

DERBYSHIRE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

President's Report for the Fifth Annual General Meeting - 15 May 2007

This is my first report and I would like to start by thanking all the officers, past and present, of the Association, particularly Kath Clay (past President), Chris Gough (secretary) and Ann Lindsay (treasurer), for all their hard work in making such a success of the newly formed body since its inception in 2003. Having attended more than 10 meetings over the past year and beginning to see how things 'tick', I am realising how much effort everyone is putting in to make Derbyshire Hockey work.

One thing I want to make clear is that the critical path for the future development of hockey in Derbyshire will depend ultimately on the number and quality of COVs (Coaches, Officials and Volunteers) in clubs and schools. We get funding through Derbyshire Sport (plus lots of help and advice), we rely a lot on the RDM and HDO, and PDMs, SDOs, CSDOs, SSCOs and PLTs can and are doing great work as facilitators, but without COVs there will be no development. We have a lot of COVs but we need more. There are still some Derbyshire Clubs not doing Junior Hockey.

To try and cover everything that has happened over the last twelve months, I am going to make brief comments under headings not in any particular order. For more detail, you can refer to the minutes of all the meetings and other reports.

Websites

- Nick Roberts has set up a Derbyshire Hockey Association website www.derbyshire-hockey.org.uk and contributions in electronic form are welcome. Please use the website.
- The new MRHUA website has links with EMHUA and BCHUA.

Hockey Development Officer

No HDO since last June, although I am managing the Community Sports Coaching that had started the year before under Alan Sinclair. A new HDO, Amy Dennis, has just been appointed in April 07, though she has to cover Staffordshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicester as well as Derbyshire. We welcome Amy Dennis to our meeting tonight. We were going to make an interim administration post, but in the end no appointment was made.

The new HDO's responsibilities are:

- Clubs and Schools
- Course Management
- Single System for Hockey
- County Hockey Development Plans

Regional Development Officer

Steve Floyd was appointed the new RDM in June 06, taking over from Julie Bower, and we have been in communication at regular intervals.

Courses

There has been a Level 1 Player Coaching Course at Derby College, Mackworth in April 07 when 24 candidates qualified (mainly from Derbyshire) and there have been two Umpires' Courses, organised by Ann Bradley, a Foundation Course in June 06 (10 young candidates from Derbyshire) and an Umpires' Level 1 Coaching Course in November 06 (16 candidates from Derbyshire). Another Foundation Course is planned for June 07.

Single System for Hockey (LTAD)

After much consultation with clubs etc, England Hockey's general aims remain the same, though they have modified the plan on several issues. The points which affect us most for next season are:

- U13 will not be allowed to play in adult only competitions (qualifying date 1 Jan 08).
- Schools' competitions will continue to use the qualifying date of 1 Sept 07 and not 1 Jan 08.
- The 10 month season is not compulsory for everyone, mainly elite players.

Goalkeeping Kits

In total, 64 GK kits, funded by a Foundation for Sports & Arts Grant of £25000, have been well received by clubs and schools. The secretary has since done an audit to check they are all used regularly.

Junior Hockey Festival

Replacing the Derbyshire Youth Games with our own successful festival last year, another is planned for 7 July at Wirksworth for the U13 age group.

Venues for Meetings

From September 06 the venue for DHA and DHDG meetings was changed to the Lea Green Conference Centre because of hire charges at the previous venue at County Hall, Matlock. As the AGM requires a bigger room, Belper football Club was chosen for tonight.

Performance Unit

There is funding available for Talent Development in the county and no doubt our new HDO will be looking into this.

Womens' Conference League

There will be a new system this year of 2 Divisions (East and West) having a total of 19 teams from which 9 will be relegated to make way for the nine winners of the County League.

Schoolboys Section

We are given to believe that next season the Schoolboys Section there will be more cooperative with the financial running of DH.

Derbyshire Hockey Development Group

There have been 4 meetings this year and the main focus recently has been to produce an updated Hockey Development Plan with much help from Dan Newton (GBO Derbyshire Sport). A final draft document should be made available to clubs in Sept 07 for comments.

More clubs should attend these meetings, in general, to give their opinions on all sorts of issues.

Local Hockey Development Groups

At present there are 4 groups helping to develop hockey (Derbyshire Dales, High Peak, Derby City and South Derbyshire) in various ways; viz Junior Hockey Festival in July.

Active Sport Money

As last year, apart from supporting out County Teams, funding has been available for clubs developing Junior Hockey. This year, clubs could claim £800 net, but less than half the 23 Derbyshire clubs applied, confirming again that not enough development is taking place overall.

Community Sports Coaching

This has been a roaring success this year with over 3000 different Primary School children (boys and girls) having played hockey, a few hundred of which have attended regular after-school/evening clubs (including 5 new ones) all over the county. In addition, over 800 of these children have participated in Primary Schools' hockey festivals. There has also been some CSC coaching in Secondary Schools. Funding is available to pay for CSC coaches of which there are about ten at the moment, but we need more.

External Funding

Our secretary has been on constant lookout for other avenues of funding.

Competitions Review

Dan Newton, Governing Bodies Officer, of Derbyshire Sport, assisted by various members of DHA, has completed a detailed document reflecting the Junior Competition in Derbyshire Clubs and Schools.

Red Cards

After having none last year, there have been a total of 3 formal red cards this year (2 for violence) and one informal red card. This is always bad news, but to keep things in perspective, there were over 50 red cards issued in the Midlands this season.

Hockey Results and Successes

Derbyshire, once again, have won national titles in county, club and school competitions. Well done to all the competitors and to all the COVs involved. See below for more details.

Men

- Belper 1 are still in the National League, but after play-offs, have been relegated from the Premier League to Div 1
- Derwent 1, second in the E Mid Prem, promoted to Mid 1
- Ramgarhia 1, in their first season came second in E Mid 1, promoted to E Mid Prem
- Belper 3, won E Mid Prem, promoted to Mid Prem
- Burton 5, won Central NE 2, promoted to E Mid Prem 1
- Ashbourne are starting a second team next season
- EH 1st Team Trophy, Burton 1 got last 16
- EH 2nd Team Trophy, Burton 2 got to last 16
- EH Veterans Cup, Burton got to last 32

Women

- Belper 1, in their second season, came 3rd in National League North Div
- Matlock 1 came 2nd in Mid Prem, but only one team promoted to National League
- Ashbourne 1 won Derbys Div 1, promoted to 'Conference'
- Phoenix won Derbys Div 2, promoted to Derbys Div 1
- Burton 1 came 7th in Mid 1
- Belper 2 came 6th in Mid 2
- Ashbourne LHC reached the quarter-finals of the EH Women's Vase before losing to a strong Newcastle side.

Boys (EH Club competitions)

- U18 Cup, Belper got to last 16
- U15 Cup, Belper got to last 32
- [U11 Mini-Hockey, Belper are National Champions](#)

Girls (EH Club competitions)

- U18 Cup, Belper have got to semi-finals/finals on 19 May
- U18 Plate, Matlock got to last 8
- U15 Cup, Belper have got semi-finals/finals on 19 May

Boys (School competitions)

- U18 Repton won the Midlands
- [U16 Trent are National Champions](#)
- U14 Trent won the Midlands

Girls (School Competitions)

- [U18 Repton are National Champions for 3rd year running](#)
- [U16 Ecclesbourne are National Champions for 3rd year running](#)
- U14 Trent won the Midlands

Indoor Hockey

- [EH Club U15 Girls, Belper are National Champions](#)

Boys (EH County Competitions)

- U17 Derbyshire 5th in Midlands
- U15 Derbyshire 6th in Midlands

Girls (EH County Competitions)

- U17 Derbyshire, won Midlands and 2nd in National Finals
- [U15 Derbyshire are National Champions.](#)

Peter Danson 15 May 07

Summary of Discipline Offences 2006/7

It is with disappointment, I have to report three offences during the season, two of which involved violence:-

Name	Club	Offence	Penalty
Matt Evans	Burton HC	Red Card Violence	60 Days
Darren Collyer	Barton HC	Red Card Violence	60 Days
P Harvey	Belper HC	Red Card no Violence	16 Days

In addition, the following was reported by an unregistered umpire, hence this is not formally included by the MRHA / HA. The Club administered appropriate action in line with the HA Code:-

Name	Club	Offence	Penalty
Alan Talbot	Buxton H C	Red Card no Violence	Club suspension

Nick Roberts

Derbyshire Hockey Association

Treasurers Report AGM 15/05/07

Statement of Accounts

The accounts are all ready for the auditor, but different holiday dates and busy weekends have delayed finding a suitable time to pass them over. This means that there isn't a signed copy available for tonight, but one will be available for the next DHA meeting. The accounts are in order and I will go through the main points.

These are the accounts as they stood at the end of August 06.

Affiliations also include the Women's League entry fees and the £50 AGM Bond from clubs. This accounts for some of the difference in affiliations in the income and the expenditure sides. The league fees go to the running of the league as would be expected, the AGM Bond is refunded after the next AGM, whilst the balance is used to run all our activities that cannot be funded from grants. Anything left over goes to matched funding for the grants. As you can see this year we have spent more than we have taken in, but we are also using grant monies banked in the previous year. The grant monies follow the financial year.

Match fees come in at odd intervals, sometimes in the following year and are often a balance with other items deducted.

Tournaments include costs of the girls National Finals.

Grants from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts (£25,000), CSC (£8,000) and ASG have made up the bulk of our income and expenditure. All these grants require an element of matched funding from DHA funds.

The CSC and ASG monies are now arriving in two instalments per year and we have the final year of the ASG grant to come. This money will feed into our Hockey Development Plan which is being drafted at the moment. The plan is important as it will be the basis of any future funding requests when the CSC and ASG grants finish.

My thanks to the club officials, schools and team managers who have paid up promptly and set in monies on a regular basis.

My thanks to Chris Gough who has done most of the spadework for me when I have been busy with other commitments – he will be a hard act to follow. And to Peter Danson for managing the CSC grant monies. We have continued this year to develop junior hockey by the coaching that has been put in place with the CSC grant and the links forged between clubs and schools with the ASG grant. The progress we have made is bearing fruit with our very successful junior teams, which can only bode well for the future.

Affiliation Fees 07/08

As far as can be ascertained there are no changes at Midlands Level. EH are increasing the amount per Team to £175 and I propose that Derbyshire Affiliations remain the same for the coming year.

See attached sheet for breakdown.

DERBYSHIRE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31st August

	2004.5	2005.6
INCOME		
Affiliation Fees	3452.40	3177.50
Umpiring	112.00	297.00
Women's Lge. Fines	479.00	
Match Fees	2059.97	96.00
Tournaments	320.00	1405.75
Grants	48112.50	33000.00
Grant contributions		1380.00
Training	681.50	
Kit Sales	1185.81	
Miscellaneous	1227.91	
Deposit Ac. Interest		537.52

TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR	57631.09	39893.77
EXPENDITURE		
Travel	525.92	
Kit	4233.32	43.50
Affiliations	1939.65	1185.25
Women's League	228.17	
Admin Costs	425.64	593.30
Pitch Hire	1418.86	972.98
Tournaments	2465.80	2036.38
Equipment	156.00	
Coaching	4228.95	653.62
Umpiring	891.99	976.00
Misc.	12923.32	
Grant Expenditure		40086.14
Insurance		216.35
Room Hire		20.00
Midland Handbooks		48.00
Refreshments		83.66
Bank Charges		7.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR	29437.62	46922.68
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	28193.47	-7028.91
BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR		
Excess of Income over expenditure	28193.47	-7028.91
Opening Bank balances at 1st September		
Current Account	6124.38	9980.94
Deposit Account	8653.16	33033.57
Uncashed Cheque No 60011	43.50	
	43014.51	35985.60
Closing Bank Balaces at 31st August		
Current Account	9980.94	18414.51
Deposit Account	33033.57	17571.09
	43014.51	35985.60

Derbyshire Schoolgirls Hockey Report for 2006 / 7

As a County we have had another very successful season. Thanks must go to everyone who has done their bit towards making things happen. Supportive parents, teachers, clubs, councils, administrators, umpires, officers etc. The consistent provision of high quality opportunities continues to pay dividends, both on and off the pitch.

This season a pilot league was created for schools wishing to play regular fixtures.

Alison Wildgoose, [Highfields], kindly offered to organise it. She did an excellent job in allocating pitches and dates for girls and boys at U14 & U16. The venture was successful and so plans are already underway for next season.

More Clubs are providing junior coaching / playing opportunities and the number of schools with Astro facilities is steadily increasing.

Results:

County Event:

U19 Spring Tournament	1 st Repton	2 nd Lady Manners
U16 Tournament	1 st Lady Manners	2 nd Highfields
U14 Tournament	1 st Equal Highfields and Lady Manners	
U13 Festival	1 st Lady Manners	2 nd OEGS

Derbyshire Round of National Schools Competition – Winners:

U18 – Repton, U16 - Ecclesbourne, U14 – Trent College

Midlands Round of National Schools Competition – Winners:

U18 – Repton U16 - Ecclesbourne U14 – Trent College

National Schools Finals:

National Champions: U18 – Repton U16 – Ecclesbourne
At U14 [with mainly U13 players] Trent College were fifth.

National Indoor Championships: U16 Champions – Belper.

National Clubs Championships: Belper U15 & U18 teams are in the Finals to be played on 19th May 2007

Derbyshire Round of National Mini Championships:

U13 Winners – Belper Runners-up - Trent
U11 Winners – Belper Runners-up – Burton

Midlands Round of National Mini Championships:

U13 Runners-up – Trent
U11 Derbyshire teams did not reach the finals.

County Teams:

Trials took place in Sept / Oct 2006. The U15 & U13 age groups had three days of intensive coaching using Lea Green as a residential base. Dawn Moore organised the courses and the girls enjoyed coaching from a number of highly qualified coaches. Further coaching sessions were held throughout the season. As a county we are fortunate to have able and willing 'hockey qualified' parents and volunteers. The County teams have been well cared for this season and again have achieved excellent results. A big thank-you is due to Liz English for taking over the Fixture Secretary's role.

U13 Coaches / Managers: Ruth Lane, Sue Rainford and Helena Honarmand.

Both the A & B teams won all of their matches and only conceded one goal each. The A team played 15 games [including the tournament] and scored 54 goals with Elizabeth Honarmand as leading goal-scorer.

The B team played 4 games and scored 27 goals with Sarah Wain as leading scorer.

U14 Coach / Managers: Janice Toman and Helen Greer

A number of fixtures were cancelled by the opposition. Played 3, Won 1, Lost 2 [by the odd goal].

U15 Coach / Manager: Laura Harris assisted by Ruth Lane and Emma Sharp.
Played 6, Won 2, Drawn 2, Lost 2

U16 Coach / Manager; Sarah Mills.

U17 Coach / Managers: Di Grostate and Joan Passant.
Played 7, Won 5, Lost 2. Numerous players had representative commitments and so a total of 28 players represented the County this season!

Midlands Inter-County Tournaments:

U17 Winners - Derbyshire [beat Leics. 1-0 in the final]
U15 Winners – Derbyshire [beat Notts. on sudden-death Penalty Strokes]
U14 Runners-up – Derbyshire.
U13 Winners – Derbyshire [beat Warwicks. 2- 0 in final]

National Inter-County Finals:

U17 Runners-up – Derbyshire [Won every game but lost on goal difference]
Players player of the Tournament - Bethan Nash.
U15 Champions – Derbyshire.

A number of players have been invited to higher level training which has lead to them gaining representative honours:

Midlands U15 team – October 2006: Sabby Heesh, Jo Lane, Alice Sharp, Louisa Boddy, Annabel Watton, Charlotte Hobbs, Harriet Fell, Anna Boyd and Chloe Maynard.

Midlands U17 team - October 2006: Holly Webb, Rachel Sharp, Georgina Twigg, Laura Bridge, Gillian Boddy and Alicia Robinson.

Midlands Development Centre: Kathryn Lane, Lowri McIntosh, Nat Tipper and Elizabeth Honarmand.

Midlands Performance Squad for 2007: Morgan Hunt, Jo Lane, Alice Sharp, Sophie Hawkins, Rhiannon Rogers, Charlotte Hobbs, Ellie Green, Latasha Webb, Deborah Greer and Anna Toman.

Midlands Regional Squad for 2007: Chloe Maynard, Annabel Watton, Harriet Fell, Hollie Webb, Georgina Twigg, Sabby Heesh, Louisa Boddy, Rachel Sharp, Anna Boyd and Ashleigh Theobald.

England Squads 2007:

U18 Hollie Webb, Laura Bridge, Georgina Twigg
U16 Sabby Heesh, Louisa Boddy Reserves: Anna Boyd and Jo lane. Trialist: Alice Sharp

Wales U16 Trialist 2007: Rhiannon Rogers.

Great Britain U20 Squad:

Susie Gilbert and Charlotte Craddock both played in the Youth Olympics in Australia.

Congratulations to everyone! A fantastic season.

Dawn Moore [Sec.]

Derbyshire Hockey Association

Men's Section

This has been a season of mixed successes and disappointments for Derbyshire Clubs. Our leading Club, Belper, which had risen to the highest level in the Men's game, were unfortunate to be relegated following play-offs against promotion chasing teams from Division 1.

However, both Derwent and Ramgarhia are to be congratulated on securing promotion from their respective divisions within the Midlands League.

Final 1st XI League Placings

Slazenger England Hockey League			
Belper	Premier		RELEGATED to Division 1
Midlands Regional Hockey League			
Chesterfield	Midlands Premier	6 th	
Burton	Midlands 1 st	4 th	
Derwent	East Midlands Premier	2 nd	PROMOTED
Barton	East Midlands Premier	6 th	
Ramgarhia	East Midlands 1 st	2 nd	PROMOTED
Derby Asterdale	East Midlands 2 nd	5 th	
Ashbourne	East Midlands 2 nd	7 th	
Derby University	East Midlands 2 nd	8 th	
Buxton	East Midlands 2 nd	9 th	
Rolls-Royce	East Midlands 2 nd	10 th	

Gary McCormick
Men's Section President

Regional Development Report AGMs 2007

There have been several important issues addressed this year. These include:

- The Single System
- Development Officer's Appointments
- Youth Panel
- Midland Regional Young Umpires Action Group
- Coaching



Single System Implementation

The Officers of the Association plus the Chairs of Standing Committees have met twice with England Hockey to begin to plan the implementation of the Single System in the Region. They meet again on Tuesday June 5th 2007.

These have been strategic meeting to consider the present position and debate the way forward to a successful implementation. Six action points were agreed:

- 1 A draft calendar and programme
- 2 S & Y working in parallel
- 3 Consistent Coach Pathway

- 4 Planning of Regional Centres
- 4 Finances
- 5 Centrally Contracted Coaches

These Action Points have been assigned to key persons/committees for further deliberation. It is envisaged that these groups will write implementation plans to be brought to MRHA Council.

Centrally Contracted Coaches

England Hockey is looking to recruit twenty outfield and five GK coaches. To date about fifteen people have been appointed the rest will be appointed shortly following a second round of interviews.

Three coaches have been identified as possibly working in the Midland Region

Nick Clarke – Coach of Beeston and Eng U16 girls
 David Ralph – Coach of L'boro Students and Assistant Coach Eng U21 Men
 Kalbir Takher – Coach City of Peterborough

These coaches will be working at Regional level to begin with, but it is hoped that in the future, as the Single System is rolled out, they will be assisting with, mentoring and planning within the County set up.

Development Officer's Appointments

England Hockey has confirmed the appointment of twelve new full time officers into permanent positions from April 2007.

The Midlands has three of these officers, who will assist in the delivery of four key objectives for England Hockey, via the County Organisations and CSPs.

- 1 Implementation of the Single System
- 2 Organisation of Coach Education and Umpiring Courses
- 3 The Physical Education School Sports Club Links Scheme - PESCCCL
- 4 To liaise and support with the formulation and implementation of County Development Plans.

The new appointments are:

Amy Dennis	Leics/Staffs/Notts and Derby
Nisar Chaudhry	Shrops/Birmingham/Black Country/Herford and Worcs
Emma Hewitt	Greater Warks/N'hants/Bucks/Oxford

Youth Panel

All Regional Offices have been encouraged to set up a Regional Youth Panel. This was put to the Officers of the MRHA at a recent meeting and they tasked the Midland Office with leading on the implementation in consultation with Janet Hopkins.

As a result the Midland Youth Panel was set up. At present it has five active members plus Elaina Leithead Regional Administrator and Janet Hopkins.

They have drawn up Terms of Reference, which has been adopted and approved by MRHA. Membership of the Panel is open to any young person in the Midlands between 16 and 23 years of age. Anyone interested in joining should contact Elaina Leithead in the Midlands Office.

It was proposed that the first task for the group would be to organise the Midland Youth Festival incorporating the Regional Finals of the Mini Championships. This proved to be an enormous success and a fantastic day was had by all.

MRYUAG

The Midland Regional Young Umpires Action Group has been constituted and is proving a huge success with its members being heavily involved in the Regional Youth Festival and several now going forward to the National Youth Festival this week end.

Again, this group constituted as part of MRHUA and is led by Elaina Leithead and senior umpire officials in the Midlands.

The office is very grateful to the volunteer umpire officials who have made this initiative so successful.

More information about MRYUAG can be found on our website www.Englandhockey.co.uk/midlands or through Elaina in the office.

Coaching

We are presently running a full calendar of Level 1 courses. More details can be obtained from the office.

For the first time two level 2 courses are planned for May/June. Fifty coaches have applied. There are a few places left. Again, more information can be supplied if you contact the office.

Information on Leadership, Umpiring and all other courses is available on request from the office.

Steve Floyd
Regional Development Manager.
9th May 2007

ENGLAND HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS



Current Responsibilities:

- To work with the County Hockey Associations, County Sports Partnerships and Hockey Development Officers, who have remained in post, in the designated area to ensure:
 - There is a clear development plan for every county that sets out how they are delivering Uniting the Hockey Family and the Single System
 - There is a hockey development group at County level that is able to drive this work
- To work with County Hockey Associations to put in place Junior Development Centres and Junior Academy Centres as part of the Single System implementation plan.
- To provide direct support to an agreed number of clubs annually to achieve Accreditation and link those clubs with a School Sports Partnership
- As part of the Regional Coach Development Programme, County Development Plans and Club School Link plan, to organize or ensure delivery of:
 - Level 1 Coaching courses (and identify potential Level 2 & 3 candidates)
 - In service coach training (coaching workshops)
 - Coaching for Teachers courses
 - Leadership Courses (to include the Young Umpire Award)

The team currently delivering these objectives are:

- Amy Dennis 07718 980510, amy.dennis@englandhockey.org – Derbyshire, Leicestershire & Rutland, Nottinghamshire & Staffordshire.
- Nisar Chaudhry 07718 980508, nisar.chaudhry@englandhockey.org – Birmingham, Black Country, Hereford & Worcester and Shropshire
- Emma Hewitt 07718 980512, emma.hewitt@englandhockey.org – Buckinghamshire, Greater Warwickshire, Northamptonshire & Oxfordshire.

Supported by the Midlands Regional team:

Steve Floyd 07966 305857, steve.floyd@englandhockey.org – Regional Development Manager
Elaina Leithead 01509 228676, midlands@englandhockey.org – Regional Administrator