

## County Newsletter – March 2025

Welcome to the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the County Newsletter which we hope you will find informative and useful.

If you have any topics you would like us to cover in the next newsletter, or you have a specific enquiry, please contact us on [county@englandhockey.co.uk](mailto:county@englandhockey.co.uk)

### Area & Counties Team

After two rounds of interviews, we have appointed **Sam Lewis as our new Area Support Manager**. Sam is currently with Forest Green Rovers Football Club and has previously worked with the LTA, Basketball England, and Coventry University.

At Basketball England, he was a Relationship Manager, working closely with Regional Chairs, and during his time at the LTA, he supported the South West Region in developing competition plans with County Associations. Sam is based in Gloucester and will be joining us full-time on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March, ensuring a smooth handover with Caroline who finishes on 27 March 2025.

Additionally, **Josh Mayhead has accepted a role as Marketing & Communications Administrator** within the England Hockey Commercial Team. Josh has been with England Hockey part-time since July 2023 and has been eager to move into a full-time Marketing & Communications role, making this an excellent opportunity for him. Josh's last day with the Areas & Counties Team was Wednesday 5th March.

### County Contacts

We are aware that Counties will soon be holding their AGM. If you have any changes of contacts in your Committee, please may we ask that you complete this form to let us know - [Contact update form](#)

This will help ensure that we communicate with the correct people. Thank you.

### County Forums

#### Leadership

Our next County Forum is on Thursday 3 April 2025, starting at 19:00 on the topic of Leadership

The forum will cover:

- Governance
- Committees
- A sharing of good examples and challenges

If you would like to attend this forum, please may we ask you to complete this form -

<https://forms.office.com/e/pi07Emp77p>

Please do share this link with anyone within your County who would like to attend this forum.



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### **Safeguarding and Safe Hockey**

We will be holding a County forum on Safeguarding and Safe Hockey on Monday 23 June 2025 at 19:00.

Please can we encourage you and your Welfare Officer to attend this forum.

To sign up to this forum, please use the following link - <https://forms.office.com/e/d1g7HWKxuz>

Please do share this link with anyone within your County who would like to attend this forum.

### **England Hockey Awards**

We are pleased to announce that the nominations for the 2025 England Hockey Awards are now open!

The awards give hockey lovers from across the country a unique opportunity to gather, reflect upon, and celebrate the achievements of clubs, volunteers, officials, coaches, and players over the past year.

Remember there is an Award for Area/County Volunteer of the Year, so please do think about who you could nominate from your County. Full criteria on each award is available to see [here](#). Nominations will close at midnight on **Sunday 13 April 2025**.

The 2025 England Hockey Awards presented by Notts Sport will be held on Saturday 7 June 2025 at the Athena in Leicester.

Please see the link for further information: [England Hockey Awards](#)

### **School Newsletter**

Please see the link below to England Hockey's regular Schools newsletter.

You can find some great information regarding coaching and delivering hockey.

[England Hockey Schools Newsletter](#)

### **Hockey Makers Newsletter**

Please find a link to the Hockey Makers Extra Mile newsletter - [Hockey Maker Newsletter](#)

### **CSC Meeting summary**

The last CSC meeting was held on 4 March 2025 with 6 out of 8 representatives in attendance. Discussions were held around:

- Keith Carder presented a dashboard of information regarding Counties and gave an update on State School festivals.



- We have agreed a template County Complaints Policy. If you would like a copy of this please email [county@englandhockey.co.uk](mailto:county@englandhockey.co.uk)
- Heather Williams gave a Talent update covering:
  - TA tender process
  - TA player nomination process
  - Changes to Talent Centre accreditation, to be called Talent Certification
  - Junior County Hockey Development programme
- Chris O'Hagan then gave an update on the National County Championship proposal.

The next meeting is on 13 May 2025 at 17:30