

# Report to West Council

## May 2020



ENGLAND  
HOCKEY

### GROW OUR PARTICIPATION

#### Club Affiliation

In the West Region, affiliation data (Typical & Informal only) shows the total number of people playing club hockey in the region decreased by -3.4% as broken down below:

| County          | 2018/19       | Junior (u16)  | Senior        | 2019/20           | % Difference |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Avon            | 5432          | 2289          | 3492          | 5781              | 6.4%         |
| Channel Islands | 1314          | 466           | 534           | 1000              | -23.9%       |
| Cornwall        | 1459          | 758           | 706           | 1464              | 0.3%         |
| Devon           | 4738          | 2007          | 2507          | 4514              | -4.7%        |
| Dorset          | 1641          | 571           | 685           | 1256              | -15.2%       |
| Gloucestershire | 3483          | 1979          | 1444          | 3423 <sup>§</sup> | -1.7%        |
| Herefordshire   | 388           | 175           | 219           | 394               | 1.5%         |
| Somerset        | 2555          | 1393          | 1258          | 2651              | 3.8%         |
| Wiltshire       | 2483          | 1245          | 974           | 2219 <sup>*</sup> | -10.6%       |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>23 493</b> | <b>10,883</b> | <b>11,819</b> | <b>22,702</b>     | <b>-3.4%</b> |

<sup>§</sup>Clubs only, does not include Universities this season.

<sup>\*</sup>Includes a club's data with unconfirmed high 46+yrs players. Data 2019/20 lower, club confirmed data cleansed.

#### Hockey Heroes – Year 2

The first block of Hockey Heroes sessions has been successfully delivered, with feedback from clubs, coaches, parents and players being a resounding success. Clubs are now setting dates for their second block of sessions, if not already delivered, and working on transitioning players into their junior club. We will be looking for clubs to participate in the programme for next season and clubs have been asked to contact their Relationship Manager if interested or wanting more information.

#### Walking Hockey

Westbury & Utd Banks HC have started delivering Walking Hockey in Bristol.

### DELIVER INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

#### The Player Pathway

With the England Hockey decision to suspend all hockey activity until 30 June, the Player Pathway Development Centres which would normally run in May & June, have been postponed. All West counties are in communication to decide the way forward, more information to follow.

## **INCREASE OUR VISABILITY**

### **FIH Pro-League**

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has led to the postponement of this season's FIH Hockey Pro League. The league was scheduled to take place from January to June 2020, with a change in the structuring of fixtures with teams playing each other home and away in alternate years. All matches were being shown on BT Sport.

Great Britain started their campaign in Australia on 1 & 2 February, with London due to play host to 16 games (eight double-headers) over four big themed weekends - 'End of Season Party', 'Big Stadium Hockey', 'Junior Takeover' and 'Olympic Send-Off'.

### **Jaffa Super 6s Finals**

Held at The Copper Box Arena on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on Sunday 2 February, with matches shown live on the BBC Sport website.

### **England Hockey Awards Night**

This year's England Hockey Awards Dinner has been another casualty of COVID-19. The nomination window was extended to 19 April and a virtual England Hockey Awards presentation will take place this year instead.

## **ENHANCE OUR INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **AGM Resolution Update**

Due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19, it was felt it not to be in the best interests of our membership to continue with the scheduled England Hockey Annual General Meeting which was due to take place at Bisham Abbey on Tuesday 17 March 2020.

In accordance with the England Hockey Articles of Association, following the calling notice of 26 February, for the meeting not to take place, England Hockey were required to start the meeting and subsequently adjourn it based on the minimum quorum not being met. A new date will be arranged and communicated in due course.

### **Club Forums**

Working in partnership with our County Hockey Associations, Forums have been held as follows:

- Safeguarding - Cornwall, Devon, Gloucestershire, Somerset & Wiltshire
- Umpire Development – Dorset (with Hampshire)
- Developing a Volunteer Workforce – Avon
- AGM Resolution - A Structure Fit for the Future – Avon, Cornwall, Devon & Somerset
- Player Pathway – Wiltshire with Gloucestershire

### **Player Survey**

Opened in early February through to 8 April, to find out how players felt about their club experience. Clubs that received 20 or more player responses will be provided with a report of their players' answers, anonymised, to give them invaluable feedback and information to help improve and develop their club.

### **England Hockey ClubMark**

Congratulations to Chippenham HC and Keynsham HC who have achieved ClubMark accreditation.

### **Coaching Courses & Resources**

We have been working with our Coach Developers to ensure that a Coaching Offer is available across the region. In line with the announcement that face to face hockey activity is now suspended until the end of June, we have amended our Menu of Learning to be held virtually online. This means you can access any workshop or course listed on the day that is best for you. An excellent opportunity to access training from your home! All courses and workshops are available to book on the [Hockey Hub](#).

**BE A STRONG AND RESPECTED GOVERNING BODY**

**Club & County COVID Support**

England Hockey are currently working on the impact on clubs / counties and looking at ways we can offer support and guidance, including;

- Holding your AGM, possibly virtually
- Sport England funding guidance
- Safeguarding guidance on Video Conferencing and Live Streaming
- Returning to Hockey

**Call to Action – Safeguarding**

As part of England Hockey affiliation, clubs were asked to complete an audit of their current Safeguarding provision set against the minimum standard. All West clubs completed Call to Action and, following discussion at a Club Forum, these minimum standards are in the main being followed by clubs. This season England Hockey audited 10% of clubs to check their evidence.

If you require any further information on any of the above, then please do not hesitate to contact the England Hockey West Team. Thank you for your continued support developing hockey across the West.

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