**ESSEX METROPOLITION NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday 7th July 2021 commencing at 8.15pm in the Jean Brown Arena at Redbridge Sport Centre, Forest Road, Barkingside IG6 3HD or via Zoom.

**AGENDA**

1. **Chairman’s Remarks**

**2. Apologies for Absence**

**3. Minutes of Previously Annual General Meeting**

**4. Matters Arising**

**5. Officers’ Report**

**6. Election of Officers**

President Mrs Val Hollingsworth

Chairperson Mrs P Meadows

Vice-Chairperson Miss Cassandra Austin-McKenzie

General Secretary Miss J M Cox

Treasurer Miss M Fuller

League Secretary Mrs Y Hurley

Publicity Secretary Miss S Wyatt

Umpiring Secretary Miss J Kelloe

Results Secretary Miss T Howe

Three Swords Secretary Miss K Cornwall

Junior League Secretary Miss K Cornwall

Coaching and Development Officer Mrs B Owolabi

Safeguarding and TDP Officer Miss M Cox

Covid Lead and ED&I Lead Miss Cassandra Austin-McKenzie

**7. Motions Received**

1. That the Over 18 Essex Met membership fee will be £2.00
2. That the Under 18 Essex Met membership fee will be £1.50
3. That the Under 14 Essex Met membership fee will be £1.00

Proposed by the Executive Committee

**8. Presentation of Trophies**

**-** Elsie Sanders Trophy

**9.** **Appointment of Auditor**

**ESSEX METROPOLITAN NETBALL ASSOCIATION AGM**

Minutes of the 2019/2020 Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 8th July 2020 via Zoom.

The meeting commenced at 8pm and was chaired by Pat Meadow.

1. **Chairman’s Remarks**Pat welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending Essex Met first virtual AGM meeting. Pat spoke about the abrupt end of Essex Met Netball League while the country entered complete lockdown and hoped that netball would return next season. Pat started by asking everyone to observe a minute silence for Rita Shea who we lost last year and Meve Curtis who sadly passed away this year, both long serving members of the Committee and Essex Met. Val Hollingsworth was welcomed as the new President. In house Zoom procedures for voting were made clear and Pat informed everyone that there would be a chance to ask questions at the end of the meeting.
2. **Apologies for Absence**A virtual check per Club. Apologies were received from Shelley Wyatt
3. **Minutes of Previous AGM**Minutes were posted on the Essex Met website, agreed unanimously, and signed as correct.
4. **Matters Arising**There were no matters arising.
5. **Officers’ Reports**These had been posted on the Essex Met website with the AGM papers. No queries raised.
6. **Election of Officers**

All Officers were standing for re-election, officers willing to stand for re-election unopposed and unanimously.

1. **Motions Received**

Reduction of fees for next season. Motion carried.

1. **Presentation of Trophies & County Colours**Jane to present trophies virtually – due to the suspension of league not all trophies were returned. Arrangements will be made to return all outstanding trophies and present this season’s trophies to the winners and runners up.

**Life Members** Kaye Cornwall and Lesley Aylett

**Elsie Sanders Trophy** Kaye Cornwall  
  
**Edith Carter Trophy** Lesley Aylett

**Rita Shea Trophy** (1st Year)Maggie Fuller

**Junior W RU**   
 U11 Essex Open Woodford Warriors  
  
 U12 New Cambell Essex Open Blue

U13 Robert Clack Aces Black

U16 New Cambell Cumberland

**League**

Div. 1 New Cambell Green Essex Open A  
  
 Div. 2 Eclipse A Langdon 1  
  
 Div. 3 Essex Open C Foxes 1  
  
 Div. 4 Eclipse C Sapphire A  
  
 Div. 5 Sapphire B Cumberland 2  
  
 Div. 6 New Cambell Purple Woodford Warriors 1  
  
 Div. 7 Oakwood A Island 2  
  
 Div. 8 Sapphire D Phoenix Flames 1

Div. 9 Foxes 2 Eclipse  
  
 Div. 10 Phoenix Flames 2 Phoenix Flames 3  
  
 Div. 11 Marshall Pink Aces 1

Div. 12 Aces 2 Cumberland

1. **Appointment of Auditor** Paula Boateng has confirmed her willingness to continue and is so appointed as Auditor.

The Meeting closed.

Q&A

Has Essex Met done any prep on what the league will look like when and if it returns?

*It is hoped the league will start back in September or January with 12 divisions on 12 courts – with all matches played outside.*

Will the League give clubs enough time to prepare for the restart of the season?

*Yes, to this question.*

If we start the league later, will we be able to finish it later?

*Potentially yes*

Will clubs receive a refund for the court cost for matches not played?

*Redbridge have said that they will be holding them as credit for next season.*

Pat asked everyone to affiliate to EN next season as membership is required to play in the Essex Met League.

Will players get a refund for this season’s membership?

*EN have said no.*

**ESSEX METROPOLITAN NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**CONSTITUTION**

**NAME**

The name of the Association shall be the Essex Metropolitan Netball Association.

**OBJECT**

The object of the Association shall be to encourage and develop the game of netball in the area designated to it by All England Netball Association Ltd. (England Netball).

**MEMBERSHIP**

All individual and school members of the Association shall be members of the governing body, (England Netball), and shall be bound by its Constitution and Regulations. All membership fees, which shall be determined only by the A.G.M. shall be payable by all members not later than 11 September each year and shall be valid, for the purposes of this Association, for the twelve months expiring on 31 August following.

**GOVERNMENT**

The Association shall be governed by an Executive Committee who shall be elected annually at the A.G.M. and shall consist of the following:

President Coaching Secretary

Vice-President League Secretary

Chairman Publicity Secretary

Vice-Chairman Umpiring Secretary

General Secretary Development Secretary

Treasurer Junior League Secretary

Talent Development Secretary

The Executive shall have the power to co-opt up to five members.

The names of the Officers standing for election, together with their proposers and seconders, must be received in writing by the General Secretary at least twenty-eight days before the A.G.M. The consent of the nominees must have been obtained prior to nomination. Existing officers may stand for re-election without being nominated. Where there is only one candidate for any post then election is automatic. Any office that receives more than one nomination shall be decided by a ballot. The Executive Committee has the right to fill any posts left vacant at the A.G.M. or becoming vacant during the year.

**EXECUTIVE**

The Executive Committee shall meet at least six times annually to consider and decide the general policy of the Association and authorise any substantial expenditure.

**SUB-COMMITTEES**

The Executive Committee may from time to time establish sub-committees, the terms of reference, personnel and organisation to be determined by the Executive Committee. All decisions made by the sub-committees shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

**ACCOUNTS**

The audited accounts of the Association for the year ending 31 May shall be presented to the A.G.M. and audited by an auditor appointed at the previous A.G.M.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The President shall be invited to preside at the A.G.M. which shall be held in June or July of each year. At least twenty-eight days’ notice shall be given in writing to all members entitled to vote of the date, time and place of the meeting. Motions for inclusion on the Agenda and nominations for Officers must be received by the Secretary at least twenty-eight days before the Meeting. They must be accompanied by the names of the proposer and seconder in each case. Officers’ reports, audited accounts, Minutes of the previous A.G.M. and the Agenda with motions received, shall be sent to all members entitled to vote at least seven days before the meeting. The Agenda shall be:

Chairman’s Remarks

Apologies

Minutes of the previous A.G.M.

Matters Arising

Officers’ reports

Election of Officers

Motions received

Presentation of badges and trophies

Twenty members present and entitled to vote shall form a quorum. Each club, each officer, and the representative (or his/her delegate) of each of the five London boroughs duly appointed to the Schools sub-committee shall have one vote each. No one person with voting powers shall exercise more than one vote. Two members of the Executive Committee shall conduct the ballot which shall include motions received and be observed by two scrutinisers appointed by the meeting who shall be non-voting members.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

The General Secretary shall convene a special General Meeting following a request in writing of five members entitled to vote at the A.G.M. This meeting shall be held within one month of the receipt of the request and fourteen days’ notice of it shall be given to all members entitled to vote at the A.G.M. Twenty members present and entitled to vote shall form a quorum.

**CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION**

Any motions to change the Constitution shall only be considered at an A.G.M. or a special General Meeting and any decisions to change must be carried by a two-thirds majority of those in attendance and entitled to vote.

**COPIES**

Copies of the Constitution shall be supplied annually to all members of the Association entitled to vote at the A.G.M.

**DISCIPLINARY POWERS, PROCEDURES AND APPEALS**

Any written complaint about behavior which could be considered as a Disciplinary Offence under England Netball’s Disciplinary Regulations should be sent to the Disciplinary Secretary and will be dealt with in accordance with the processes set out in England Netball’s Disciplinary Regulations in force from time to time.

Chairman’s Report  
  
Another difficult year has passed and we are slowly returning to some sort of normality with restrictions, however, we are now able to get back on court and compete which is something we all want to do.   If we all follow the guidelines, we should be able to continue our training and continue to play competitively once again. With the modified rules and awareness of not hanging around after matches adhered to we were able to play a couple of rounds of netball before it all came to a halt.

I have nothing but praise for all the officers that organise our County. Just to mention a few. From 2019 to present date I cannot even tell you how many different scenarios Maggie did to be ahead in trying to organise the league for your matches (It was always just in case we get the go ahead) but at least it was really pleasing to see how many of you just wanted to get back on court. Yvette keeping Club Secretaries informed and answering any concerns.  
Jane equally kept the umpires informed not just with helping umpires regarding the modified game but the new England umpiring levels which are to be done on line.  
Kaye in her first season organising the Junior League and at the end of the day had a reserve list if anyone dropped out.  
Although our Winter League had to be stopped due to COVID the suggestion of a Summer League was indeed very well supported.  
Cassandra as well as being our Vice Chair volunteered to be our COVID Officer and what a job that ended up to be but as time went on settled into the role so efficiently working alongside Redbridge.as well as England guidelines and all the officers passing information onto Shelley our Publicity Officer.  
It was good to hear that Back to Netball, Walking Netball and Netball Now started back up for membership and regular sessions being held.  
The committee has continued to meet - thank goodness for zoom - but we are hoping for an AGM at Redbridge this year.   
My last praise goes to you the members - athletes, umpires, and supporters. The words that come to mind are “Where there is a will there is a way” and we have all certainly shown that. I think it proves that teamwork wins at the end of the day. Well done everybody let’s hope that our next League adventure is even more back to ‘normal’.

Pat Meadows

**Treasurer’s Report**

Although our Income & Expenditure Account shows a surplus of £2,330.07 for the season, I still need to refund £1,700.00 of deposits at the end of the Summer League in July.

Not surprisingly, our membership fee income was reduced this season, but I hope that it will rise in the forthcoming year when we will be able to resume full netball activities.

Whilst I refunded clubs their indoor court costs for those games not completed in the 2019-2020 season, Redbridge have reimbursed us only half so far. We accepted this compromise knowing that we still have credit with them that will be used in forthcoming seasons.

England Netball is not planning to increase their membership fees for the forthcoming season but we are proposing a further decrease in the Essex Met fee as follows:

Total

18 and over £2.00 EN £36.00 LSER £1.00 £39.00

Under 18 £1.50 EN £16.30 £17.80

Under 14 £1.00 EN £8.55 £9.55

Under 12 £0.00 EN £5.30 £5.30

As I mentioned in my report last year, our maintenance agreement with Horizon ends on 31 August and Horizon as a company will no longer exist. Tracy Howe and I have spent many hours looking at alternative scheduling software, both the England Netball Competition Manager and the company that took over Horizon but neither has the complexity and ease of use of Horizon. We have, therefore, decided to continue to use Horizon until it doesn’t work anymore, uploading the results and schedules to our own website in Word or .pdf format. Obviously, this will not allow clubs to ‘drill down’ and select a particular team and its statistics but will show up to date information.

I take this opportunity to thank all my colleagues on the Executive Committee for their hard work during the pandemic in getting netball back on court, in particular Cassie Austin-McKenzie with regard to the Risk Assessments and Mitigation Plans. How she had time for her ‘real job’ I don’t know.

I sincerely hope that the 2021-2022 season runs successfully and without interruption!

Maggie Fuller

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Essex Metropolitan Netball Association

League Secretary’s Report

2020-2021

Ladies

What can I say about the 20/21 season!!!!

After much delay we managed a few games late in 2020, followed by yet another lock-down in December.

The Committee continued to monitor what was happening, both from England Netball and the government, and once there was an easing of the restrictions a decision was made to abandon the season, and invite those who were still willing to play the opportunity to consider a ‘summer’ league, running from May to July.

This came with several conditions from Redbridge Sports Centre, including no spectators, which I know has been hard for some players, but at least by adhering to the guidelines requested by Redbridge, the league so far seems to be going well.

It is unusual to be writing a report on the season when it has not yet been completed, but as this is ‘non-competitive’, I guess it doesn’t matter – no winners or losers to be promoted/relegated.

It looks like we won’t get back to ‘normal’ rules until the start of the 21/22 season, but I thank you all for adhering to the modified rules, enabling us to get some play whilst staying safe.

Please continue to adhere to the guidelines, including the requirement to use the NHS QR codes displayed at the entrance to the courts.

Let us hope that by the scheduled start of the new season, we will be free of restrictions, and able to play to normal rules.

Your Committee will continue to monitor the guidelines from the Government and England Netball, and keep you informed as necessary.

It just remains for me to say enjoy the summer break (when it comes), and hopefully we will have a full 2021-2022 season.

Yvette Hurley

League Secretary

Results Secretary

End of Season Report

20/21

I’m not sure we had much of a season as we started in October 2020 only for us to be curtailed in December. We finally got going again in May 21 for a summer league. This has not finished yet as I send my report but hopefully, we can at least finish this one without any more delay.

It certainly has been a different season with no signatures to check, so my checking time has been lessened to say the least. This I am sure will change for the coming season.

Well, onwards and upwards for 21/22 and hope all teams return bigger, better and raring to go.

Although I am on the committee, I want to thank everyone on it who worked tirelessly to get the leagues going.

Regards

Tracy Howe

Results Secretary

**Essex Met Junior League 2020 / 2021 + Essex Met Junior Summer League 2020 / 2021**

Well, who would have thought we would be brought to a halt by Covid 19. After a stop start lockdown we finally played four fixture dates in October and December before the league came to an end.

Initially, the thought of taking over the Junior League from the legendary Ian Smith was a little daunting and certainly a challenge. However, I got to work and finally managed to put together a schedule. I sent it to Ian Smith for him to take a look and thank goodness it was met with his approval. I was dreading I had made some mistakes, but all was good.

Thank you to Jane Kelloe for helping to put together the Modified Junior League Rules.

Along came the idea for a summer league and back to the drawing board we went. Would clubs welcome the idea of a summer league or not? We had a fantastic response and ended up with a waiting list. The league also looks forward to welcoming back clubs that chose not to play in the summer league.

I have enjoyed running the league and getting to know clubs and players. The support from clubs and spectators around the courts has been a positive one. The introduction of spectators having to remain outside the courts has been welcomed by clubs and officials. Players, coaches and officials safety has always remained top priority. Clubs have continued to support the league by reminding their parents to remain outside the courts.

Junior League is the perfect place to start for anyone interested in the Officiating Pathway. We welcome umpires on this journey and are committed to supporting them.

I’d like to thank everyone involved in the league this year for their continued support.

Kaye Cornwall

Junior League Secretary



**County Officiating Lead’s Report**

I’m sure that this won’t be the only report to comment on how different this last year has been, but the first difference is the change in title-from County Umpiring Secretary to County Officiating Lead. This was initiated by England Netball, to reflect the changes in the role of the County Umpiring Secretary following the changes to the Officiating Pathway detailed later in my report. A similar change has been made for the role of Regional Umpiring Secretary, now known as Regional Officiating Lead.

All assessments, pre-assessments and courses have been suspended since March 2020 and only the modified game has been able to be played since Autumn 2020-a learning curve for players and umpires alike! Assessments and pre-assessments are scheduled to be available from September 2021 with the return of “traditional” netball and England Netball (EN) begun delivering online courses in March 2021.

A more significant difference for learners who want to become umpires or progress as umpires are the changes to the Officiating Pathway introduced by EN earlier this year. A summary of the changes is:-

* The Into Officiating Award will become the **mandatory** first step for all new learners. Learners must attend an Into Officiating course and pass the Into Officiating Practical Assessment before moving on to a C Award course.

Learners who have already attended a C Award course but haven’t yet passed the C Award Written Paper and/or the C Award Practical Pre-assessment will **not** need to pass the Into Officiating Practical Assessment before progressing with their C Award.

* The C Award Written Paper will be taken online: the cost will be £10. All administration of the C Award Written Paper will be managed by Netball Europe.
* Into Officiating and C Award courses will be delivered online: B Award courses will be a blend of online learning and a practical session. Counties will be responsible for organising practical sessions for learners who have attended an Into Officiating or C Award course. All course bookings will be managed by EN online and all learners will need full EN membership to book a course online.

**Course content/cost**

* Into Officiating courses will comprise of two 2-hour interactive virtual sessions delivered via Zoom. Learners will each receive a hard copy resource, a whistle and a rule book prior to the course. The cost of the course will be £40 per learner.

* C Award courses will comprise of two 1 ½ hour interactive virtual sessions delivered via Zoom. Each learner will receive an electronic resource to support the course delivery. Once the virtual course is completed, the learner will be invited to take their C Award Written Paper online. The cost of the course (including one attempt at the C Award Written Paper – usually an additional £10) will be £45 per learner.

* B Award courses will have a blended approach and will comprise of two 1 ½ hour interactive virtual sessions delivered via Zoom and will be followed up by a 2-hour practical session (delivered face to face). Each learner will receive an electronic resource to support the course delivery. The cost of the course will be £60 per learner.

**Timing of EN roll-out plan**

**Into Officiating courses**

Following the delivery of the pilot courses at the end of March, Into Officiating courses were made available on the EN course finder on 6 May and quickly sold out. More courses are scheduled to be made available in July.

**C Award courses**

These courses were scheduled to commence at the end of May, but this is now likely to be June.

**Online C Award Written Paper**

The online Written Paper is now available. A copy of the Application Form and an accompanying Guide are on our website.

**B Award courses**

These courses are (subject to the Government’s national roadmap being implemented as planned) scheduled to commence in July.

**Extension of the England Netball and Netball Europe Officiating Awards**

A further extension has been confirmed for learners on the Officiating Pathway-22 months from the original expiry date for learners who have passed their Written Paper and an extension for those waiting for an assessment. I have contacted all affected learners direct to confirm their specific situation.

**County/Regional support**

Essex Met and L&SER remain committed to the development of umpires and will continue to provide mentoring to learner umpires as they progress along the Officiating Pathway. I am delighted that the Executive Committee have agreed to extend our mentoring scheme to learner umpires working towards their Into Officiating Award. We will also provide/facilitate opportunities for practical experience for learners following attendance at Into Officiating or C Award courses.

Given the centralised management of bookings by EN, Essex Met will not be able to continue to subsidise course costs by reducing costs to its learners: however, we will explore other options for financial support, including offering a bursary/grant to eligible learners. The Officiating Funding Application Form is available on our website.

**Contact**

Please contact me if you have any queries or would like any further information. As always, I am available to support our umpires, without whom the game can’t take place.

Jane Kelloe

County Officiating Lead

**Essex Met County Academies- Head Coach Report – Michelle Cox**



2020/2021 Season has now come to an end and this year has been a particularly difficult one, due to many unforeseen circumstances. Covid-19 has brought many challenges to netball

It has been great to see Netball back on the TV and Youtube so that we can watch and engage with the Superleague Franchises.

Essex Met County is the first step on the England Netball pathway, creating opportunities for athletes to work on their individual fitness, ball skills and game management. For under 13s training it is about training to train and not necessary playing in positions that they would play in school or club. It is about understanding all positions on the netball court and to be able to play in more than one position.

Essex Met would like to start back in late September 2021 for trials, so please keep a look out for more information.

More details regarding the 2021/2022 season will appear very soon on the Essex Met website. <http://www.essexmet.co.uk/essexnetball/>

I would like to express my thanks to Tracy Howe our County Academy manager who has really supported the Academy behind the scenes with all the administration tasks and answering emails. I would like to thank London Pulse for giving us the opportunity to be in partnership with their talent pathway for the next season. I would like to thank all the Essex Met committee members in support the Essex County Netball talent pathway and thanks to Maggie Fuller for your finance work behind the scenes.

I hope next season will bring us all together again playing the game we are missing so much right now

Yours in Sport

Head Coach

Michelle Cox

Essex Met Netball - 2020/2021 Season:

Coaching and Development Report

**The Essex Metropolitan Netball Association clubs and coaches have held up well under these challenging times. The opportunity to deliver structured coaching sessions have been challenging, but it has been great to see the number of coaches back on the court delivering engaging and exciting sessions once again.**

UKCC Coaching Courses

**April 2021 was the start of round one of the England Netball UKCC Level 2 and Level 1 coaching courses. It is great news that some of the Essex Met coaches have been able to access these sessions with the new delivery and blended format. Level 2 courses were launched May 2021 and courses continue to sell out within 24 hours.**

**Level 1 course information - There are 3 virtual sessions of 2 ½ hours and a professional discussion of 1 hour. Learners will also need to practice a coaching session in their own coaching environment between the third virtual session and the professional discussion.**

Level 2 course information - The course delivery is spread over 3 months. The course consists of 3 virtual sessions of 3 hours spread over three different dates. There are 2 days of face to face delivery and 1 virtual professional discussion on a different date, lasting for an hour.

Level 3 course information **-** The course consists of 3 days’ worth of virtual delivery and 3 days of face to face delivery, which normally take place over a 3-month period.

UKCC Coaching Bursary

**The Essex Met coaching bursary continues to be available to individuals and clubs who meet the funding criteria. Essex Met will pay a percentage towards coaches attending and completing their UKCC Level 1,2 and 3 coaching award and Walking Netball coaching course. We encourage coaches to secure external funding towards their qualification to support their bursary application.**

Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

**The following workshops have been organised in Essex Met to continue supporting our coaches. If anyone has a specific request, please contact me to make an enquiry.**

* *Emergency First Aid Course (LB Barking & Dagenham, face to face) – 13/03/2021*
* *Safeguarding and Protecting Children (online classroom) – 14/07/2021*
* *Coaching fundamentals – tbc*

**For further information or support before, during or after attending a UKCC course and to be added to the Essex Met coaching database for news and updates, please contact me at** [**development@essexmet.co.uk**](mailto:development@essexmet.co.uk)

**Bisi Owolabi**

Essex Met Netball - 2020/2021 Season Reports

Lead COVID Officer

**The introduction of the new Lead COVID Officer role kicked off to a hectic start, creating both a Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan for Essex Metropolitan League (“EM”). Information was obtained from Redbridge Sports and Leisure centre (“RSL”), the central venue providers, in conjunction with RSL published Netball Risk Assessment.**

**AENA Restart Guide and Netball Roadmap were reflected in the initial and subsequent updates to both EM Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan. Both are reviewed on a monthly basis, updating any progress on the Roadmap as advised by EN. Documents have been published on EM website along with respective roadmap Addendums.**

**The reviews of the draft initial Risk Assessment and subsequent Mitigation Plan, were carried out by me with the support of EM Committee members, for which I appreciate the valued impact to a mammoth task. We collectively agreed and had both key documents in place prior to the start of the Winter Season. All information, including QR code, Match Protocols and relevant useful COVID related information were uploaded to a dedicated COVID location on the EM website. The respective Senior and Junior League Secretaries shared all relevant information to club secretaries. I also communicated specific COVID information, to all club safeguarding officers and COVID officers, providing support and sign posting to key EN or EM online information. Both Risk Assessment and Mitigation plan documents continue to be reviewed monthly.**

**We commenced a Summer Season on 8th May 2021, following the COVID restrictions and guidelines which remained in place. Highlighted changes in guidelines were republished on EM website.**

**Thanks for the support of everyone on the Committee, who helped to achieve this.**

Cassie

10 June 2021

L&SE Region Equality Diversity & Inclusion Working Group

**The working group was created in January 2021, chaired by RMB’s ED&I officer, Katrina-May Kwan. The introduction and focus of the group is to support the Regional TSGs, Counties and Clubs in two key areas, Education and Awareness theme to ensure all grassroots participants feel represented and included in regional netball activity. The second is to support developing internal L&SE Board practices to enhance our regional organisation’s implementation and performance of the desired D&I activities. Areas for consideration for D&I influence are, facilitators, coaches, officials, volunteers; to be mindful of when developing programs/policies, delivering training or umpiring a game, to identify any inhibitors to participation.**

**The L&SE Board have approved the strategy of the working group. A number of activities and promotions have been rolled out, using regional and local media platforms. Most projects are at the planning and collating information stages, while some projects have initial introduction pilot dates. The current projects are:**

**Court Short Box**

**Elite Player Programme**

**London Pulse Umpiring**

**Mental Health Awareness**

**Met Police Project:**

**I am personally involved in the MET project and the “Netball Experience Day” in partnership with the London Metropolitan Young Engagement Officers, is aimed at young people identified as on the cusp of a pattern of unsociable behaviour. 20 young people have been invited to attend the Event, which will be held on Saturday 19th June. If successful feedback is received, there are plans to roll the pilot out within the Region.**

Cassie

10 June 2021

**ESSEX MET COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

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**AGM England Netball Development Officers Report**

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**England Netball Updates**

I wanted to start and say a big thank you for all the support you have given me and England Netball over the past year. The Rise Again campaign which launched in July 2020 saw 90% of Essex Met members renew their membership, which we are very grateful for.

EN Roadmaps/Stages and Modified Rules were put into place in order for us to get back on the court again. I understand the modified rules at times were challenging but it was just great to see how players and officials have taken them on board.

After a challenging year for all leagues and clubs we were delighted to get most teams/clubs back on the court in October but unfortunately this was cut short again and the decision to cancel the league was made. Although it was great to see that Essex Met Committee decided to put a Summer League on from May which has been a great success

I was furloughed from May to September 2020 and then again part furloughed in January. I was so pleased to be back in March and determind to get Netball back in the community as soon as possible.

VNSL – We were all delighted to see the Super League clubs back in action In February with all games being shown either on Sky or You Tube

**England Plans for the future**

* Commonwealth Games Birmingham 2020 – The full event schedule has been released and tickets will be going on sale soon

**Caps**

The Club Action Planning Scheme (CAPS) is a programme designed to captivate you and your netball club. It aims to support you deliver a quality netball development programme and operate in line with best practice.

If your club is interested in being CAPS accredited please get in touch

**Junior**

We have previously supported the school games officers but after a very unusual year these events were postponed.

**Bee Netball**

Bee Netball a programme for under 11’s was launched in 2019, with many schools and clubs registering for information. It is an exciting programme for girls and boys.

From September 2021 we are looking to run more workshops for teachers and coaches. Also to provide coaching in local schools with the plan to provide community sessions and feeder into local clubs.

**Community Netball**

It has been great to get the community sessions back up and running again after the past year. All the ladies have been so pleased to get back on court and have really missed it. All covid procedures and protocols including playing by the modified rules have been adhered to. Here are the sessions we have running currently:-

**Netball Now**

Netball now is a ‘pay & play’ type programme whereby individuals can just turn up on an evening and simply play a netball match. It has been very successful in the past and filling the gap whilst clubs aren’t training over the summer.

I have been delighted to arrange this session again since April 21 and it continues to be very successful sessions. We have a wide range of ages and abilities who come to the session, many ladies haven’t played for years but also club players who just want to play more Netball. It’s a very friendly and fun session. If you haven’t seen it please check out England Netball Facebook page for an excellent video from the Tuesday Session

Redbridge – Tuesday 7.30pm to 8.30pm

**Back to Netball**

Back to Netball continues to be successful in Essex Met and sessions started again in April.

Noak Hill Leisure Centre – Tuesday 7pm

Redbridge Sports Centre – Tuesday 7.30pm

Forest High School – Tuesday 7pm

**Walking Netball**

Walking Netball continues to be successful in Essex Met and sessions started in May.

Redbridge – Jean Brown – Friday 10am

Harrow Lodge (Hornchurch) Leisure Centre – Starting Monday 28th June 11am

If you have any queries or would like any further information about the work completed or want to develop an area of netball in the county further, then please contact me on [kirsty.herbert@englandnetball.co.uk](mailto:kirsty.herbert@englandnetball.co.uk) or 07738 696858

Thank you again for all your support.

**Kind regards**

**Kirsty Herbert**

**ESSEX MET COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION AGM**

Communications Officer Report

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| Image result for website icon | **Website**  Essex Met Website is updated regularly with news, courses and background information.  Visit us: <http://www.essexmet.co.uk/>  We created a dedicated section relating to the pandemic, and this has been updated as and when we have had new information on revised guidelines, mitigation plans and returning to play. |
| *Image result for facebook page icon* | **Main Facebook ‘fan’ Page: Essex Met**  507 followers, up from 442 last season  <https://www.facebook.com/EssexMet/> |
| Image result for twitter icon | **Twitter: @EssexMet**  586 followers  <https://twitter.com/essexmet> |
| Image result for instagram logo | **Instagram: @netballinEssexMet**  529 followers (created & run by England Netball NDO)  <https://www.instagram.com/netballinessexmet/?hl=en> |

**General Information**

I have recently joined the London & South East Communications Working Group, which is aiming to build and improve the way we communicate across the region.

If you have a story or a suggestion to improve our channels – contact Shelley on: [scwyatt@sky.com](mailto:scwyatt@sky.com)