



**NORTH WEST
HOCKEY**

NORTH WEST HOCKEY LTD AGM

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CANDIDATE LEAFLET

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DIRECTORS

The directors who have held office but received no remuneration during the period from 1 May 2025 to the date of this report are as follows:

Mr C J Reece - Chair - appointed 2 June 2021 Mr N H Riley - Finance - appointed 2 June 2021
Ms S Everett - Vice Chair - appointed 20 August 2024 Mrs W A McDowall - Operations -
appointed 7 July 2022 Ms L M Bleasdale - Governance - appointed 21 March 2023

In Accordance with the Articles of Association, two directors have to offer themselves for election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. However, in this instance, Mr C J Reece and Mr N H Riley are resigning from their roles leaving the two positions to be filled at the forthcoming AGM.

Brief Role Descriptions

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair

To provide vision, leadership and business planning to lead and develop all aspects of the Area, from playing and development to running the administration and fundraising. Ensuring that support for succession planning is in place, for the benefit of all.

AREA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chair Adult Competitions & Leagues

To provide vision, leadership and strategic planning in all aspects of the Area Adult League & Competition in line with England Hockey guidelines. To oversee the Area Adult League & Competition committee ensuring delivery and monitoring of a robust adult league and competition programme, with a high level of customer satisfaction.

Chair Junior Competitions & Leagues

To provide vision, leadership and strategic planning to help develop all aspects of Junior Competitions across the Area in line with the England Hockey Junior Competitions Framework. To oversee the Junior Competition committee ensuring partnership working between EH, the Area and sub-areas to deliver a robust programme, for the benefit of all.

Chair Officiating

To provide vision, leadership and strategic planning in all aspects of North West Officiating, in line with the England Hockey guidelines. To oversee the Officiating Committee to ensure delivery of umpire development through development pathways to umpires at all levels, with a high level of customer satisfaction. Providing that important link between Officiating and the rest of the game.

NB: There is a different process in place for the Officiating Chair, as set in the Area Articles of Association and the EHO Regulations.

Chair of the Board:

David Ellcock

As a well-established member of the England Hockey community, with many years' experience as an umpire and technical official at the highest levels of our game, I am keen to give something back to the Area that has supported me since my first tentative steps as an umpire in the 1980s.

I am not a member of any club in the Area and so I will be able to act with complete neutrality as your Chair, addressing issues with integrity and a sense of fair play.

My time as a manager in the NHS and as a Listening Volunteer with the Samaritans mean that I have exemplary listening skills and am able to work with people from a variety of backgrounds.

I am probably best known in hockey circles as “the guy who knows the rules”. I am also always keen to ensure that the rules are upheld in other aspects of my life, but in a way that means we get the best results that we possibly can within the broad regulatory framework in which we operate.

It would be an honour to be elected as Chair of the NW Area of England Hockey.



Candidates for Chair of Committee Roles

Adult League and Competitions

John Dixon

Two years' experience undertaking role building relationships with key stakeholder I have been undertaking the role for two years building relationships with key stakeholders. Driving forward with key changes driven nationally via the areas. Dealing with challenges presented in an empathetic manner taking into account key factors and evidence.



Junior Competitions and Leagues

Charles jackman

I have already been heavily committed to Lancashire HA, my Club (Garstang) and NW junior Hockey via my chair, committee and tournament development roles. I have the hockey and broader experience to manage activities in support of young people with care and to deliver change in an inclusive manner. In Lancashire and beyond I am well known to Clubs and Coaches. My passion for hockey is constantly reinforced by the numbers of youngsters who recognise me at events and say hello to me.



Relevant hockey experience

- Current Chair NW Hockey Junior Committee (since December 2025)
- Former Chair of Garstang HC for 12 years.
- Member of Lancs HA Committee for 10 years.
- Led post COVID development for Lancs North Junior League 2021 - September 2025. Ran a number of junior tournaments as TD pre-Covid and went on to run 63 Lancs Junior Tournaments and 18 NW tournaments post COVID.
- I have coached senior and Junior hockey goal keepers for nearly 20 years with numerous county junior keepers and some north keepers over the years. I specialise in Hockey Safety and write Risk Assessments for my Club, Lancashire and North West.
- I am currently coaching junior keepers twice a week at Rossall School.
- I am a qualified Hockey Coach and Umpire

Officiating

Chris Reece

Level 2 Premier Panel Umpire many years, umpired at club, County and Regional level, previous Secretary and Chair NHUA, also previous president and Chair NWHUA.

I have served on the North West officiating committee since inception in 2020, represented NW Officiating on the England Hockey Officiating Working Group (OWG) for the past 2 seasons giving me a strong understanding and insight of the challenges at Area and National level and the development of the new Officiating Pathway.

Also served as Chair of NW Hockey (2020 - 2026) bringing the knowledge and understanding of the wider NW Hockey Strategy and the key role officiating plays in how we develop, grow and support our clubs and EHO members. I also have good relationships across our clubs in the NW through my previous roles, officiating and from NW Hockey Clubs Forums.

I understand the requirements for the role both from an officiating perspective but also the wider NW Hockey perspective and that of our clubs and members.



- Lead the AOC and develop strategies to support the growth and development of Officials at all levels in the North West and shape, input and deliver the Officiating elements of the overall NW Hockey Strategy working with the other NW chairs and management team, board, clubs and members.
- Work closely with England Hockey Officiating Working Group (OWG) in the roll out and implementation of the New Officiating Pathway to our clubs and officials across the NW including engagement and communications to ensure all our clubs and officials understand the new framework and working with them to support the roll out and embedding the new framework.
- Mobilise the new NWO Committee and engage the team to agree key priorities for 2026/27 to ensure
- We have individually and as a team, have clarity across all roles and responsibilities to deliver our key operational activities to ensure we support the hockey across the NW area including appointments; development (adults and juniors), technical officiating, coaching and support

Improve engagement and communications to support members, clubs and officials including deliver a minimum of Umpire Forums F2F and online each season

Deliver specific initiatives as part of the NW Hockey Strategy including developing and implementing a project to encourage, attract and support more Female's to pick up a whistle