



## BADMINTON England Regional Officer SEPTEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to the Regional Officer Newsletter for Avon & Gloucestershire. September is nearly upon us, marking the start of a fresh Badminton season. I am looking forward to working with you all over the next year to develop the sport further in the area.

This newsletter will provide you with details of my work as well as any other news and information which I feel may be of interest to you. I would welcome any feedback you have so please contact me if you have any comments or ideas for future content.

**Community Badminton Networks** are now operating across Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, Gloucester and South Gloucestershire. If you are involved in badminton in one of these areas and want to find out more then please get in touch.

I am looking to set up a new network in North Somerset in the coming months and would be very interested to hear from you if you are interested in being involved.



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The South West Badminton England team are now on Twitter - Follow us for any information on badminton in the region and check here for news and updates! Follow us by clicking on the Twitter logo.



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### Higher Education Badminton Officers

Badminton England have teamed up with Universities across Avon and Gloucestershire to try to increase participation in badminton across university students and improve the communications with the local community. Part of the programme will include setting up No Strings badminton sessions, a fun and friendly way to play badminton. Officers are being implemented at the University of Bath, The University of the West of England and University of Gloucestershire.

### Successful Coach Bursary Programme

Badminton England have been supported by Wesport to develop their workforce across Avon, establishing more coaches who are available to coach during the day. The successful applicants are being put through a tailor made programme, designed to prepare them to become excellent 'participation coaches.' Congratulations to those who were successful - watch this space for news of the coaches programmes.

### Gloucestershire Media Sports Awards 2011

Gloucestershire Media has launched this year's search for the sporting greats of the county. During the next three months the search is on for the people in the sporting community of Gloucestershire who are really making a difference.

The Awards have been running for over 10 years, Gloucestershire Media taking over from Active Gloucestershire 3 years ago. The Awards remain a valued and prized and a key part of celebrating the rich and diverse nature of sport in Gloucestershire.

Start nominating by clicking [here](#)





## FACILITIES NEWS

### Hengrove Park Leisure Centre

Work on the £22.6 million sports and leisure facility is well underway at Hengrove Park, providing a massive boost to the quality of sports and swimming facilities in the south of Bristol. The facility will be an important community facility and is looking to develop links with clubs and individuals.

If you would like to find out more about badminton opportunities at Hengrove then please contact: Helen Condon, Sports development manager - [helen.condon@parkwood-Leisure.co.uk](mailto:helen.condon@parkwood-Leisure.co.uk)

### Facility Issues?

If you are facing difficulties due to facility issues (closures, reduced opening hours, increased costs, lack of access etc ) then please do get in contact with me so I can further understand your problems and try and offer support.

## CLUB & COACH DEVELOPMENT

### Club & Coach Development Support

As your Regional Officer, I am here to support you to develop and move forward if you so wish. I am available to provide advice on a number of things including; expansion and development plans, funding and facility issues.

If you wish to discuss any of the above then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

### Club Visits

If you would like to discuss your club development ideas with me I am available to visit your club to have these discussions with you and your club members.

### County Sports Partnership Courses

Your local County Sports Partnership can support both club and coach development, particularly through the development courses that they offer.

You can find more information about these courses and the work that they do by visiting their website.

[For Active Gloucestershire click here](#)

[For Wesport \(Avon area\) click here](#)

### Coaching Courses

If you are interested in becoming a coach or taking the next step on the coaching pathway then please get in contact and I can forward you details of up and coming courses or keep you informed of up and coming courses in the future.

### NEXT ISSUE...

Please get in contact if you have a news item that you wish to see included in the newsletter.

