



## Welcome to the November 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to the South Central Hockey November Newsletter.

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## News Stories

We love to see your news and are happy to publish your match reports and other issues your want help getting wider support for.

To do that please do contact the Operations Director who will help you publish on the website and social media outlets.

[operations@southcentral.hockey](mailto:operations@southcentral.hockey)

As a reminder, in order for us to help you we would like to remind you all to please keep all your contact details up-to-date on [GMS](#) and for those who are committee members though the [England Hockey Club portal](#). It is this method that allows us to communicate information to you.

## Finance/Treasurers

Thank you to all the club Finance and Treasurer people who are doing a wonderful job keeping your clubs on a financially even keel this season. We know how difficult this is especially if you are in a new role this year.

We have sent out membership invoices to all the addresses we have for your club and hope they have been received. However 16 clubs in the area have now missed the deadline of the 18th October to make their payments. This can be for a number of reasons, often this could be we have not got the correct contact.

It would be helpful if you could send your club & email address to [finance@southcentral.hockey](mailto:finance@southcentral.hockey) for clarity.

Treasurers please do check your mailboxes for our invoices and make the membership payment (if you have not already done so).

Thank you.



## Junior Section

### NATIONAL HOCKEY FUND FOR STATE SCHOOLS - FIRST PRIMARY FESTIVAL IN SOUTH CENTRAL



Newbury & Thatcham HC in partnership with the School Games Organiser (SGO) for Park House delivered their first Primary Hockey Skills Festival as part of the new England Hockey initiative linked to the Membership Model. The festival held on Tuesday 14 October at the home of Newbury & Thatcham HC, Henwick Worthy was a fantastic success.

A resounding success with 14 schools attending with over 100 young players participating! The Skills Stations were delivered by Young Leaders from the clubs U16 girls' team and supported by senior playing members. Well done Newbury & Thatcham a great start to your extensive state school programme.



The children were really engaged, with lots of smiling faces and they loved the competition element of scoring points. Most of the players were trying hockey for the first time. The club have already received enquiries from parents saying their child wants to come along to try the Sunday morning minis sessions!

## Umpire Development



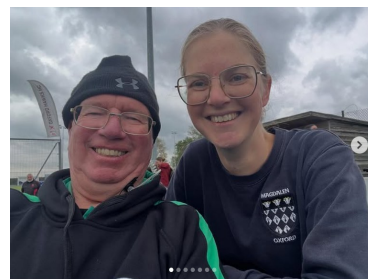
The umpire development team in the shape of Steve Godwin where in evidence in the City of Oxford on 18th October. Steve later posted on Instagram:

The [@southcentralhockey](#) community is growing in numbers and cohesion. Working together to support hockey and to develop skills and friendships.

Some of the lovely people I met and worked with at [@oxfordhawks](#) [@oxforduniversityhc](#) on Saturday and on our regular "Monday Mixer" Zoom session last night.

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## Adult Leagues

A new feature for season the 2025-26 has been added to our website.

It relies on clubs completing their match sheets and loading onto GMS promptly.

This feature records the leagues top scorers. At this stage of the season even if the player has two goals they appear on the leader board, but this undoubtedly will change as each week passes.



The eagle eyed amongst you will notice there are a number of 'Name Withheld' recording good scores. Anyone wish to have their moment in the sun can change their personal setting on GMS to be listed here. It is a personal choice.



At the time of going to press the leaders are:

### Open/Men's Leagues

Dan Birch	Fareham HC	12
Ben Kirk	Witney HC	11
Scott Sandle	Thame HC	11

### Women's Leagues

Jana Axford	Salisbury HC	13
Jennifer Crossley	Scarlett Runners	11
Elizabeth Lee	Staines HC	10

This page is updated weekly:

<https://southcentral.englishhockey.co.uk/top-scorers>

## Schools competition dates

The South Central Schools Regional finals 2025-26 Indoor and Outdoor hockey have now been agreed and published on our website: <https://southcentral.englishhockey.co.uk/junior-hockey-in-the-south-central-area/schools-competitions>



This features dates and venues from November 2025 until March 2026 with venues in Reading and Southampton.

Check these out and put them in your club schedule.

If you have any questions do please get in touch, we are here to help.

All contact details are here:

<https://southcentral.englishhockey.co.uk/junior-hockey-in-the-south-central-area/junior-hockey-contacts>

