

NBA Development Officer's Report 2017/2018

The Greater Nottingham Badminton Network has successfully supported a number of programmes in Nottinghamshire in the past year. With Paul Adcock as Chair, a number of programmes have been progressed, especially Badminton England's "Racket Pack" programme for badminton delivery in primary schools. In addition to the schools that pay for this service, we have, through our partnership manager at Badminton England, Halima Khan, obtained significant funding from Badminton England to launch taster sessions in a series of primary schools supported by their local junior badminton clubs. This is a two year programme. A grant has also been obtained to help senior clubs increase membership but the response from clubs has been disappointing. Through our links with our partners who include, Badminton England, University of Nottingham, Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham City Council, Active Nottinghamshire, Nottinghamshire Outlaws YMCA, Springs Badminton, Newark and Sherwood District Council and Mansfield District Council, we have been able to deliver the following additional programmes:-

In the City, our connection with the "Why Nott" programme; curriculum badminton coaching and after school clubs have continued in a few schools with the lead support of Neil White. Bookings are already being taken from schools for 2018/2019.

At the start of the year the Nottinghamshire School Games Organisers decided not to include badminton in the School Games programme. This was a shock and initially it was doubted that the competition would continue in the County, however several districts held their own competition and thanks to the help of Simon Mitchell, the School Games Organiser based at Joseph Whitaker School, we were able to run a county final at both KS3 and KS4 for 13 teams. Therefore we were able to provide full representation at the Regional final, with Outwood Academy Valley progressing to the National final in Milton Keynes. We are lobbying hard for the competition to be reinstated in the Nottinghamshire School Games in 2018/2019.

A new junior club has been established at Joseph Whitaker School and in spite of some initial teething problems, is gradually becoming established under coach, Matt Stacey.

A stronger connection between Nottinghamshire Junior Badminton Association and Nottinghamshire Badminton Association has been established which will benefit both parties.

Following successful level 1 and level 2 coaching courses held at Joseph Whitaker School in May and June, there appears to be sufficient demand to repeat both courses in September and Nottingham University and Nottingham Trent University have kindly offered to host these. If you have any candidates for either course, please check the Badminton England website for details. These are likely to be the only coaching courses in Nottinghamshire during next season.

Finally the significant progress being made is in no small part due to the enthusiasm and commitment of Paul Adcock who gives up a tremendous amount of his time to the benefit of badminton in Nottinghamshire.

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