



Netball Development Officer Report

AGM Report 2019/20 Season



England Netball Updates

Since the Vitality Netball World Cup 2019, more than 160,000 people have been inspired to play netball or more netball. On July 21st, the final day of the tournament, visits to the England Netball Session Finder increased by 1000% compared to two weeks prior. Throughout the 19/20 season we have continued to see significant growth in participation and engagement with the sport.

Highlights from the 19/20 season have included:

- June 2019: Bee Netball, England Netball's new framework for U11s, is launched
- July 2019: England become Bronze medallists at the Vitality Netball World Cup in Liverpool. After four years with the Roses, Tracey Neville steps down and Jess Thirlby is announced as the new Head Coach
- September 2019: the first season using the ENgage membership system begins
- October 2019: The Sport England Active Lives Survey shows that 319,400 adults are now playing netball fortnightly
- November 2019: New CEO – Fran Connolly (previously Director of Development)
- December 2019: New Volunteer Strategy & Disability Strategy Launched
- January 2020: Couch to Court Campaign launched
- March 2020: New Director of Development – Katy Ritchie

The COVID-19 pandemic brought the season to an unexpected halt, and on Monday 16th March 2020, England Netball's Health Advisory Group made the difficult decision to suspend netball activity across the country at all levels of the game.

England Netball's priorities throughout the ongoing pandemic have been, and remain, to follow government guidance and protect the health and safety of the Netball Family. Since the suspension of all netball activity, including courses, programmes, events and CAPS assessments, we have been working to activate a virtual world of netball to keep members and participants engaged during this difficult time.

Some of the most popular engagement features have included:

- **Netball vs COVID-19 Facebook Group** (launched 19/3). This is a Facebook group set up by England Netball staff with the aim of keeping the Netball Family connected and to supply members with fun ideas, challenges, discussions, and general netball fixes during lockdown. Sport England recognised EN's efforts in quickly reacting positively in response to the pandemic. As of 8/6/20 there are 5440 members engaging with the group, with new additions always welcome!

- **Member Mondays** (launched 23/3): each week, EN members are entered into a prize draw and the lucky winner is announced on social media by a Rose. Prizes so far have included Nike goodie bags and signed Vitality Roses Netball Dresses.
- **Officiating Net-Fix sessions with Gary Burgess** (launched 23/3 via the England Netball Officiating Facebook page). Guests that have joined Gary so far include Louise Travis, Kadeen & Sasha Corbin and Sheelagh Redpath. In addition to these, a collection of weekly tasks and challenges – ‘Net-Fix Shorts’ have been set for those who want to get involved.
- **#TakeNetballHome with Gilbert** (launched 30/3 via England Netball’s Youtube Channel): A series of short home workout videos, each week with a different Rose. Examples of previous videos include ‘Serena Guthrie’s Netball Drills’, ‘George Fisher’s Back Garden Drills’ & ‘Eleanor Cardwell’s Shooting Tips’.
- **Commonwealth Games Anniversary** (15/4) EN gained rights to show the historic final for one week, and the Gold winning Roses squad of 2018 got together to reminisce via a Zoom call published on EN’s Youtube Channel.
- **Bee@Home** (launched 21/4 via England Netball’s Youtube Channel): a series of weekly at-home skill challenges for U11s, featuring a different family each week. Videos so far have included Jess Thirlby, Gary Neville & Tamsin Greenway. In line with World Bee Day on 20th May, a series of Bee Netball Webinars for Primary School Teachers were launched.
- **Coaching Net-Fix** (launched 23/4 via England Netball Coaching Facebook page): each week, a special coaching guest from the Netball Family talks all things coaching and shares their experiences. Previous episodes have featured Jess Thirlby & Sheonah Forbes.
- **Biggest Virtual Wiggle & Giggle** (14/5): Over 750 participants took part in an online Walking Netball session via Youtube.
- **Virtual Netball Club** (launched 24/5): each week, EN members are sent a weekly schedule of exclusive member activities that they can sign up for. Members can book onto live training sessions led by EN staff, and have access to exclusive content on the member web page.
- **Any Dream We’ll Do** (first winner announced 27/5): players can nominate fellow members that inspire them to win an exclusive prize- previous winners have had Zoom calls with Jade Clarke and George Fisher.

(As of 8/6/20) England Netball’s guidance for community netball now reflects the new government guidelines released on Monday 1st June, stating “up to six members of the Netball Family can take part in netball fitness activity together outdoors”.

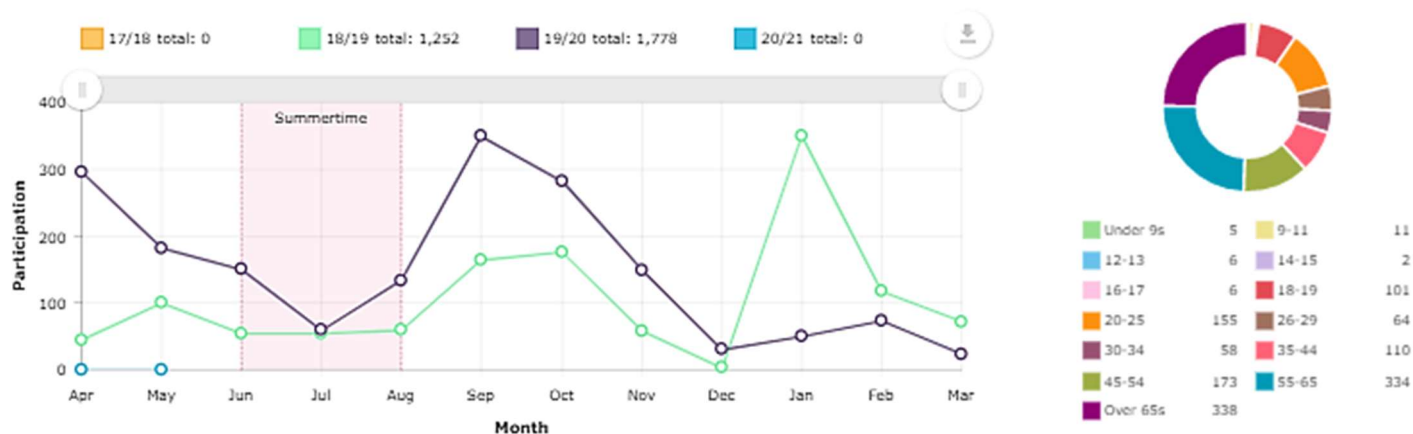
County Participation in Surrey

During the 2019/20 financial year the county team (Lottie- Surrey & SW London NDO and Polly- South London NDCC) ran the following programmes which resulted in a total of 2127 participants. The table below shows the total number of programmes run, number of participants engaged, and which of those participants were new to netball (had not played the previous 12 months prior to joining) against the initial target set for the financial year.

Figure 1: Programmes & Participants

Programme	Programmes Delivered	Number of Participants	Participants New to Netball	New to Netball Target
Back to Netball	26	787	497	410
Walking Netball	18	698	238	190
WI Walking Netball	7	170	112	60
Walking Netball Festivals	2	138	0	0
Bee Netball	11	51	51	45
University Netball Officers	8	211	114	60
College	1	9	9	0
Netball Now	0	0	0	0
Netball Youth Camps	4	63	0	0
Total	77	2127	1021	765

Figure 2: Programme participants by age group and participation by month (April 2019 to March 2020)



County Club Development and Membership

Club Action Planning Scheme (CAPS)

In 2019, Sport England announced that the Clubmark scheme (with which CAPS was aligned) would not continue to run beyond November. England Netball have not currently made any changes to CAPS as a result of this and clubs can continue to accredit as CAPS clubs.

Congratulations to the following clubs who have reaccredited as CAPS clubs this financial year:

- Roundwood Netball Club – Silver (June 19)
- Cardinals Netball Club – Silver (March 20)

The following clubs are currently registered for and working towards gaining CAPS accreditation:

- Waverley Vipers NC (working towards Silver)
- CMO NC (working towards Silver)
- Ashtead All Stars NC (working towards Silver)
- Waterloo NC (working towards Bronze)

Figure 3: Current CAPS Clubs in Surrey

Club Name	CAPS Level	Accreditation Period
Cardinals NC	Silver	03/20 – 09/24
Roundwood NC	Silver	06/19 – 12/23
HS NC	Bronze	12/18 – 06/23
Fetcham Hawks NC	Bronze	04/18 – 10/22
Fairlands NC	Silver	09/17 – 03/22
Hillcrest NC	Silver	04/17 – 10/21
Redhill NC	Bronze	04/17 – 10/21
The Downs NC	Silver	03/17 – 09/21
Chequers NC	Silver	10/15 – 10/20*

N.B. Accreditation is valid for 4 years, after which clubs have an additional 6 months to reaccredit before their accreditation expires. * Clubs with accreditations due to expire in early 2020 have been given an additional 6 months to reaccredit due to coronavirus restrictions impacting clubs' abilities to reaccredit.

Membership Statistics

Figure 4: England Netball member individuals and organisations within Surrey

Organisation	2018/19	2019/20
Total Clubs	105 + 17 YPG	119
Total Primary Schools	266	273
Total Secondary Schools	92	93
Total Colleges/Universities	2	3
Total Organisations	482	488
Total Members O18	3128	2807
Total Members U18	4113 (U18: 783, U14: 1627, U11: 1703)	3777 (U18: 732, U14: 1481, U11: 1564)

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