

Written reports for the AGM May 2025/26 season

County Chair Summary

Helen Bowden

I think it's useful to restate that Herefordshire County netball exists to deliver and develop netball for England netball members alongside our governing body. Our aim is to provide inclusive, exciting netball opportunities for all age groups and abilities. We support affiliated clubs, leagues and players, coach and umpire development and volunteers, plus run the county academies – the first step on the player pathway for our talented youngsters. We care about Herefordshire netball and we want everyone to get what they want out of the game wherever they play, whilst trying to ensure that our talented players have as much opportunity as talented players in bigger, more densely populated counties. This means we need to punch above our weight and work that little bit harder!

We have had a stronger year overall as a committee this year with real progress made in the number of coaches, umpires and umpire mentors coming through our county, league and club structure. The County academies continue to run well and we are seeing positive progress amongst our junior clubs including one new club, Titans, in Ledbury. We have a senior league to be proud of under the current guidance of Kara Wellings and Jade Richards and it's fantastic how Back 2 Netball led by Anna Roberston keeps delivering new players and umpires to our game.

We do have our work cut out in the next season to bring our governance up to new England Netball Tier one status. Aside from this we are very keen to support the growth of the junior game – from schools to clubs to county academies. To do this we need to support the volunteers running those who seem to be under increasing pressures. We also want to shout about the game across the board. As Meg alludes to in her report she has had more success with the league socials as easier to get content. This year a priority needs to be getting the county message out especially given that we are in the **100th anniversary of England Netball**.

I would like to thank everyone who works tirelessly behind the scenes to deliver our fantastic game, it wouldn't happen without you. Please can everyone reading this report always do your own thank you to those volunteers around you – it goes a long way.

And one final promise before I let you go– we will have our new county netball website up in this Centenary year!

Committee structure 2025-26 season

Team / Club / Role	Name
Chairperson	Helen Bowden
Vice Chairperson	Matt Ashcroft
Secretary	Nicola Percival
Assistant Secretary	Becky Bufton
Treasurer	Elizabeth Harris
Officiating Officer	Jane Hopkins
Welfare Officer	Helen Booth
Coaching Officer	Lexi Rouse
Performance Pathway Player Development Lead	Helen Bowden (supported by Co-opted County Academies Manager, Helen Booth and co-opted lead selector - Sophie Weadon)
Youth Development	Matt Ashcroft (supported by Hannah Larkin as County schools coordinator)
Media/ Communications	Meg Hadley
Competition Officer	Sam James
Membership Officer	Helen Booth

Governance report

Nicola Percival

Three meetings and the AGM have been held this year with minutes and updates recorded in order to progress actions. The new website hasn't progressed as hoped but will hold relevant details for the Association such as summaries of meetings, the constitution and members along with their roles and responsibilities so that all members are able to access these.

With new support to assist local associations to meet Tier 1 of A Code for Sports Governance by meeting the eight mandatory requirements of the code, a number of processes and document updates will be required in this coming year and all members of the association will provide input to complete this by 1st September 2026. I will be stepping down from the position as secretary due to work commitments but will leave the relevant documents ready for updates.

County Player Development

Helen Bowden

We have had continuity in coaching year on year with Steph Snowzell and Matt Ashcroft running under 15's. And Helen Bowden led under 13 with support from Charlene....., Jade Richards and most recently Lexi Rouse too (a welcome return after maternity leave). Helen Booth, who runs the admin side of the programme, is also a huge help at training sessions.

We are working with a new franchise, Panthers, above us in the pathway. We have had a small amount of engagement so far due to various difficulties on both sides but the relationship is settling now and there should be greater links and partnership next season. This will undoubtedly help the girls' progression.

Our numbers at County are reasonable at intake – just a little light but we chose to select the right skill level rather than for numbers.

Under 15s, 16 players started the season. Had poor commitment amongst some players and need to bring in a procedure to manage this and offer out the place to another player. Eg two weeks of no attendance without explanation and you lose your place. 4 over the whole season. It has really affected our ability to compete at the 15s age group this season.

We are also considering a policy to allow for a mid season trial for girls that were very close to the entry criteria – reward work outside of county.

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Under 13s, 20 started the season and we have had good consistency with just one/two drop outs through injury/switch to a different county and one addition through a similar switch.

We entered one under 15 and one under 13 squad in the Panthers county tournament in April. The under 13s finished bottom but had very close games with several counties and showed progression throughout the day and good skill levels. The under 15s struggled to find consistency in their play but again competed well in some matches

We are attending the Shropshire county tournament on Sunday 10th May with two under 13 teams, a county and a development squad, and one under 15s. Always a lovely tournament for the end of the season and an opportunity for the less experienced.

Millie Bunston continued to be in the Panthers PDP set up this year and has performed well (winning Player of the match in one of the inter franchise matches) and very much enjoyed and benefited from the experience. Ellie also plays for her club, Westside, when she can as well as being captain of the North mids under 16 rugby team. A busy girl who does Herefordshire proud.

Other county players have also trialled for PDP/school games during the season but have not been successful to date. Our ambition is to always have at least one of our players playing at this level. at

We still need to work harder as a county to get more talented juniors into netball and to come to trials. This very much links in to Matts report on Junior development and is an area the committee are looking to address this season.

Membership Report

Lindsay Davies (NDO), Helen Booth

Supporting clubs and leagues to provide match play opportunities for every member.

Clubs

22 active clubs. This is a decrease of active clubs in 24/25 (26), however as below, membership within the clubs is growing (less clubs more members) NOTE – one league team is a club, but generally a number of HNL teams will register under one club on Engage. Membership Increasing year on year.

310 members in 22/23

370 members in 23/24

390 members in 24/25

403 members in 26/26– current membership year

Engaging participants through England Netball programmes – B2N, WN, NYCs

Programmes

221 participants engaged across England Netball programmes

125 of these were new to netball (not played in the previous 12 months)

This number is significantly lower than previous years as the reporting process has changed. One off events are now not counted towards new to netball numbers. Eg workplace festival.

Back 2 Netball Hereford & Bromyard – 29

Walking Netball Hereford, Ross, Leominster & Ledbury – 26

Netball Now Hereford – 24

College Hereford Sixth Form College – 36

Junior Club Titans NC – 10 (through funding)

Coaching Report

Lexi Rouse

Coach Recruitment

This season, we have welcomed 3 newly qualified coaches within the county. Kara Wellings and Jade Richards have both achieved their Level 2 coaching qualifications, funded by Westside Netball Club. In addition, Lesley Tims has achieved her Level 1 coaching qualification, funded by Luctonians Netball Club. It is encouraging to see clubs investing in the development of coaches and supporting the future growth of netball within the county.

Despite these positive developments, there remains an ongoing need for more coaches and volunteers across the county. Recruiting and retaining coaches continues to be a challenge, with qualified coaches often difficult to source. Increasing the number of volunteers, coaches and umpires remains a priority to support clubs, leagues and player development throughout the area.

Plans had been made to launch a coordinated advertising campaign for new coaches, volunteers and umpires in partnership with the new county website. Unfortunately, the website launch has been delayed and, as a result, this initiative has also been postponed. However, this remains a key objective and will be progressed once the website is operational.

Continual Professional Development

A new CPD communications group has been established for local coaches to help keep them informed of upcoming training and development opportunities. Coaches have been invited to opt into the group to receive updates on courses and workshops offered by England Netball and partner organisations, including Europe Netball and Coaching UK. Engagement with the group has been positive so far; however, there is still a clear need for increased CPD opportunities within the county itself. Work is ongoing to pursue and develop further local opportunities for coach education and development.

Overall, while there have been some positive achievements this season, continued focus is needed on coach and volunteer recruitment, and the expansion of local CPD opportunities to strengthen netball across the county.

Officiating Report

Jane Hopkins

The season commenced with an Umpiring Forum for all umpires in August 2025.

Although the West Midlands region are working to devise and implement a Mentoring System for all Counties within the region, Herefordshire introduced a mentoring scheme last year. In support of this mentoring scheme I have attended two Mentoring courses, one run by Europe Netball and the other by England Netball. The Herefordshire scheme has continued to develop and this year, specific feedback forms based on the relevant assessment criteria for awards have been introduced to further professionalise the system. Mentors were also invited by the League to review the umpires who are actively officiating within the League to ensure all are umpiring in accordance with the assessment criteria for their award level and to provide mentoring support where necessary. Anonymous feedback to the League on the quality of umpiring this season has been very positive so well done to all umpires for maintaining the standard.

Mentors continue to work with trainee umpires at both IO and C Award levels and thanks go to Jemma Pattison, Anna Robertson, Nic Percival and Kirsty Bufton for supporting our future umpires as they develop. Thanks to their commitment and that of our trainee umpires, we have had the following individuals gain officiating and assessor awards this season (to date):

12 INTO OFFICIATING Awards

Kara Wellings, Tori Evans, Gerry Britton, Tash Gault, Charli Panniers, Matt Ashcroft, Tracy Lewis, Becky Colcombe, Rachel Hudson, Matt Clark, Ollie James and Theresa Wheeler

3 C Awards

Laura Myatt, Tash Gault and Megan Evans Davies

England Netball Assessor qualification

C Award and IO Assessor – Jemma Pattison

IO Assessor – Anna Robertson and Kirsty Bufton. Nic Percival will attain her award following the next IO assessment.

Jemma Pattison continues to officiate in the West Midlands Regional Senior League at Division 1 and 2 level and has also officiated at tournaments and various high level matches across the country involving Prem, NSL and EN pathway players as well as mixed matches with England Men's players. She also officiated at the U14 and U16 National Schools Finals.

Two Herefordshire umpires attended the West Midlands Regional Schools Tournament this year (Anna Robertson and Jemma Pattison) and additional support was provided by the other Counties to fulfil the umpiring commitment required. Hopefully in January 2027 we will be self-sufficient with the new umpires that are attaining their awards.

County Finance Report

Liz Harris

The current year has been similar again to last year, in that, as a county, we are covering our costs and we are running the account so that there is no huge build up of cash in the account.

As at the 30 th April, 2026, this was the position:-

£ 4,547.64	Balance at the bank 01/05/2025
£ 5,074.06	Income
£ 5,031.74	Expenditure
£ 4,589.96	Balance at the bank 30/04/2026
£ 1,184.00	Cash held Liz H/Anna R – Back2 Netball – to be banked
£ 5,773.96	Total

The only other expenses now relate to the coaches that will be paid at the end of this month. As you will see, we are holding cash of approximately £1184 – any left will be banked at the end of the season – mid June.

We have managed to resolve the issues we were having with Natwest Bank and regularly get bank statements and we no longer have issues with obtaining access to the account and receiving cheque books.

Once all our remaining income and expenses have been dealt with, and the cash is banked, the accounts will be sent to R J Francis & Co for review/audit.

Junior Development Report

Matt Ashcroft

Across the 2025/2026 season, junior netball participation in Herefordshire has seen only a modest increase in players however it has been identified that there are inaccuracies in the data. Some clubs do not affiliate their players and therefore our data is not a true reflection of the landscape. What we do know is that significant growth in junior participation is stunted, largely due to limited facility space, restricted training slots, and gaps in club provision in certain areas of the county. A key positive, however, is the continued development of Titans (albeit affiliated to Gloucester but training in Herefordshire), and the provision of Year 3 netball through Westside.

Herefordshire currently has five clubs offering junior netball: Westside NC, the county's only performance pathway club; Bromyard NC, Titans NC; Hereford Juniors NC; and Luctonians NC. There is currently no provision in the south of the county (or even south of the river Wye) until we get to Monmouth NC.

Schools continue to offer varying levels of commitment to netball, with most delivering one term of extra-curricular activity and entering either the recreational or competitive schools tournaments. The Schools Competition Lead has worked hard to maintain engagement and has provided recommendations to strengthen next season's programme.

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Inter-club competition has again seen mixed success. Westside continues to play the majority of its matches outside of the county. When tournaments/fixtures do take place, they are met with enthusiasm from players and parents, demonstrating the appetite for more regular junior competition (albeit with the current need to attract teams from the surrounding counties too).

A Junior Netball Development Plan has been drafted with recommendations to support the growth of junior netball in the county which will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Media/communications Report

Meg Hadley

Social media has mostly been associated with the Hereford netball league which has seen much more activity with weekly match results including players of the match and positive summaries from some of the games. There is a lot of activity happening across the county but there is a need to try to engage better with all the different groups to allow a better social media presence or sharing of all of the netball happening across the county. Unfortunately I am having to step down from this county position but hopefully someone else can step in and co-ordinate.

Competition Report

Sam James

Please see the Junior report

Club Reports

Westside Netball Club

Helen Bowden & Helen Booth

Westside are a performance netball club in Hereford. Our aim is to offer talented players the opportunity to play netball to a competitive standard and to enjoy quality coaching sessions. We play in the West Midlands Regional League at 14s, 16s and under 19s. Our senior squad plays in the Gloucester Premier league. Our younger age groups, which now start from under 9s, play friendly fixtures locally. Players from 14 upwards also play in the Hereford Netball League with our seniors/16s playing for different first division teams and the under 15s/14s playing in two Westside teams – the Royals and Blues. All players are affiliated to England Netball through Herefordshire Netball.

The 2025/26 has seen the club offer more playing opportunities than ever in its 19 year history, training across two venues and two evenings.

Our playing numbers are roughly as follows;

U9s 18,

U11s 22

U13s 37

U15s 42

16s to seniors 48

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This growth is largely thanks to a revitalised committee made up of a mix of experienced players/coaches and a lovely influx of new volunteers bringing their own expertise and new ideas. Their combined help is making a difference through team management, improved kit and sponsorship, umpire and coach development and a stronger social media presence. We feel utterly blessed to have all of our helpers – there are too many to name here!

We would like to thank Sarah Hopkins at Hereford Cathedral School for holding a fabulous (sunny) tournament for year 8s and Lexi Rouse from Luctonians for running an ambitious one across lots of age groups. Our players loved both.

We can't close this quick summary without praising our senior squad for securing their position in the Gloucester League Premier Division. They had to fight very hard, in fact right to the last nerve wracking game. Well done coach Sam James and the whole squad. And congratulations to our new level 2 coach Jade Richards (Kara Wellings is not far behind you!) and new INTO umpire Matt Clarke.

Our work is definitely not finished. We very much hope to offer more playing opportunities across all age groups next season and are currently reviewing where we compete and how we are set up so that we can ensure we are giving the players the best opportunity to succeed. **We're looking forward to next season!**

Hereford Junior Netball

Becky Colcombe

HJNC is still running two sessions, one for school years 3–6 and one for school years 7–11. The younger session has not been as well attended this year, with approx. 28 enrolled, and we are considering ways to encourage the younger girls to look at joining clubs. The older session has been full all year with a total of 45 girls enrolled and approx. 10 on a waiting list.

Our coaches are currently Chandelle Hyde (L2), Becky Colcombe (L1), Jess Chapman, Lily Pritchard.

Arranging any friendlies and committing to tournaments has been challenging this year due to changes in coaches and availability, which is recently further frustrated by illness / injury.

Luctonians Netball

Lexi Rouse

Membership

The club continues to maintain a strong membership base across both junior and senior sections.

- Juniors: 55 members, ranging from ages 4 to 16.
- Seniors (14+): 34 active players competing in the Hereford League.

Our senior section fields three teams: Lionesses, Tigers, and Panthers:–

- Panthers have effectively been a newly formed team this season. Their development

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has been encouraging, and we extend our thanks to all Division 3 teams for providing a competitive and enjoyable environment.

- Tigers have continued to perform consistently in Division 2, demonstrating steady progress.
- Lionesses have faced another challenging season in Division 1. A combination of pregnancies and injuries over recent seasons has impacted squad consistency, presenting ongoing challenges at this level.

Lexi is looking to pursue introducing back to Netball in Leominster ready for a September start.

Junior

Competition

This season, a key priority was to increase match play opportunities across the junior section. Significant effort was made to organise fixtures with a variety of clubs, both within Herefordshire and further afield.

We successfully arranged matches with Bromyard, Malvern Juniors, Newent Panthers, Hotshots, and Westside, providing valuable competitive experience for our players.

In addition, we are hosting a Junior Netball Tournament on Sunday 26th April, catering for U9, U11, U13, and U15 age groups. We are pleased to welcome clubs from a wider region, including Super Stars (Worcester), Monmouth Netball Club, and Gloucester Titans. This event aims to further enhance playing opportunities and foster wider club connections, and we are hopeful it will be a successful and enjoyable day for all involved.

Coaching Team

This season, Luctonians Netball Club has strengthened its coaching team.

We welcomed Lesley Tims, who has recently achieved her Level 1 coaching qualification. She has made a significant and positive impact and will continue supporting senior coaching as we look to further develop this area of the club. Following her upcoming ACL surgery and recovery, Lesley intends to begin working towards her Level 2 qualification.

We were also pleased to have Patrick Fotheringham return to the club for the season. As an experienced community sports coach working within local schools, Patrick has provided valuable support within the junior section. He is currently considering progression to his Level 2 qualification, and discussions are ongoing regarding his future involvement in netball coaching.

Additional Development Initiative

Lexi is currently exploring the introduction of a Back to Netball programme in Leominster, with the aim of launching in September with the hope of attracting new participants to the sport, supporting both recruitment and long-term club development.

Challenges

Despite positive developments, the club continues to face several significant challenges:

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- Recruitment and Retention:

There is a noticeable decline in participation, particularly at primary school age. While we successfully transitioned a large cohort of juniors into the senior section this September, this has left gaps in the younger age groups. Although the U13 section has been rebuilt to a healthy number, recruitment across other age groups remains difficult.

There appears to be increasing competition from other sports, particularly football, with several talented players opting to pursue alternative opportunities. It would be valuable to understand whether this trend is being experienced across other clubs and to explore strategies to increase engagement and interest in netball.

- Volunteers:

The club continues to experience difficulties in recruiting and retaining volunteers, particularly within coaching roles. Identifying ways to encourage greater involvement remains a key priority.

- Umpiring:

Umpire recruitment is a critical concern. The majority of our senior players are under 18, and there is limited interest among eligible members to pursue umpiring qualifications.

Encouragingly, two individuals have begun their umpiring journey this season (including one junior) and will shortly enter the mentoring phase. However, overall numbers remain insufficient.

Without a significant increase in qualified umpires, the club faces the very real possibility of having to withdraw teams from league competition. This would be extremely disappointing and detrimental to player development. At present, without new recruits over the summer period, it is unlikely that the club will meet the required umpiring capacity as seasons pass by.

Summary

The club has made strong progress in developing playing opportunities, particularly within the junior section, and continues to benefit from committed players and coaches. However, recruitment, volunteer engagement, and umpire development remain key challenges that must be addressed to ensure the long-term sustainability of the club.

Bromyard Netball

Megan Evans

Juniors update:

We are still running Saturday term time training sessions with 18–22 attendees for primary (9am–10am) and 16–18 attendees for secondary (10am–11am). Our juniors database is made up of 150 children.

We have enjoyed arranging friendlies with Newent Panthers, Twinkling Stars, Malvern Juniors, Gloucester Titans, Luctonians, Westside. Our coaches are currently Megan Evans–Davis (L2); Abbie Beaumont (L1); Jess Cheek (L1) and Pete Cutler (L2). Some of our Year 9s have been helping to coach our primary sessions for their Duke of Edinburgh award. We welcome Pete

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Cutler (L2) of Twinkling Stars netball club to share coaching when Megan can't be there, and to assist from May onwards when Abbie leaves on maternity.

Adults

update:

Fern Taylor-Wrighton has been running 'Pay and Play' sessions every Monday to replace Megan's coached Back to Netball sessions. Sessions are popular with 14–20 attendees each week. Our adult netball database is at 130. Bromyard Netball's adult teams are Rubies (div 1) Jets (div 2) Jewels (div 3) and Jades (div 3).

Challenges:

- Time! Finding time to arrange extra events (socials, fixtures, tournaments outside of training)
- Organising frequent enough fixtures for juniors
- Having time to advertise and run Back to Netball and Walking Netball sessions

New Ledbury Club - Titans

Amy Holford

Titans is a newly formed club that has established one U16s team and a junior club for children from Year 2–11. They train at The Kings School, Gloucester.

We had a very successful first season with three of our teams placing county winners or county runners up. The U13s Div 1 missed out only by a few points.

This is my 2nd attempt at trying to get things moving in Ledbury, I live in Ledbury and am determined to make netball big here but the barriers I have are facilities. My little Ledbury session only has 8 and currently relying on Gloucester to cover costs. I've got a meeting with JMHS and the town clerk in the next two weeks to try and look at help and support.

I only do juniors, however I would consider walking netball and fun adults but no interest in competitive senior, I'm creating pathways for my junior players. I want to work towards EN caps. And want to work closely with both Hereford and Gloucester county netball.

Back to Netball

Anna Robertson

This season has presented a number of changes for Back to Netball Hereford, with a later start to the programme due to hall availability. Sessions began in October and moved to a new venue at Hereford Academy, running from 8:00–9:30pm. While the change in venue and later session time has had some impact on attendance, we have maintained a steady group of committed participants throughout the season.

Weekly attendance has averaged around 10 players, with stronger weeks reaching up to 14 participants. We have welcomed approximately 14 new players this season, many of whom are either completely new to netball or returning to the sport after time away. Additionally, several previous players have rejoined sessions after breaks due to injury, family

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commitments, or other factors. Although overall numbers have not been as high as in previous years, feedback suggests that the later session time has been a contributing factor.

Charity

Tournament

In December, we hosted our annual charity netball tournament, which saw five teams take part in a well-attended and enjoyable event. The tournament raised a total of £280 for Breast Cancer Now, with all participants showing great enthusiasm and support for the cause.

Umpire

Development

We have continued to support the development of umpires within the B2N programme. This year, three participants are currently completing their Into Officiating (IO) courses. They have been actively mentored during sessions, gaining practical experience and building confidence in their umpiring skills. These individuals will continue working towards formal assessment later this year or into next year, contributing further to the local netball community.

New

Players

and

Team

Developments

This season has seen five players transition from B2N into the local winter league. Four players have joined St. James, while one has joined Jailbirds, and all have settled well into their respective teams within the Hereford League. This progression highlights the ongoing value of B2N as a pathway into competitive netball. In addition, we have a number of players who have expressed an interest in joining teams next season. These players are continuing to build their confidence and skills within the B2N sessions and will be supported in making the transition into league netball when they feel ready.

Looking

Ahead

The season will conclude earlier than usual this year, with the final training session taking place on Monday 18th May. A longer break will follow before sessions resume. During this time, participants will be encouraged to stay active by joining Summer League teams and attending Netball Now sessions to maintain fitness and skills. Sessions will return in late September/early October.

Despite some challenges this season, B2N Hereford continues to provide an important and welcoming environment for players of all abilities to return to netball, develop their skills, and build confidence both on and off the court.

Netball Development Officer Report

Lindsay Davies

(For those unfamiliar with the role the NDO's Remit is to plan, activate and deliver England Netball programmes locally whilst supporting the County Netball Association, clubs, schools,

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leagues, members, volunteers and external stakeholders to deliver against their plans in line with recognised and authorised netball activity.)

National Centenary

In 2026, England Netball marks 100 years of shaping a sport and the opportunities around it for women and girls. Throughout year, we are celebrating a century of pioneers, passion and pride. Our story, information about the centenary, the people behind the legacy and how you can get involved can all be found on the website. [Centenary | England Netball](#)

The Huddle / knowledge centre

A dedicated resource containing everything you need to know about running grassroots netball organisations – including information, tools and guidance. Highly recommend as a one stop shop for resources and information! [The Huddle Home](#)

NETBALLHer

Full website available to public and learning offer available to members, including 4 different courses – female health, menopause, pre & post-natal and puberty. [NetballHer](#)

Learning & Development

Courses (coaching and officiating) continue to be available to book – anyone interested in attending a course (coaching or officiating) should complete an EOI form, they will then be contacted before courses go live.

Hereford League Report

Jade Richards / Kara Wellings

As all teams know, Emily took a step back and handed her responsibilities to Jade & Kara, who have worked collaboratively in co-chairing the league.

Over the past year, we have made significant progress in continuing with strengthening the structure and governance of the league. New rules have been voted on and introduced, we've had a very successful winter league with no complaints raised around the quality of scoring, Kara has worked incredibly hard and close with our County Officiating lead to ensure our umpiring standards are well supported and umpires have a continuous development offer within the league. There has also been an introduction of a stronger mentoring structure positively fed back on by umpires/players.

We appointed a new treasurer, who has reviewed our finances and can confirm we are in a healthy position. We are still looking into the use of XERO but priority has been given to

retrieving access to the bank and monitoring our outgoings.

We have actively run more social events for the league and look forward to continuing this

with the most recent being our easter tournaments and final fixtures coffee and cake evening upcoming! We will also run a summer social again this year following last year's success.

New equipment has been bought to replace our damaged equipment for score tables and a

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printer now purchased for ease of scoresheet printing on behalf of the league going forward.

Awards Evening was a success, held in September for the previous season with around 70 players attending. With feedback taken on board, the Awards Evening for 25/26 season will be held in October and we look forward to an evening of celebrations with teams again.

We have actively pushed to promote positivity within the league, including now our weekly social media updates for match highlights, POM's and actively encourage all teams to provide any positive feedback where possible!

Some new policies are being introduced to the league for Winter 2026 League covering a code of conduct, netball her initiative policies and we are also reviewing some of our outdated rules currently within the Rules & Constitution to support our players and teams moving into new seasons.

Positively, 25/26 season has seen an extended winter league due to an amazing team entry total delaying the start of summer league but this will still complete prior to the summer holiday season.

We have lots on our agenda for the next year to continuously develop and support the league and its teams.