

Most clubs have been able to conduct the risk assessments and mitigate the risks for COVID without too much difficulty but some support has been provided. I have templates and can support as required but hopefully they won't be required for too much longer.

#### **ENgage**

I have been able to sort out all the queries/problems that have come in from clubs and teams and I am sure that no-one has missed a game of netball due to EN membership problems! I am available to help clubs going forward too.

#### **Leagues**

100 % of Adult Netball Clubs back in Dorset as of May 21

Junior Clubs are back and playing friendlies

#### **EN Membership**

England Netball Members in Dorset : 1635 as of June 2021, compared with 2116 in June 2020 (down 23% on last year). This compares to 49-78% across the other SW counties.

#### **Non-league programmes**

- Walking Netball : Oxley Sports Centre, Budmouth Sports Centre
- WI Walking Netball : Childe Okeford, West Lulworth, Wimborne
- Back to Netball : Iford Sports Centre, Budmouth SportsCentre

#### **Future non-league programmes**

Clubs have been asked if they are planning/would like any Netball Now sessions, Back to Netball sessions, Netball festivals over the summer. Hopefully there will be a positive response and we can end the season on a high and prime the Autumn/Winter season.

### **2. Modernising the approach to people**

#### **Online and blended learning**

L1 online courses launched by England Netball – No take up across Dorset. They sold out very quickly and North Dorset, Verwood and Wimborne Aquarians all waiting for the next release of courses.

L2 blended learning courses launched by England Netball – No take up across Dorset. They sold out very quickly and BNC, and Wimborne Aquarians both waiting for the next release of courses.

Into Officiating online courses launched by England Netball – 4 participants from Dorset. Again these sold out very quickly and Verwood are waiting for the next release.

Clubs are also waiting for B Award course, C Award practical and Bee Netball courses.

The next level 1 courses will be released in July 21, to start in September.

Brett and I have spoken about the need to have a view of the courses available across the SW region. This is more relevant now with the introduction of blended learning making it more likely that learners will be prepared to travel further to courses if the amount of face to face learning time is greatly reduced. This will be available but counties are currently collecting the learning needs.

## **CAPS**

The deadline for the last round of CAPS is 1 July 21 and I am working with Dorset All Stars to help them achieve their Silver award. The accreditation award and process is being reviewed and no further CAPS assessments will take place. The new process won't be rolled out until 2022.

## **England Netball Rebranding**

Following feedback from members of EN, a rebranding consultation concluded that the branding of England Netball needed to reflect the broader membership base rather than the elite players. As a result, a new brand will be launched (in Aug/Sept I think) ahead of the start of the new season. The Dorset Netball log reflects the England Netball logo so there will be need to have a think about how the County wishes to brand itself going forward.