



KENT NETBALL COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS AUGUST 2020

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AFFILIATION SECRETARY

Membership statistics June 2020:

Type	Total	Net Sales
O18	3069	£16,507.72
U18	659	£1,940.82
U14	953	£2,333.94
U11	556	£5.10
TOTAL	5237	£20,787.57

The figures above INCLUDE all the IRPs of Kent. However, we can still break that down further:

There are 47 IRPs in Kent:

Type	Total	Money Received
O18	40	£214.50
Social & Supporting	0	£0.00
U18	3	£9.00
U14	4	£10.00
TOTALS	47	£233.50

We have 259 active netball clubs within our membership. However, there are a small number of organisations who have registered as a club when in fact they are not – two obvious examples are Medway Junior Netball League and Folkestone Netball League. Both of these are clearly leagues who haven't set themselves up properly and appear to be enormous clubs with hundreds of members.

There are 250 Primary Schools, 85 Secondary schools and 1 University who are members of KNA.

Our year-on-year membership numbers will have suffered a drop in the 2019/20 season due to two principle factors:

1. Three of our leagues have their pathway season in summer and therefore with summer netball effectively being cancelled this year we didn't see the usual surge in numbers from March.
2. Because the Competition Management Tool wasn't ready in time, a large number of clubs have played individuals in leagues without them having become members. Most leagues did not check this and so it continued all the way through the season.

DOROTHY BRYAN
Affiliation Secretary

AFFILIATED LEAGUES / CLUBS TOURNAMENTS

This year has been unusual, but I would like to thank the leagues for being so adaptable in these unprecedented times. The report will be brief as we have missed much of the season. This year I focused a little more on working with leagues to find out what their needs are. This has led to additional umpiring courses and forums and assisting with smaller projects with individual leagues. I visited a few leagues and will be continuing this into the next year (circumstances provided). I am still looking for further ideas and how to work closely with leagues so please bear this in mind when we approach the new season and way of playing at the moment.

A clubs' tournament was planned for June but was cancelled due to Covid-19.

RHYS DAVID
Affiliated Leagues Secretary

COACHING SECRETARY

We updated the email structure for coaching updates to coaching network members this year – working around a number of themes including advertising upcoming local events, signposting to development opportunities and online resources coaches can use for their practice.

As part of this we included some themed emails around supporting disability athletes, dealing with mental health and developing unmissable sessions.

As netball activity began to cease moving into spring, we have kept coaches updated with the latest England Netball Guidance and signposted coaches to useful resources, not only to think about how training might be done remotely, but also to think about their own health and wellness in challenging times.

Looking forward to getting coaching going again into the new season!

KATIE DRAY
Umpiring Secretary

COUNTY SECRETARY

I have continued to type and file minutes. Most communication is carried out through email and falls under categories that appear elsewhere in this report.

DAWN COX
County Secretary

KENT COUNTY JUNIOR NETBALL LEAGUE

This year the County League expanded to include development leagues alongside the main leagues at U14 and U16 level. This meant more teams were able to participate in County competition, allowing even more of our talented Kent athletes to develop their matchplay skills. Large clubs were able to enter 'B' teams in the development leagues if there was space, and this certainly assisted with the development of players in those clubs who were perhaps U15 or U13 and in the Kent Academies but who had not made the "main" U16 and U14 squads.

County League

The main league was restricted to 8 teams per age group, and a qualifying tournament was held to determine who would participate. Each team in the main league played each other twice.

Of course, along with all netball, the season was cut short by COVID-19, although there was just one match day outstanding, so in total two matches were not played in the main league. The League used average goals scored for and against from all matches and from the previous meetings of the teams to calculate a weighted average predicted score for all the un-played matches. The final results tables were as follows:

U14 LEAGUE

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GF	GA	Avg	Points
Kent Club	14	14	0	0	486	157	3.10	70
Beacons	14	11	0	3	383	272	1.41	57
Telstars	14	8	0	6	385	276	1.39	53
CFX	14	8	1	5	297	329	0.90	45
Eclipse	14	4	1	9	232	275	0.84	32
Wealden	14	5	0	9	259	380	0.68	31
Breakaways	14	3	0	11	214	331	0.65	23
Raiders	14	0	0	14	200	436	0.46	11

U16 LEAGUE

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GF	GA	Avg	Points
Telstars	14	14	0	0	741	349	2.12	70
Kent Club	14	12	0	2	672	292	2.30	63
Beacons	14	9	1	4	443	405	1.09	51
Eclipse	14	7	1	6	434	469	0.93	42
Comets	14	7	0	7	510	565	0.90	40
Wealden	14	2	0	12	430	598	0.72	19
Breakaways	14	0	0	14	329	738	0.45	8
Raiders	14	3	0	11	349	492	0.71	4

Congratulations to Kent Club who won the U14 League without losing a match, and to Beacons who were runners-up.

In the U16s Telstars were worth winners, also not losing a match, and Kent Club were the runners-up.

County Development League

8 places were available for each age group, however we had six entrants in each. As this was the inaugural year, teams played each other once, and also had a couple of friendly fixtures.

Luckily the development leagues had completed all competitive league matches prior to the lockdown, and the final results were as follows:

U14 DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GF	GA	Avg	Points
Beacons B	5	5	0	0	138	53	2.60	25
Kent Club B	5	4	0	1	104	63	1.65	21
Pilgrims	5	3	0	2	61	70	0.87	16
Hornets	5	1	1	3	42	84	0.50	9
Macklins	5	1	0	4	57	85	0.67	8
Comets	5	0	1	4	52	99	0.53	5

U16 DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GF	GA	Avg	Points
Kent Club B	5	5	0	0	268	138	1.94	25
Macklins	5	3	1	1	211	197	1.07	19
Telstars B	5	2	2	1	208	176	1.18	17
Pilgrims	5	2	0	3	166	189	0.88	12
CFX	5	0	1	4	157	228	0.69	7
Comets B	5	1	0	4	146	228	0.64	7

Congratulations to Beacons B who were undefeated U14 development champions, and to runners-up Kent Club. Kent Club went one better in the U16s, also not losing a game to become inaugural U16 development champions, with Macklins well deserved runners-up.

Tournament

Unfortunately due to COVID it was not possible to host the tournament this year.

Star players

During the course of the season the coaches vote for their oppositions "player of the match" and we collate these throughout the year to see which players have the highest number of votes. A small token is awarded at the end of season tournament to recognise their achievements. Congratulations to the following:

U14 County League	Tami Fapohunda (KCNC) Freya Dunn (Wealden)	6 awards
U14 Development League	Anna Murphy (Comets)	4 awards
U16 County League	Princess Alagbala (Eclipse)	7 awards
U16 Development League	Lucy Barton (Macklins)	4 awards

Regional

In the U16 regional league Kent had three representatives, Telstars, Kent Club & Comets. Congratulations to Telstars who finished in second place and should have gone on to represent Kent and London & SE at the National Finals – unfortunately this event was another victim of the lockdown. Kent Club finished in third, and Comets in fourth.

The U14 regional tournament was also cancelled due to the pandemic.

Thanks to all the Clubs who participated in the league this year, and the extra volunteers who were needed to be able to put on the development league. Big thanks to all the umpires giving up their time on a Sunday and to everyone that helped with the smooth running of the league, especially my fellow committee members, David, Anita, Veronica and Lynne and to Chantal & Rhys for their assistance on the table.

KENT COUNTY SENIOR NETBALL LEAGUE

I would like to express my thanks to Joan Mills who has administered the registrations and results of the league since its inception. I am delighted that she will be continuing to offer her services for the coming year.

We held an excellent day of netball for all the clubs at Polo Farm in Canterbury on 12th January.

The league ran smoothly until lockdown due to the coronavirus, which left us unable to complete the league with one fixture left to play. In August it was decided that the league positions would be closed where they stood. This left us with Steel and Raiders winning their divisions. It was also agreed that there would not be play-offs for entry into the league in the coming season, but that the usual promotion/relegation should take place.

Congratulations to Steel who should have qualified for the Regional League play offs for 20/21 had they taken place.

It is hoped that the 20/21 season will start in November in line with Covid-19 compliance, potentially as a modified game.

Division 1

Team Name	Played	Won	Drawn	Loss	Goals Scored	Goals Against	Goals +/-	Points
Steel	9	7	0	2	481	386	95	37
Eclipse	9	6	0	3	454	353	101	34
Telstars	9	6	0	3	457	386	71	34
Wealden	9	6	0	3	391	365	26	34
KCNC	9	2	0	7	358	475	-117	16
Comets	9	0	0	9	362	538	-176	9

Division 2

Team Name	Played	Won	Drawn	Loss	Goals Scored	Goals Against	Goals +/-	Points
Raiders	9	9	0	0	432	292	140	45
Hornets	9	7	0	2	443	293	150	37
Sabina	9	5	0	4	340	332	8	29
Saracens	9	4	0	5	341	355	-14	25
Istead	9	2	0	7	347	383	-36	20
Macklins	9	0	0	9	243	491	-248	5
Raiders	9	9	0	0	432	292	140	45

DAWN COX
ADMIN ASSISTANT

KENT & SOUTH EAST LONDON NETBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

County Participation

During the 2019/20 financial year the county team has run the following programmes which has resulted in a total of 599 participants. The table below shows the total number of programmes run, participants engaged this financial year, which of those participants were new to netball (had not played the previous 12 months prior to joining) against the target for the financial year.

Figure 1: Programmes & Participants

Programme	Number of Programmes Delivered/Institutions Work With	Number of Participants	Number new to netball (if applicable)	New to netball target
Back to Netball	5	26	26	100
Back to Netball Festivals	0	0	0	0
Netball Now	1	0	0	35
University Netball Officers	3	225	153	100
Walking Netball	19	234	231	220
Other programmes: Bees, colleges, Netball Youth Camps	5	114	95	50

Programme highlights this year have included:

- Dartford 3-day NYC sold out
- Walking Netball continues to thrive in Kent & SE London
- Bee Netball launches in Lewisham

County Club Development & Membership

At May 2020 Kent had a total of 4,695 members – an enormous drop explained by the lack of summer membership especially over the three districts whose pathway seasons are in summer (Medway, Tonbridge, Ashford)

Last year I helped to form Marden NC. This year they entered Tonbridge NL and won their division in the maiden season

Figure 3: New clubs formed & CAPS accreditation

- 4 New junior clubs formed at MNL creating c.50 participants
- The KCJNL form an inaugural development league for established club B teams and aspiring county clubs.
- CAPS Club Reaccredited – Congratulations to Eclipse on their Gold reaccreditation
- 11 Clubs working towards CAPS

Education & Training

The following table shows the qualifications and courses run to date this financial year and the total number planned.

Figure 5: Education & training courses run and planned

Qualification/Course	Number Run In County	Location Course Run	Total Number Planned For 2020 until March 2021
UKCC Level 1	1	Medway	1
UKCC Level 2	1	Dartford	1
CPD Workshops	1	Dartford	1
Walking Netball Host Training	0	Cancelled (Medway) due to pandemic	1

Other Education and Training news and events to be aware of include:

- 29 x CSP courses all over Kent
- Sharp Shooting workshop successfully delivered in Dartford
- TTL course successfully delivered in Ashford

Partnerships Update & Other News

- 7 x WI WN groups formed
- LA meetings in Dover, Bexley, Bromley, Medway and Greenwich
- Continued positive FE engagement via the KCSSA charity
- Participant target 119% achieved
- New to Netball participant target 100% achieved
- Profit target 116% achieved

Forward Plans, Dates & Priorities for NDO

- Goalden Globes tbc
- 11 x CAPS clubs in progress
- ENgage training always available directly from me

Regional Staff contacts

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Netball Development Community Coach	No longer a post	N/A	N/A

Phill Harvey Development Manager

SCHOOLS

A total number of 50 schools entered our tournaments in 2018-19 as opposed to 53 in 2018-19.

The numbers eventually participating on the day (as opposed to entering) were slightly up on last year and were:

U19 = 31 schools; U16 = 34 schools; U14 = 34 schools; U13 = 37 schools were planned on the schedule, but the day did not go ahead due to the coronavirus; U12 = 33 schools were booked in but no plans were made.

National Schools

We held a finals day for U19, U16 and U14. U13 and U12 competitions were completed on the day. This year the results were as follows:

FINALS				
	U19	U16	U14	
1	Hayes School	Tonbridge Grammar School	Tonbridge Grammar School	
2	Tonbridge Grammar School	Benenden School	Newstead Wood School for Girls	
3	Sevenoaks School	Rochester Grammar School (The)	Benenden School	
4	Benenden School	Newstead Wood School for Girls	Sevenoaks School	
5	Highworth Grammar School for Girls	Langley Park School for Girls	Wilmington Grammar School for Girls (The)	
6	Beech Grove Academy	Bromley High School	Sydenham High School	
7	Rainham Mark Grammar School	Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School	Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School	
8	Sutton Valence School	Colfe's School	Bromley High School	

Regional Schools

Those in yellow above qualified for the regional round of the competition and the results were:

U19 – Hayes 6th, Tonbridge 7th

U16 – Tonbridge 5th, Benenden 8th

U14 – Tonbridge 5th, Newstead Wood 6th.

	U13	U12
	Cancelled due to Covid-19	Cancelled due to Covid-19

Invitation and Emerging Schools Tournaments.

Cancelled due to Covid-19 before entries closed.

DAWN COX Schools Secretary – position vacant

NEW EN PERFORMANCE PATHWAY

Kent Netball Programme has survived what can only be described as an exceedingly difficult year for all concerned both on and off the court.

The completely changed Netball structure as we were led to believe following the EN County Survey in that the counties would be responsible for the development of u13s and u15s only across the country, didn't actually happen as the franchises still continued to advertise and hold trials for their hubs for ALL AGE GROUPS!!

ROSES NATIONAL ACADEMY
U19S
U17S
U15 ACADEMIES
U13 ACADEMIES

However, this did not deter Kent Netball from delivering a good solid performance programme.

We offered our athletes as over the past few years an "ahead of the game" programme which worked very well. Kent netball have been again extremely successful in getting our Kent athletes into the Franchise Hub programmes – u15s /u16s/u17s, National Performance League Squads (U17s U19s & u21s) and indeed increased our EN Rose Academies representation.

I am pleased to report that again a large number of Kent Athletes were selected into the franchise hub structure for 2019-20 season with various franchise training hubs spread wide across the county and region and for which many have represented their respective franchises at the National Performance League for u19s, U21s. I am afraid due to the franchises not wishing to share their hub / athlete numbers and county representation we are not exactly sure of the total of Kent athletes that have been selected to represent London Pulse, Mavericks & Surrey Storm. Based on our own information there was an increase on last year's figures, which is good news.

The NPL 4-day event @ Nottingham University was cancelled this year along with so many other events due to the COVID Pandemic, which was a huge disappointment to all concerned.

Let us hope we see many more Kent Athletes breaking into the EN Rose Academy structure for 2020-21.

Full details of the EN Performance Structure can be found on the EN Website.

Kent Academy Programme

As planned Kent Netball completed the 2019-20 trials for u13s & u15s, and subsequently the Kent Netball Academies was of the same. The potential demonstrated by the athletes certainly bodes well for a very bright future for us all. It is now up to us now as a coaching team to ensure that we work hard together and prepare the selected athletes for this new pathway.



As usual Kent Netball held its Academy Trials in May/June 2020 at Aylesford RFC. for the u13s & u15s.

Athletes were nominated by their club or school to attend the new age banded trials 160+ players attended the U13 trials, while 120+ attended the U15 trials. From these initial trials, athletes were selected to attend the final assessment day before being selected into the Academy programme.

Performance Coaching team for Kent Academy 2019-20 programme were:

- U15 Potential / Performance Academy @ NKC - Anita, Janet & Natalie*
- U15 Academy @ Bromley High - Marlene & Teresa*
- U15 Academy @ Maidstone Grmr - Katie D & Phil*
- U13 Potential Academy @ DSTC - Candice & Michelle*
- U13 Academy @ Maidstone Grmr - Sarah & Lynne*
- U13 Academy @ Colfes - Sam & Andrea*
- Reserve Coaches: Liz & Natalie R*

The Academy programme ran from September 2019 to March 2020 at 6 venues across the county with 40 hours of coaching for U13 athletes and 44 hours of coaching for U15 athletes

In March 2020 we saw the Kent Netball Academy athletes & coaches front a huge disappointment as on the very week of the Regional/ County Festival England Netball called a halt to all Netball Activities due the pandemic and "Lockdown" begun – rather an abrupt end to what had been a really good season.

EN Roses Academy

This year nominations to National Academy were made via the Franchise NPL squads (Pulse / Storm & Mavericks) throughout the NPL League. However, the England Roses National Academy trials for 2020-21 in July/August were postponed due to the pandemic and have been rescheduled for October 2020 – we are embargoed to announce who the Kent trialists are! We wish them all the best of luck in October.

We are delighted to announce that Olivia Tchine & Bethany Ecuyer- Dale have been selected to train as England Future Roses one step closer to that coveted England Senior dress – Congratulations on their achievements we wish them both all the best of luck.

Finally, we would like to thank the committee for supporting the Academies and would particularly like to thank all the coaches and selectors who have been involved in the 2019-21 programme.

Anita Hollman
Kent Performance Manager

Natalie Beckett
Academy Co-ordinator



UMPIRING SECRETARY

Kent officiating was on the way to achieve a high number of successes when netball was suspended due to Covid-19. From September 2019 until netball was suspended from 17th March 2020, Kent Netball gained 2 new B award umpires, 13 new C award umpires and 10 new umpires with the 'Into Officiating' qualification. In addition, 6 learners to B award and 6 learners to C award have all passed their pre-assessments and was just waiting for an actual assessment date when netball was put on hold.

I have been encouraged by the number of learners looking to progress to their C award and our course conversion rate has been on the increase. In addition to those that have already passed their pre-assessments, there is currently a further 20 learners to C award and 3 to B award currently being mentored.

Sadly, all Kent officiating courses scheduled between April to July were cancelled and these have not been able to be re-arranged.

Once netball is given the go ahead, I am hopeful we can resume with the successes of the mentoring system and that all cancelled courses will be re-scheduled as soon as possible. I am also looking to plan some new officiating refresher courses for qualified umpires that have held their awards for several years.

KEELEY SMITH
Umpiring Secretary

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

I have spent this year much like the last. My tasks have included:

- Website maintenance, photo slide shows etc, overhaul of structure. Creating of media clips. New online applications for everything.
- Booking and managing umpiring courses
- Planning and delivering schools tournaments, including developing MS Excel based league tables to display live scoring online during the day.
- Admin for Senior County League, including delivery of play-offs in June 2019
- Issuing invoices, checking payments
- Managing PayPal transfers to main account
- Providing administrative assistance to committee members
- Ordering trophies/rule books
- Maintaining contact lists
- Circulating information / emails
- Answering endless random emails
- Organising awards process
- Nominating for awards
- Keeping an eye on social media
- Grants
- DBS verification
- Writing tributes
- Injuries
- Updating umpire course and candidate passes database
- Organising Christmas meal (AKA December meeting)
- Organised Net-acular
- During lockdown my time was spent re-writing governance documents and learning to use the new EN website offer and keeping in touch.

DAWN COX
Admin Assistant