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# EAST MIDLANDS NETBALL NEWSLETTER

## REGIONAL NEWS

We are one month into our new season of regional league! We have had some local Bee Netballers take centre stage in Nottingham. Eight of our regional One Award winners recently attended the National One Awards in Birmingham.



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## COUNTY NEWS

Derbyshire County Netball Association recently celebrated their 90th anniversary. Derby has also been home to a pioneering Deaf netball tournament to amazing success. Lincolnshire and Leicestershire clubs had been nominated for some awards recently too!

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## NATIONAL ONE AWARDS 2022



On Saturday 5th November, eight of our regional One Award winners were nominated for the National One Awards at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Our nominees were:

Club of the Year- **Ashby Junior Netball Club**

Coach of the Year (Adults)- **Stacey Howell** (Northants Storm)

Coach of the Year (Children and Young People)- **Claire Bowen** (Bingham Bullettes)

Teacher of the Year- **Katie Ewing** (William Farr School)

Mary Bulloch Community Volunteer of the Year- **Melissa Croxall** (TFC Leicester)

Muriel McNally Community Volunteer of the Year- **Celine Li** (Hawks)

Sheelagh Redpath Community Official of the Year- **Donna Beckett**

Unsung Hero of the Year- **Claire Bowen** (Bingham Bullettes)

Young Volunteer of the Year- **Katie Millington** (Charnwood Rutland)

**Claire Bowen** of Bingham Bullettes was awarded the National One Award for Coach of the Year (Children and Young People)!

Congratulations to Claire and to all of our National One Award nominees

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## REGIONAL LEAGUE

We are nearly one month into our senior regional league with the two junior leagues also restarting. A quick look at the season so far:

### Division 1:

Bridgford  
Hinckley Hurricanes  
Grasshopper

### Division 3:

Charnwood Rutland 2  
Hucknall Town  
Ashby Giants

### Under 14:

Northants Storm  
Lincoln City  
Louth

### Division 2:

TFC Leicester Too  
Lincoln City 1  
Cliftonettes Navy

### Under 16:

Nottingham City Phoenix  
Charnwood Rutland Warriors  
Northants Storm

In Premier League 1, Charnwood sit on 5 wins and 2 losses putting them at a close 3rd place.

In Premier League 3, TFC Leicester have 4 wins and 3 losses at 4th place in the league. League newcomers, Northants Storm have 5 wins and 2 losses putting them at an amazing 2nd place! Best of luck to all teams for their next games.

## BEE NETBALLERS GO INTERNATIONAL

Did you catch some of our local Nottingham Bee Netballers take to court at the Vitality Roses International series with the Uganda She Cranes? It was amazing to see our young Bee netballers have the experience of a lifetime. The Ugandan team also showed them a few dance moves too! Want to get involved in Bee Netball, find out more [here](#).





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## EAST MIDLANDS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL!

*Christmas*  
Walking Netball  
Festival

Sunday December 11th 2022  
10am-3pm

Loughborough Leisure Centre,  
Loughborough, LE11 3HE

£10 per person in your team

*Sign up now!*

By 25th November

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## ROSES TO TAKE ON JAMAICA

The Vitality Roses to take on Netball Jamaica in January 2023!

11 January at Manchester's AO Arena

14 & 15 January at London's Copper Box Arena

Member sale from 14th November  
Public sale from 16th November.

England Netball Tickets can be found [here!](#)

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**ROSES**  
TEST SERIES  
VS  
**JAMAICA**  
SUNSHINE GIRLS

WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY  
AO ARENA, MANCHESTER

SATURDAY 14 JANUARY  
COPPER BOX ARENA, LONDON

SUNDAY 15 JANUARY  
COPPER BOX ARENA, LONDON

**MEMBER SALE!**



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## OWN THE COURT

'Own the Court' a partnership of Food, Drink, Music and Netball..

A brand new partnership brought together for the first time, 3 organisations in the Town of Corby Northamptonshire for an evening of Food, drink, music and netball as part of a new initiative 'Own the Court'. After weeks of planning, Street Food Fridays/ Flyby Bars, Debo Training and Northants Netball Development Officer Kelly Thomson provided the local community with an evening of activities for both adults and children.

The evening started off with a children's netball activity circuit, competitions and design your own netball dress / trainer. A walking netball taster session which saw both men and women take to the court followed by a netball tournament, mocktails and a range of tasty food from Street Food Fridays / Flyby Bars Throughout the evening a DJ was on courtside blasting out the tunes of summer which took netball to a different level! Corby Netball Club showcased their club, supported with players and volunteers to bring the event to life.

The event also raised funds for a local girl from Corby who is undergoing lifesaving treatment for Cancer. Donations and team fees were donated to Florence Bark #BeMoreFab campaign which is at the heart of the Corby Community. Kelly said 'The event was a fantastic way of working with new partners, showcasing all aspects of netball for all ages and bringing people together, to eat, drink and play netball.

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers, players, families who attended and supported the event.





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## DERBYSHIRE 90TH

On September 11th 2022, the Derbyshire County Netball Association hosted a celebration event to mark 90 years of Derbyshire netball.

The occasion came about as a result of a small sub team who wanted to create an archive for Derbyshire Netball. Launching in January 2021, they set about researching the history of netball in Derbyshire and began gathering photographs, records and memorabilia. Della Louch – Chair for Derbyshire Netball Association said “The team were able to confirm that Derbyshire Netball had a significant organisational presence back in 1932. It soon dawned upon us that we had a major milestone coming up in 2022 when we would be 90 years old! Liz Broomhead suggested that we mark the occasion with an event that would bring together past and present Derbyshire players, officials, volunteers, and netball friends. What a great idea!”

Over the last 18 months the team reached out to past and present Derbyshire Netball members to seek out photographs, stories, newspaper cuttings etc and to share the news that an event to mark 90 years would be taking place and they were invited.

It was decided that the celebration event would be used to showcase the archive. So the materials were added to display boards.

As part of the 90th year celebrations, Derbyshire launched their netball Hall of Fame.



The event, which took place at Derby Conference Centre, was attended by over 100 Derbyshire members past and present. Derbyshire was delighted to also host honoured guests - Joan Mills President of England Netball and Sue Hunter - Chair of East Midlands Netball.



## DERBYSHIRE 90TH

The criteria for inclusion in the Hall of Fame was Derbyshire Netballers who had represented England in playing, officiating, coaching, team support or management. The first inductees were announced and all those in attendance were presented with a gift including a small keepsake plaque in recognition.

Following the event, Pauline Brasher – President of Derbyshire Netball said “What a day! Such a lovely occasion after a very sad week (with the passing of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth). Thank you to the Derbyshire County Management Board and the archive team for a wonderful day celebrating 90 years of Derbyshire Netball. The hours of work that has gone in to making this day a success was worth it and I am sure our 100th year celebration will be a doddle!”. More photos of the day can be found on the Derbyshire website [here](#).

Derbyshire Netball wanted to also share their thanks to those that attended and made the day such a success!



Derbyshire Netball Achivists L – R  
Liz Alsop, Della Louch, Liz Broomhead,  
Caroline Richards, Carol Spencer, Mary  
Yardley, Pauline Brasher



## DERBY DEAF NETBALL TOURNAMENT



Players from all over the country, Bristol, London, Skegness to Sheffield, came together to compete in a round robin for deaf and hearing impaired players.

6 teams attended with a round robin in the morning and then a play-offs, semi finals and finals at Allestree Woodlands School in Derby.

The main challenges were meeting the needs of both Deaf and hearing impaired players - players that can respond to a whistle vs those that can't. Players that understand netball hand signals vs those that have never played before. With some amazing umpires supporting the tournament, these challenges were dealt with. Such as, at centre pass when some players who could hear the whistle would get a split second head start, so flags only were used for centre passes.

A shoutout to the amazing volunteers Stuart Allen & Kate Mann, Jenny, Rosie, Claire & Nicola who all umpired. Their help made the day possible, by adjusting how we umpired to meet different needs. Mandy & Becky from Melbourne Netball Club who did the scoring & Solomon who did the timing. Claire Bowen, the Nottinghamshire Derbyshire NDO also helped massively with connections between local players and England Netball. We also had an interpreter, Sam. She was a massive help. She was able to interpret the welcome talk, umpire & rules talk, problems with scheduling, amendments & injuries & also with the presentation at the end of the day.

Well done to Abi Wilcockson and Laura Jeffers for organising this amazing event!



## LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY AWARDS



Lincolnshire County Netball Association held their annual awards evening in September, celebrating team wins & individual player achievements across the 21-22 season. Held at the Lincolnshire showground, more than 300 members & parents turned out, with special guest - and newly capped England defender - Alice Harvey in attendance to give out the awards.

Lincoln City Netball Club scooped up several awards including Team of the Year for the U14As & Club of the Year - an award given for an array of achievements. Such as their national representation for the U14s who finished 12th overall in the prestigious Under 14 National Clubs tournament.

Best attack also went to Lincoln U14s. Epworth receiving best defence - a club that has gone from strength to strength - recently qualifying for the U16 Regional Junior League.

Senior league trophies went to Lincoln A in the Premier league, Brigg County Impacts in Division 1, & Bulletes Vandals for Division 2.

Individual players were awarded - special mention to Poppy Pearce for picking up overall players player for Louth A U16s and representing Loughborough Lightning at the U15 School Games competition alongside Brigg players - Iris Hutchinson & Katie West. Well done to all.

## NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE LET'S GET MOVING AWARDS 2022

Grace Dieu Netball Club have been nominated for Club of the Year at the North West Leicestershire Let's Get Moving Awards 2022. Rachel Ridgill their club chair has also been nominated for Outstanding Contribution. Best of Luck on the 24th November!

## ACTIVE LINCOLNSHIRE AWARDS

Thursday 3rd November the amazing work of individuals and organisations across Lincolnshire who support people to move more was celebrated at the Lincolnshire Sport & Physical Activity Awards. Organised by Active Lincolnshire, and sponsored by Lincoln Water Park, the 18th edition of the annual Awards was held at the Engine Shed in Lincoln and hosted by Lincs FM presenter John Marshall. In front of an audience of over 250 people, the inspiring stories and successes of forty-one finalists were shared, before crowning fourteen deserving winners. Our netball winners of the evening were as follows:

### **Inclusion and Diversity Award Winner: Walking Back - Lincolnshire Walking Netball**

Walking Netball was thriving pre Covid but many ladies were very nervous to return. Long term health conditions, reduced activity, anxiety, social exclusion had made it very hard for many ladies to have the confidence to leave the home let alone re-join an activity and mix with others whilst Covid was still present. The Tackling Inequalities Funded Walking Back project created a safe environment to support over 200 ladies back to physical activity supported by Lincolnshire NDO Louise Key.

### **Active Community Award Winner: Eloise Rimmer**

Eloise set up a 'Mums' social netball group for Dunholme and Welton in 2021. Players in the group range in age from 55 down to 7, encouraging activity for all ages. Social activities, Monday night training and Tuesday league matches brings their community together and supports each other.



Carolyn Blackburn, Louise Key and Eloise Rimmer

### **Unsung Hero Award Winner: Carolyn Blackburn**

Carolyn runs Louth netball club. With 9 junior teams and two senior teams this year the club has been very successful not only with league wins and runners up but also in progressing the netballers through the England pathway. She has a commitment to Lincolnshire County netball where she is involved with u11's, u13's and u16's hubs. Carolyn has also been helping out with the Market Rasen netball league where she has been umpiring. This has resulted in Carolyn organising community netball sessions for a group of teams from the Welton area.

## LUTTERWORTH ROBINS CHARITY TOURNAMENT

Lutterworth Robins hold an annual Boys Vs Girls charity netball event to raise money for a chosen charity. This year their charity was *A-Sisterhood-For Women Everywhere*. This charity supports, protects and empowers women worldwide- focusing on helping women in need.

The games were held on 17th September 2022 and it was a closely fought few games with the boys winning half the matches! However the final score overall was 45-39 to the girls who have taken back the crown for 2022!! Most importantly they managed to raise £240.52.



## SOUTHWELL NETBALL CLUB CELEBRATE 10 YEARS!



The club started as part of the back to netball initiative that England Netball started in 2012. Their founder Tamsin Greave got the club going with the first session at Bleasby School and had some challenges that they all laugh about now. The club then moved to Southwell Leisure Centre and continued to grow and strengthen in numbers from there. They have entered and won many tournaments, been part of many different leagues and holding strong in the leagues they currently play in. They have grown to 3 teams on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. Their members have undertaken coaching and umpiring courses. They have held charity tournaments and many amazing socials.

This club has become a massive part of their lives and have seen so many people grow and become more confident as players. But more importantly netball has helped build them as people outside of netball. Whether it has been in confidence, organisation, socially and fitness wise. Their chair Emma shared, "It has been a great outlet when life has given us more than we thought we could handle. So just remember you are strong and can get through anything but if you are struggling don't forget to lean on your netball family to help you though."

Therefore as a club they also wanted to take this time to thank everyone that has helped this club. All the committee members that have given their time to run the club. The coaches and umpires that have helped everyone grow as players and learn this amazing game. They have made it through a number of challenges including covid and are still going strong. Here's to 10 years and more!

NETBALL SUPER LEAGUE 22-23 TEAM!



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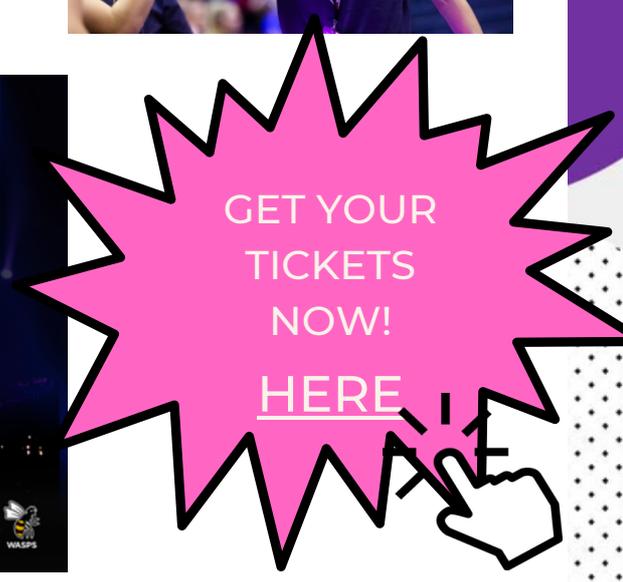


GOODBYE SARA!

Best of luck to Sara Francis-Bayman, who previously lead Loughborough Lightning to their championship win in 2021, taking on a new role at Queensland Firebirds as Assistant Coach!



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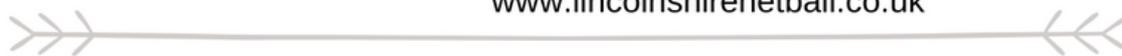
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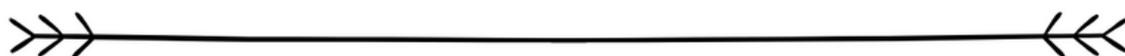
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