



# **SURREY COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**88<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021**

**“REPORTS”**



## President's AGM Report 2020/21 Season



Dear Surrey Netballer

At the time of writing this report, it is still not certain that we will be able to meet at Purley Sports Club for our 88<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting at the end of June. It certainly has been a very difficult year for our sport but good that at last things seem to be moving in the right direction and we now look forward to competitive netball commencing again in September – please keep those fingers crossed for this to happen.

On reflecting on the past year, I feel rather sad that we lost three very special ladies, who were well respected for their life-long service to Surrey Netball. Doreen Allen served on the SCNA Committee for many years representing the Metropolitan League, which she always referred to as 'friendly'. Eileen Brewer was former Chairman and President of Surrey and was a key member of the South East Region. June Garman will be remembered as Secretary of SCNA and was an Umpire Tutor. June had a great sense of humour and fun. Those of us who had the pleasure of knowing these ladies, will realise that they leave a big hole, which will be hard to fill. They were all fantastic volunteers and loved netball above all else.

Despite Lockdown, SCNA continued to hold committee meetings virtually on Zoom and these proved to be invaluable. From the AGM reports you will read of the effort made by the netball community to keep netball alive as far as possible for all age groups of players. Organising throughout this Covid year has been extremely hard for anyone involved and we all have to be thankful that we have such dedicated teachers, coaches, umpires and volunteers prepared to put in that extra effort to keep netball happening.

I thought you would be pleased to know that previous winners of the SCNA Lions Award became subsequent winners of the Regional Golden Globes Awards in 2020. These were:

Amy Rendle	Grassroots Coach Award
June Tenwick	Muriel McNally Volunteer Award
Kay Martin	Unsung Hero Award
Charlotte Cotchings	Young Volunteer Award

The Award ceremony was held on Zoom at the end of October and proved to be very successful. This was one of the most successful years for SCNA having won four out of the eight categories; three of whom were from Croydon Netball League. Congratulations to all involved ie nominators and nominees.

My very best wishes to you all and let us look forward to Netball post Covid.

Sincerely

Maureen Clark - President

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## Chairman's AGM Report 2020/21 Season



It is an understatement to say what a strange season this has been as we have been in one form of covid lockdown or another during its entire period. Some limited activity has been able to take place when restrictions have permitted, and clubs have been diligently complying with England Netball's framework to

ensure all participants have been safe. But it has not been the same and we are all desperate for normal netball activity to resume and being able to see everyone in our netball community again. As I am writing this, we are awaiting the Government's announcement about whether all covid-restrictions are finally lifted. If this is the case, our AGM will be held in person which I very much hope will be the case. Last season's AGM was postponed from June 2020 to November 2020 and took place virtually via zoom. Although it was an unusual occurrence, we have all become accustomed to virtual meetings and the AGM was able to celebrate successes of Surrey netballers at the Regional Golden Globes awards. One of the sad things about the lockdown is that we are not able to run our usual Surrey Lions awards to celebrate the success and achievement of coaches and officials, young volunteers, school and club achievements. However, we do want to acknowledge and thank as many as possible of those volunteers at grass roots level who have been working tirelessly to enable their club and players to take part in netball activity. But we need clubs to tell us about these wonderful people. We are particularly thinking of people who volunteered to be covid officers for clubs and leagues, as they have played a crucial role during this period, and having to cope with continuous information from England Netball and a mountain of guidance and information requirements placed on clubs. Of course, there will be other people in clubs and leagues who have arranged fitness sessions, and other ways of maintaining interest in netball in Surrey who we will also want to congratulate. Kath Mansfield has taken on the role of county Volunteer representative and with Carol McGrail is encouraging clubs and leagues to nominate the volunteers so we can recognise them. I would like to thank everyone who retained their membership of EN and SCNA which has helped our national governing body maintain their offer to the netball community, and also the netball development officers. So it is timely for me to thank Lottie Sudell who has been our Surrey NDO for a few years now, who has decided to move on to pastures new. It has been a pleasure to get to know Lottie who has been so helpful and supportive to the County committee and clubs and leagues particularly this last season. Lottie, we wish you all the very best for your future. I am pleased to confirm that EN will be continuing the role and is in the process of recruitment.

During the course of the last twelve months, we have let you know that much loved and respected members of our Surrey county netball community have passed away, Doreen Allen and Eileen Brewer. I am also sad to advise that June Garman sadly passed away earlier this year. Many of you would have known June from her stalwart support of county teams in the past when Surrey was riding high in the national standings, and also her dedication to Hironelles Netball Club, which sadly had its demise not long after June stepped down from the club. June was also so encouraging to people wanting to start volunteering. I am also sad to think there are likely to be other members of our netball community who have passed away this season, and I wish their families and friends all our condolences.

We have been having county committee meetings by zoom during this period and hearing about how the leagues and schools have been trying to operate in very difficult circumstances. Information has been passed up to the London and South East Regional Board so that they are aware of issues experienced, and we have received excellent guidance and support from the Board. However, there have been successes despite the pandemic. The SCNA committee have recently congratulated our Academy Administrative lead, Patricia Balcombe, and her team of coaches, for arranging and delivering an excellent programme for the young players on the talent pathway; players and parents have followed the very stringent requirements put in place and coaches have done brilliantly. We are now in a position to look forward to the U15 tournament in the summer for local counties to enable the franchises to undertake their selection for the School Games in September, and for players to be selected into franchise academies. We wish every player across the counties good luck.

The committee have been advised that EN have introduced changes to the learning programme for umpires during the season, and EN has taken over the responsibility for arranging and delivering umpire education. Jackie Penney is working closely with EN on new innovations. Certainly, the feedback we have heard is that the online learning has been well received and is very accessible for people. However, the ease of access to these sessions makes it a victim of its own success as we understand all the courses are popular and get booked very quickly and EN will need to arrange more. Of concern to the County committee is the remaining remit for counties to manage the practical aspects of the courses and assessments, and how the communications between EN (through Engage?) and counties will work, so that the County knows who has attended the online courses. Please bear with us during this period of transition to the new arrangements,

and Jackie Penney and her team are always seeking to ensure that as many people in Surrey can achieve their officiating qualifications.

The covid restrictions have not prevented the County Committee from continuing to pursue opportunities for new facilities for netball. We intend to recommence our County league in September 2021 at our usual venue Boxhill School, which is a high quality facility, but in the long term and to improve access to high quality facilities for a broad range of activities, we have always identified that a venue with a larger capacity is what is required. This means a larger indoor space and multiple outside courts, which Boxhill does not have. I would like to commend Natalie Swift who has been progressing possibilities on several fronts, and although there is nothing specific to report to you all now, I am confident that one day in the future, there will be a netball centre in Surrey. If you have any examples of possible locations and opportunities, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

The County Committee is keen to advance good practice and we will continue to review our governance procedures to ensure we maintain compliance with EN standards. I have attended several meetings hosted by EN during the season, primarily about the ongoing status of netball during the pandemic, but also a briefing on new Disciplinary Regulations. I have just checked the EN website and found they have come into effect on 1 June 2021 – complaints are now to be referred directly to EN by the relevant body. We continue our grant support scheme, and details are on our website. At the AGM in November 2020, we welcomed Claire Shapland as Communications and Publicity Secretary, and she wants to find ways of improving communications between all levels of netball in Surrey, and promote activity, so please do contact her. The AGM also agreed a new post of Equalities, Diversity and Inclusivity Officer and please do consider nominating someone for this role. The details will be made available on the SCNA website.

The London and South East Regional Board will be considering a new forward plan and you can be reassured that those of us who attend regional meetings will represent our members. We will need to produce our own plan in due course. The committee want to ensure the framework for netball in Surrey is fit for purpose and provides opportunities for as many age groups and types of netball as we can, and we want to embrace new ideas and ways of working, perhaps even more important in these new and difficult times. But for now, we have more than enough to consider as the main focus for us all is to plan the route to achieve a successful start to the new 2021/2022 season in September and support our netball community as much as we can. Thank you to all the committee members, league and club organisers; you continue to make such a tremendous contribution to netball in the county – remember, all volunteers themselves. This season has been a difficult one, but we can now all look forward. Enjoy the summer and see you in September for the start of a fantastic season.

Chris Kelso – Chair

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**Membership Secretary  
AGM Report 2020/21 Season**



The Membership fees in 2021/2022 for both England Netball and SCNA will remain unchanged. A reminder that the total fee gives Members many benefits including insurance cover and access to various courses.

**It is proposed that the following resolution be submitted to the Annual General Meeting:-**

**That the Membership Fees for 2021/2022 are as follows:-**

<b>Senior Players</b>	<b>- £41.00</b>	<b>(EN £36.00 + SCNA £5.00 = £41.00)</b>
<b>Junior Players -</b>		
<b>Under 18</b>	<b>- £20.30</b>	<b>(EN £16.30 + SCNA £4.00 = £20.30)</b>
<b>Under 14</b>	<b>- £12.55</b>	<b>(EN £ 8.55 + SCNA £4.00 = £12.55)</b>
<b>Under 11</b>	<b>- £ 9.30</b>	<b>(EN £ 5.30 + SCNA £4.00 = £ 9.30)</b>

Chris Stephens - Membership Secretary

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## Performance AGM Report 2020/21 Season



The Performance Group has worked very hard during this COVID year to provide netball to the young players in our county. They managed to hold trials, outside and fully COVID compliant, for both the Satellite and County Academies during the October half term of 2020.

A few sessions took place before the December lockdown but it meant that we were ready to restart when England Netball gave the ok to do so. Virtual Strength & Conditioning sessions were arranged during lockdown.

I am very pleased to say that all the academies are now up and running and this year will run to mid-July.

The 4 Satellite Academies are being held at Harris Academy Mitcham, Nonsuch, Howard of Effingham and Guildford County School. They are using a combination of indoor and outdoor sessions to comply with COVID regulations.

The U13 squads have 12 weeks of training and then an internal Surrey tournament is being organized for the 4 academies on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July to finish their season.

Each County Academy athlete attends training at Harris Academy Sutton and Strength & Conditioning at Advance Performance Gym (Merrist Wood). We have also entered 2 County teams into the Gems summer league so that the coaches can see the athletes perform under match conditions. This combination of activity seems to be working very well.

A match date was planned for Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> May against Berkshire County but was cancelled due to bad weather, as it was due to be played outside. There will be a County tournament for our area on Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> which Surrey Storm will attend as a pre- selection for the U15 School Sports Games being held on the 2-5 September.

Virtual meetings have been held with both Surrey Storm and London Pulse via the Performance Management Groups. England Netball has also been proactive post lockdown and are running online Performance ID Courses which 8 of our team are attending.

4 new coaches came on board this summer; one is currently doing her Level 2 Coaching Award using the new virtual training course.

Plans are currently being made for next season and we are in contact with both Surrey Storm and London Pulse regarding their trials and the School Sports Games which are going ahead on 2 – 5 September, COVID permitting!

We could not have done this without the fantastic support of the coaches who have risen to the task of getting the Surrey Academies up and running with such positive enthusiasm. A very special mention has to be made for Patricia Balcombe who has completed the mammoth administrative tasks which has enabled the activities to take place.

Maggie Finch - Performance Lead

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## Coaching AGM Report 2020/21 Season



Following an unusual year, it has been wonderful to be able to get back to coaching netball. With the continued disruption and England netball postponing coaching courses at the start of the season, there has been a small number of coaches who have passed their coaching certificates this year. Well done to these coaches.

Earlier this year, England Netball took the decision to move their Level 1 coaching course online and the Level 2 course is currently blended with virtual and face to face learning. This has allowed coaches to continue their education despite various restrictions. These online courses have proved very successful so far.

More details on the Level 1 and Level 2 courses can be found here:

**Level 1:**

<https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/course/ukcc-level-1-course/>

**Level 2:**

<https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/course/ukcc-level-2-course/>

England netball have also delivered online CPD workshops for coaches, including an online game sense workshop.

There are currently spaces available on the game sense workshop on the 9th August and the 7th September.

Details of these CPD courses can be found here:

<https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/course/game-sense-workshop/>

Lil Roe - Coaching secretary

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## Officiating AGM Report 2020/21 Season



In line with England Netball and Government guidance, all netball activity ceased in March 2020 due to Covid 19. During the lull, things did not stand still as England Netball were working behind the scenes to support members with the Virtual Netball Club.

Covid Officers were introduced so that Clubs could get up and running as soon as the go ahead was given by government. Modified Rules were authorised to help scaffold a move to “return to play” and Forums were delivered to Umpires on the Modified Rules, online by England Netball.

A Rules update has been made for the 2021 season effective 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and New Rules books have been issued by England Netball.

### **Written Paper- C Award.**

Surrey County were lucky enough to be selected along with 2 other Counties nationally, to run an online pilot scheme for the C Award written paper. 10 applicants on the waiting list were offered the paper back in October and November 2020. We had 9 successful passes.

### **Courses**

Covid 19 has meant that England Netball had to look at the way that courses were delivered and has seen them recently move to an online format for all Officiating courses. A new pathway has been updated on the Surrey website. Into Officiating Courses went live at the end of May 2021 and were quickly booked up. With further sessions due to be released in July.

C Award Courses will follow in June, quickly followed by B Award courses. The new pathway will see bookings made through the England Netball website, with payment directed through the Engage platform. All learners must hold a current England Netball membership. Learners will be able to access courses via an online format at a date convenient to themselves and will be delivered by tutors from anywhere in the country without the need to travel. The courses are theory based and learners will receive a resource pack prior to their attendance. The practical element of the courses will be picked up within County following attendance on a course. Learners will receive support through mentoring. The “Into Officiating” element of the pathway requires a short assessment before moving onto the C award course. Learners can practice on Back to Netball leagues and on Club training matches. The “C Award” course will include one sitting of the online Written paper. (to be taken up to 6 months after the course is attended) Learners can practice on local leagues depending on the individual league rules relating to Officials. Learners will need to keep a logbook of league matches umpired, as a part of their progression to C award Assessment. Assessments will be carried out on suitable matches within the County and arranged by the County Officiating Lead. (COL) previously known as the County Umpiring Secretary (CUS)

### **Beginner Umpires HUB**

To support New umpires in the transition to gaining Match practice a new HUB will be set up to support Beginners to gain confidence with their umpiring. Mentoring support and guidance will be given by England

Netball assessors to set learners on the right track. The HUB will be situated in Surrey and new learners attending the “Into Officiating “courses will be encouraged to attend for initial support.

### **Mentoring**

As the move to online courses is now in place the need for Umpire mentors across the County is now paramount. The County need volunteers to support new umpires on their Officiating journey towards qualification. A mentoring course will be organised to support keen mentors. Contact COL for further details.

### **B Award Written Paper**

Sittings for the B Award paper will take place in October, February and June. Applicants must have attended a B Award Course prior to sitting the paper and can be made through the COL. Mentoring can be offered for the paper.

Mentoring of C to B Award umpires continues on Surrey County league matches.

The New season is due to start in September 2021.

Mary Stanley, Jackie Penney, Gill Tilly – Officiating Team

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## **Surrey Schools County Association AGM Report 2020/21 Season**



### **A Challenging Year**

Normally in this document I report on a fantastic season that saw lots of schools competing to be crowned Surrey County Champions from U12 to 1<sup>st</sup> team level. However, no-one could foresee the impact Covid would have on competitive sport. It has been a challenging season for all schools and I firstly want to thank all staff who have worked tirelessly to implement procedures to ensure girls could participate in netball throughout the season, however, although netball has been played, albeit in year group bubbles, very little competitive netball has been able to take place. The Upper Sixth year group missed out on playing their final Surrey tournament so we had hoped to hold a festival for them on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June before they all left school, however, England netball’s roadmap does not permit tournaments to take place at present so despite our best efforts, we were unable to hold this which was disappointing for both students and staff.

We are hopeful for the next academic year and have put our dates in the diary. Surrey preliminary rounds:

U15 & U14: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October

1<sup>st</sup> & U16: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Reserve date for the age groups above: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October

County round of nationals: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November with Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November being the reserve date

U13 & U12: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Reserve date: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Senior finals: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Junior finals: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March



2<sup>nd</sup> team tournament: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Reserve date for all finals: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March

I am excited about next season and look forward to being able to report back to you about an action packed, competitive season this time next year.

Rachel Byrne - Chairperson

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## Junior Leagues AGM Report 2020/21 Season



### Summary from the Junior Leagues

1. **Surrey Junior Netball League – NEW**
2. **Nonsuch Junior League**

#### 1. **Surrey Junior Netball League**

The new Surrey Junior Netball League (SJNL) is now due to start in September 2021

The aim being to:

- Streamline the dates so that all clubs are playing in the same league on the same dates,
- To provide the junior netballers with more match opportunity (in line with other counties),
- Provide netball of a better standard for the stronger teams and an equal standard for the weaker teams
- Play longer matches to prepare girls for the transition to adult netball
- To prevent losing girls to hockey and football who play matches every weekend.

There are 21 Surrey Clubs with teams entered in to A, B and C divisions for age groups U10 - U16, approximately 210 teams signed up for the 2021/22 season. The venues are Manor House School (MHS)/Howard and Epsom College, and the U10s/11/15s and 16s will be at MHS/Howard with possibly the U16A playing indoors, and the U12s/13s/14s will be at Epsom College.

There will be 9 league dates across the season and on each league date the girls will play one match that will fit into an hours' time slot and expected to be 10 minutes quarters.

#### 2. **Nonsuch Junior League**

It is expected that there will be 5 clubs that cannot commit to the new structure of the Surrey League and the restructured Nonsuch Junior League will ensure that those clubs have competitive match play. It has been agreed with the new Surrey League committee that clubs cannot play at Nonsuch if they have entered any teams into their league - Nonsuch will not be an overflow for the main league but an alternative league instead.

Lydia Turner - Junior Leagues Representative

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## **County Volunteer Officer AGM Report 2020/21 Season**



Due to the COVID pandemic resulting in the effective cancellation of the 2020-21 competitive season, it was agreed that the usual Surrey Lions Awards would not be presented this season. Instead, hopefully for this season only, it was agreed we would look at recognising those volunteers that have worked hard to keep netball going whilst at the same time keeping people safe during the pandemic. Nominations were requested from all Surrey clubs.

Subject to the resumption of competitive netball in the autumn, the Surrey Lions Awards will return next year. The plan for next season includes further engagement with the other counties in the region via the L&SE Volunteer Technical Support Group to create and deliver a consistent strategy to recognise the contribution that volunteers make to the provision of netball in the region, create a clear and accessible nomination route from County Awards up to the National Golden Globe Awards, and look at developing an informal mechanism of recognising volunteers regularly through social media.

Kathryn Mansfield

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## **Metropolitan League AGM Report 2020/21 Season**



This will probably be the shortest Met League Report ever!

The league has not been able to run this season due to the Government's / England Netball's Covid-19 restrictions.

We sincerely hope that the 2021-2022 season will be able to start and continue as normal in September and have sent out the entry forms to be returned by 30<sup>th</sup> June. Their subscription monies have been held over from the 2020 season.

We have not decided on the date for the 2020 AGM, this will be agreed once we know the plans for 2021-22 season.

Sandie Richardson - Chair

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## **Croydon Netball League AGM Report 2020/21 Season**



This has been a season like no other for us all and really do hope that we will be able to restart back in our normal way for the season 2021/2022 in September.

The AGM for the season 2019/2020 was held over until November 2020 as we were hoping that there would be some better news but unfortunately that was not the case but it was good to see all club personnel via Zoom.

We held an online Safeguarding course with 12 attendees and found the tutor to be as informative and interesting as in the past.

My thanks and appreciation goes out to all the clubs and personnel who have been able to organise training and friendly matches when appropriate, along with all the necessary lengthy paperwork required!

And finally, thanks to the CNL Committee members for their support and dedication.

Best wishes

Jackie Rowland - Chair

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## **Greenacres League AGM report 2020/21 Season**



The decision was made, like other Leagues in Surrey and surrounding counties, to cease all activity in line with the Government and England Netball directives.

We maintained contact with the teams and encouraged the use of the online Virtual Netball Club.

During the lockdown, we made use of the time to review our activities taking into account feedback from the teams and took the decision to look for an alternative venue. This was a difficult task as facilities were not always available for the day, time, number of courts required and also took into consideration the location of the Croydon Netball League's activities and, out of courtesy, informed the Chairman of the move. We are an entry league for returners, 'Back to Netball' and 'Netball Now' on a social and competitive basis we felt we can continue operating in the same manner as that in Warlingham. We encourage progression to the Croydon League should players/teams and umpires wish to progress to a more competitive structure of play.

The League also sources umpires for matches and acts as a training environment for learner umpires under supervision.

We have successfully negotiated to with the new Coombe Wood School in Croydon to use one indoor and two outdoor courts, although the latter is now quite complete.

We held a meeting at Coombe Wood with all the current teams to advise them of the decision to move and the rationale and show them around the facilities. We appreciated we might naturally lose teams and some teams may find the distance just a bit too far. We are pleased to say that the majority are coming to the new venue and are looking forward to the unique set up. We are commencing with some friendly matches before the League restarts afresh in September.

We will have some vacant slots and will look to encourage new teams/players to join from the 'Back to Netball/Netball Now' environment and will be advertising by word of mouth and social media.

Along with the other Leagues everyone is looking forward to getting back to some form of normality from September and beyond.

Claire Baker – Chairman

June 2021