



# Centre Pass

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Welcome to Centre Pass, the newsletter for netball in Surrey and southwest London. This new look edition covers: Club and school news, Leagues, England Netball Club Action Planning Scheme, Coaching & officiating, Funding, Competition and Talent development.

## Who's who in netball

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## Club and school news

### Junior clubs tournament

A successful junior season was rounded off on 27 April 2008 with 54 teams from 15 clubs entering the Surrey & southwest London Open Junior Clubs Tournament. 432 players competed for medals in five age group categories: U12, U13, U14, U15 & U16.

Despite the showers, the tournament proved a real success, with a high standard of netball played throughout. Whitton Netball Club performed particularly well on the day, winning three of the five age categories.

Many thanks to all the officials and volunteers who gave up their time to ensure the tournament ran so smoothly.

Thanks also to Maybury Sports for providing a match ball to the top two teams in each age group.



AGE GROUP	1st	2nd	3rd
U12	Whitton	Guildford	Cobham
U13	Whitton	Guildford	Cobham
U14	Cobham	Mole Valley	Hillcrest
U15	Whitton	Cobham	Mole Valley
U16	Mole Valley	Chequers	Hillcrest

### Croydon ladies get back to netball

When Thornton Heath Leisure Centre in Croydon asked members if they were interested in netball sessions they did not expect to receive over 100 responses! Working with Active Surrey (AS), two AS accredited coaches ran some netball taster sessions. These sessions proved extremely popular with over 20 participants attending each week. Three players had such a good time that they are now also affiliated members of nearby Crickets netball club, playing regularly in their Saturday team. Another player has been linked to her nearest netball club, Queens, and Thornton Heath Leisure Centre and Queens are now working together to provide facilities for regular training sessions. Another group of participants attending the taster sessions have also entered a team in a London based summer league!

One of the players, Jackie Berry, is so enthused that she is now keen to become a qualified coach and has been leading sessions with her church group and at her local school, as well as helping out at Tiffin Junior

Netball Club. Jackie commented, "The Croydon sessions have been great, it's all because of Lydia's (the coach) great mentoring skills and her great spirit. She has encouraged me and pointed me in the right direction."

### Netball tournament for special needs students



Gosden House netball team

The Surrey Special Schools Sport Association Netball Tournament was held on Wednesday 26 March 2008 at Gosden House School, Guildford. This annual event provides girls at special schools in Surrey the opportunity to take part in competitive netball. After a closely fought competition, Gosden House School A team finished the overall winners. Many congratulations to Gosden House School for a fantastic performance.

### National Schools 2007/2008

After the National Schools, Surrey round of matches, six schools went forward to represent the county at the Regional Tournament in February. In the U14 age group Claremont & Tormead, U16 age group Putney High & St. Catherine's and U19 age group Caterham & Putney High.

Congratulations go to Caterham (U19) and Putney High (U16) who progressed through to the National Schools Finals. The schools played extremely well at the finals with Caterham finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place in their section and Putney High finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their section.

### Surrey Schools 2007/2008

Surrey Schools tournaments were completed at the end of March. Guildford High School performed particularly well this season, finishing County Champions in three of the age groups.

	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U19
<b>Winner</b>	Caterham	Guildford High	Guildford High	Guildford High	St Catherine's	Wallington
<b>Runner Up</b>	Tiffin	Rosebury	St. Teresa's	Putney High	Guildford High	Epsom College

### England Netball Club Action Planning Scheme (CAPS)



Congratulations to **Hillcrest Netball Club** who achieved **bronze CAPS accreditation** in March 2008. Bronze CAPS is equivalent to **Sport England's Clubmark** accreditation. The aim of CAPS is to help clubs develop, as well as ensuring young players reach their full potential. The scheme also gives parents the confidence that their children are attending a safe and quality club. For further information on the CAPS scheme visit: [www.Englandnetball.co.uk](http://www.Englandnetball.co.uk)

## Leagues

### Successful first season of new junior league

The first season of the Nonsuch Junior League finished in March 2008. The league was created after consultation with local clubs, to provide new competitive opportunities. Eight clubs participated in the first season of the league, fielding 27 teams in 4 age groups. Surrey County Netball Association (SCNA) awarded the league a grant to assist with set up costs and Chris Kelso of SCNA presented medals to the winners at the end of the season.



Final placings:

AGE GROUP	1st	2nd	3rd
U11 (High 5)	Richmond Ravers	Whitton	Hillcrest
U12	Whitton	Richmond Ravers	Hillcrest
U13	Whitton	Fairlands	Richmond Ravers
U14	Hillcrest	Whitton	Richmond Ravers

A committee has now been formed from members of the participating clubs to ensure that the league continues to flourish. If you would be interested in entering the league next season or would like to get involved with junior netball please contact **Laura on Tel: 01483 518966 or email: [Laura.Wilson@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:Laura.Wilson@surreycc.gov.uk)**

### Surrey U16 League

The second season of the Surrey U16 League saw eight teams competing for the title of County Champion. Mole Valley & Effingham Netball Club ended the season undefeated and overall winners. The league was played at a central venue (Nonsuch High School, Cheam) on Saturdays and provided the girls with their first real taste of senior club netball.

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Mole Valley & Effingham
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tiffin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cobham

Mole Valley & Effingham and Hillcrest Netball Club also represented Surrey in the U16 Regional League, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> respectively.

If your club would be interested in entering this league next season please contact Laura on Tel: 01483 518966 or email: [Laura.Wilson@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:Laura.Wilson@surreycc.gov.uk).



Mole Valley, winners of U16 County League

## Coaching and officiating

### Coaching workshops

Need new, exciting ideas on how to develop your players? Want to learn fun netball specific skills and drills from top quality coaches? Then these five, two-hour workshops are for you!

Workshop 1	<b>Passing and catching</b>	Wed 11 June 7.00pm–9.00pm	Harris Academy, Merton
Workshop 2	<b>Movement skills</b>	Wed 18 June 7.00pm – 9.00pm	Harris Academy, Merton
Workshop 3	<b>Shooting skills</b>	Wed 25 June 7.00pm – 9.00pm	Claremont Fan Court School, Esher
Workshop 4	<b>Attacking skills</b>	Wed 2 July 7.00pm – 9.00pm	Claremont Fan Court School, Esher
Workshop 5	<b>Defending skills</b>	Wed 16 July 7.00pm – 9.00pm	Harris Academy, Merton

For more information and a booking form please contact Laura on Tel: 01483 518966 or email: [Laura.Wilson@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:Laura.Wilson@surreycc.gov.uk).

### Coaching – United Kingdom Coaching Certificate (UKCC)

England Netball’s coaching qualifications have recently been restructured to incorporate the UKCC qualifications. The Netball UKCC is about supporting ‘Our Great Game’ and making coaching better,

supporting our players of today and tomorrow. UKCC is a government led programme and 31 sports are involved in this initiative to ensure industry wide standards in coach education. The Certificate ensures that sports are delivering the best available, athlete centred coaching both in recreational, development and performance environments.

How will UKCC benefit coaches?

- Enhance coaching skills, linked to the player pathway
- Raise the profile of and professionalise sports coaching
- More flexible coach centred training programmes
- UK wide recognised qualifications
- Core coaching skills are recognised and transferable between sports
- A UK wide endorsement of top quality, safe coaching



If you are interested in becoming a qualified coach or would like further information please contact Laura, on Tel: 01483 518966 or email: [Laura.Wilson@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:Laura.Wilson@surreycc.gov.uk) or visit the UKCC pages of the England Netball website.

### UKCC tutoring course

Are you a Level 2 coach? Would you be interested in becoming a tutor and assessor to deliver the UKCC Level 1 & 2 qualifications?

England Netball is now in a position to offer courses that will support and provide you with a nationally recognised tutor and/or assessor transferable qualification.

There is currently a real shortage of UKCC Netball tutors and this is therefore limiting our capacity to run coaching courses in the Region.

**If you are interested in becoming an accredited UKCC tutor /assessor we would be keen to support your development.**

Funding may also be available to attend tutor courses. For

further information contact Laura on Tel: 01483 518966 or email: [Laura.Wilson@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:Laura.Wilson@surreycc.gov.uk).

A UKCC tutor–training course is to be held in Surrey in 2008:	
Date/Time	Venue
13, 14 & 27 September Times 9.30– 5:30	De Vere Venues, Branksome Place, Haslemere, Surrey

### Youth Official Award

A new Youth Official Award has been implemented by England Netball to promote the development of youth officiating. The award is aimed at 13 – 18 year olds and can be delivered in curriculum time by teachers who have attended a teacher orientation workshop. The Award has been created to:

- To improve an understanding of the Game
- To introduce the generic skills of umpiring
- To offer opportunities for Talent Identification

**Schools piloting the award course have said:**

*'Excellent idea – pupils love it – it really increases self confidence'*

*'Girls thoroughly enjoyed it, they appreciated what an umpire had to do'*

*'Course resource was easy to use and a good point of reference'*

If you would be interested in attending a teacher orientation workshop

(2–3 hours) or would like more details please contact Laura on Tel:

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## Funding

### London Skills Active Coaching Bursaries

Are you thinking about becoming a qualified netball coach? Are you a qualified coach who would like to further your skills? Then did you know that bursaries are currently available that assist with two thirds of the cost of a UKCC coaching course?

### To qualify for the bursary, you must:

- Be currently engaged as a coach or intend to start coaching in a sports club environment in London, either as volunteer or a paid member of staff.
- Cover 33% of the course fee yourself (NB. The qualification fee is payable upfront by yourself and you can redeem 66% of the fee on achievement of the qualification).
- Demonstrate delivery of 20 or more hours of quality coaching in London once qualified.

If you are interested in becoming a qualified coach, attending a coaching course or applying for a bursary then please contact Laura on Tel: 01483 518966 or email: [Laura.Wilson@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:Laura.Wilson@surreycc.gov.uk).

\*\* Watch out for similar bursaries for Surrey residents soon. Keep an eye on [www.activesurrey.com](http://www.activesurrey.com). \*\*

### Surrey County Netball Association Small Grants Scheme

Surrey County Netball Association supports clubs and individual players/umpires/coaches by offering a Small Grant Scheme. Grants will be available for:



- Equipment
- Education
- Assistance towards participation in national competition, either for individuals or a club

For an application form and guidance please visit the news pages of the Surrey County Netball Association website: [www.surreynetball.co.uk](http://www.surreynetball.co.uk)

## Competition

### Surrey Youth Games & London Youth Games



The **Procter & Gamble Surrey Youth Games** is the largest sports competition for young people in Surrey. Teams representing 11 local authorities compete against each other in fourteen different sports, with events for 3000 athletes of all age groups and abilities.



The **Balfour Beatty London Youth Games** provides competitive sporting opportunities for young Londoners representing the London Borough they live or school they attend. Every year over 20,000 young Londoners from the 32 London Boroughs and the City of London, compete in over 30 different sports competitions that comprise the Games.

Netball and High-5 netball events feature at both of these competitions and are run and administered by volunteers. If you are available to **volunteer** at either of these events please contact Laura on Tel: 01483 518966 or email: [Laura.Wilson@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:Laura.Wilson@surreycc.gov.uk). Mentoring opportunities will be available to any young leader that would like to be involved.

#### Dates for your diary:

- Surrey Youth Games: 21 June (7-a-side)
- Surrey Youth Games: 22 June (High-5)
- London Mini Games: 3 July (High-5)
- London Youth Games: 5 July (7-a-side)

## Talent development

### Surrey talent development pathway 2008 / 2009

The nomination forms for the 2008 / 2009 talent development pathway will be sent to all clubs and schools in June 2008. The nomination process has been slightly altered this season to ensure that the right calibre of girls are being trialled. Girls in the current programme will no longer automatically receive a trial place for 2008/9 and will only be invited to trial if nominated by their academy coach. This will ensure that selectors are not re-screening girls that they know do not meet the selection criteria. All schools and clubs

will be informed of the girls that have been selected and de-selected this season. This will also provide schools and clubs with a better idea of the standard of player the programme requires. The talent development pathway in Surrey provides 10 – 20 sessions of athlete centred coaching to talented girls aged 12 – 18 years. For more information on the Surrey talent development pathway please visit the netball pages of [www.activesurrey.com](http://www.activesurrey.com) or contact **Laura on Tel: 01483 518966** or email: [Laura.Wilson@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:Laura.Wilson@surreycc.gov.uk).



County Academy squad members

### Talent development success

This season six members of the Surrey County Partnership Academy were selected into the Regional Talent Development Programme. Congratulations to the following girls for their selection:

- Emma Binch – Rosebery School
- Evie Bowyer – Oxted School
- Katy Holland – The Ashcombe School
- Laura Pennell – Croydon High School
- Lauren James – Streatham & Clapham High
- Mikaela Eldridge – City of London Freemans

Special congratulations to **Katy Holland** who has also been selected into the Brunel Hurricanes Talent Squad and the England Talent Squad 1.

### Satellite academy weekend

England star and ‘Sporting Champion’ Karen Atkinson was guest of honour at the Surrey & southwest London talent development weekend, held at Cranleigh in December. Sporting Champions is a Sport



Karen Atkinson

England initiative that brings world-class athletes face-to-face with young people, to inspire and motivate them to participate in sport. The weekend was part of the England Netball Talent Development Pathway and allowed girls, who have been identified by England Netball selectors as having potential, the opportunity to further develop their skills and be inspired to be stars of the future.

Karen Atkinson, current England vice captain put the girls through their paces with an England skills and drills session. Karen currently has 91 international caps and had just returned from the Netball World Championships in New Zealand where England finished 4<sup>th</sup>. The girls also benefited from a number of specialist workshops including core stability, skipping, sports psychology and officiating.

The girls were also lucky enough to benefit from the attendance of two Brunel Hurricanes players. Rianne McHale (Hurricanes’ Goal Shooter) assisted the girls in a shooting workshop, to help develop their technique. Stefania Bello (Hurricanes’ Wing Defence) supported the girls during the match play sessions, encouraging them to develop their match play tactics and strategies.



Karen Atkinson and some academy girls

## Other useful contacts



### Active Surrey Sports Partnership

The Active Surrey Sports Partnership continues to support Surrey's volunteers and professionals. ASSP is the strategic sports development lead and aims to make Surrey a more successful and active sporting county. For further information take a look at [www.activesurrey.com](http://www.activesurrey.com)



### Surrey County Netball Association: [www.surreynetball.co.uk](http://www.surreynetball.co.uk)

The Surrey County Netball Association are the voluntary voice of netball within Surrey & southwest London.



### England Netball: [www.englandnetball.co.uk](http://www.englandnetball.co.uk)

England Netball is the governing body for netball in England and operates over nine regions. Surrey & southwest London is part of the London & southeast region.



### Brunel Hurricanes: [www.brunelhurricanes.co.uk](http://www.brunelhurricanes.co.uk)

The Brunel Hurricanes are our local Netball Superleague team. The Netball Superleague is made up of the top eight teams in England and shown weekly on Sky Television.

*The Active Surrey Sports Partnership is committed to providing sporting opportunities which achieve equality of access and choice. The partnership recognises inequalities exist and takes positive action to minimise them.*

If useful, this information can also be provided in alternative formats such as Braille, email, large print or audio. Please contact Laura Wilson for assistance.