

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE
HOCKEY
ASSOCIATION**

GHA Committee Meeting – 23rd November 2023
Men's Masters Report

Masters Activity in Gloucestershire

This report is limited mainly to the over 60's age group which just reflects my own current experience and interest in masters hockey.

EH Masters O60's Championships

We ran trials at Cirencester HC this year, 24 players attended, a further 12 were unable to attend but made themselves available for the first round of matches, 4 more were interested but recovering from injury, five from last season were 'retiring' from hockey but we had 4 newbies join the age group. So more or less holding steady.

We entered A and B teams in the tier 1 competition, both with 16 player squads. The A team lost to a strong Reading team 1-0 and the B team lost to Worcester 3-1. Both teams will now play in the tier 2 plate competition later in the year.

The players come from 12 different clubs in Gloucestershire and 3 from Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

Ages cover 60 to 74 and I think almost everyone enjoyed the experience.

West Masters

Several of the O60's group play for West Masters in their respective EH Regional tournament age groups but as yet lack the leadership/organisation to get involved in the West local tournaments.

International Masters

Several of this seasons O60's group represented England A, England B, England LX and Wales at this year's European championships at O60, O65 and O70. Quite a few gold and bronze medals were brought back from Valencia.

Future

There are more masters players out there in the county at all age groups but as ever the barrier is leadership and organisation to get them mobilised.

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