London Hockey Masters
Annual Report
June 2025

League

Another competitive and enjoyable year for the Masters Leagues. Not too much weather disruption. Thanks to all teams for accommodating changes for teams with players out in the World Cups South Africa and New Zealand, in the autumn term. So many of our players were representing their country.

Congratulations to all our winners and runners up and to Old Cranleighan Stormers for being shortlisted for the EH team of the year award.

Final league results can be found in Appendix 1. or more fully at this link London Hockey Masters

For the new season 2025-26, we are delighted to welcome all the teams from the Wessex Supervets Fixtures Alliance. Sixteen new men's teams will join us along with 4 new women's teams. We say goodbye to 2 men's teams and 6 women's teams and hope they will return in due course.

Teams In	Men O50	MO60	Women
	Epsom Vagabonds	Amersham & Chalfont MO60	Basingstoke Allsorts O35
	Oxted Vintage Moonshiners	Camberley Owls	Sonning O35
	Epsom Ramblers	Guildford Gondoliers	Sonning O35
	Guildford A	Haslemere Vets	Wycombe Swans O45
		Havant Cavaliers	
		Salisbury Strollers	
		South Berkshire Hornets	
		Southampton Cockburns	
		Trojans	
		Warlocks	
		Winchester Wanderers	
		Woking Pitts	
Teams Out			
	Bournemouth MO50		Epsom O35
	Havant Mens O40 Bees		Havant O45
			Oxford Hawks O45
			Romsey O35
			South Berkshire O35

Last season we had 52 teams from 34 different clubs in the men's leagues. This has now increased to 63 men's teams and 19 women's teams from 43 different clubs across London, South Central and South East.

We no longer have the Men's O40 South division as a number of these teams have moved to our MO50s and a couple have had players move back into club numbered sides. With so many new men's teams we have now been able to create a second Men's O50 and O60 division.

See Appendix 2. For the league structure 2025-26

Fixtures are currently being generated for the new season. We hope to publish them mid-July. We are also working with the adult leagues to update the Masters Regulations for the new season.

Masters Activity

There's no doubt Masters hockey is still growing. There is an increasing number of summer leagues and festivals all over the Area with activity at Amersham & Chalfont, Guildford, Southgate, Basingstoke, Surbiton, Old Cranleighan to name but a few.

London 660
London Hockey has started a new mid-week social Masters initiative. It started on the 6th May 2025 and runs on Tuesdays every 2 weeks 12-2pm at Surbiton HC. These are fun, social play and pay type sessions for Men O65 (born 1960 or earlier) and Women O60 (born 1965 or earlier). £15 to include some pizza and a drink. Sessions are open to players from all Areas.

If you're reading this and would like to join in, pleases register via this form London 660 Midweek Masters
We use a new App with Stripe finance, which is one of the world's most secure, using encryption to protect sensitive payment data. You can download the app with this link SPOND

Strategy
League structures are expanding, which is great. We are still keen to attract more South East and South Central teams so we can offer Masters leagues in all age groups in all Areas in the South of England. This helps to keep travel time down for teams.

This year we also offered 'Casual Masters'. A new category for teams that are primarily maters age but want to include some youngsters U18, such as father and sons or mothers and daughters. Although we didn't get enough teams talking this up this year, we will continue to offer it as another option to competitive league hockey.

The leagues will continue to be administered by London Hockey Masters. The Area League Delivery Committee remains as Sara Walker, David Lloyd-Williams, Maureen Henderson and Paul Marks. My thanks to the group for all their help and support delivering the leagues again this year. Thanks too go to John Ingram-Marriot for all his helps and support with the Supervets Alliance merger. An invitation has been extended to John to join our ALDC.

Representative Teams
Following a search in all the clubs at Christmas time, a further 90 players came forward for consideration for our London teams this year. London Masters now has over 650 members of which approximately 275 were selected to represent the Area.

In the Area championships we entered 15 age group squad with the addition of a MO75 joint with SC and SE and our WO70 joint with SE in their friendly 7 a-side tournament.
The age group leads have all been excellent and lead their teams with enthusiasm and drive. We have had a full-on trials and training programme for all age groups. This year we have had 4 new age group leads plus several managers to support the squads.

We have also moved to formal process of paying our coaches. Coaches are now contracted to London Hockey and fees managed directly through invoicing. Thirteen squads had coaches this year.

Many thanks to all our age group leads, managers and coaches who have worked so hard this year. Players seemed to have really enjoyed the tournaments.

London Wayfarers and King's House School Sports Ground has one again been our London base and my thanks to them for their great support and hospitality.

London hosted 2 Area tournaments this summer. The MO35 was at Southgate HC and the WO35 was held at Surbiton HC. My thanks to David Lloyd Williams and Mark Bennett for being the TO and TD at Southgate and to Steve Quincey as TO and his team at Surbiton for all their great organising and delivery. Both tournaments were a great success.

Huge thanks too, to Peter Mackintosh and Graeme Hope from London Officiating who have appointed all the umpires to our tournaments. They have used them as development opportunities and put great teams in place with umpire managers to support all umpires.

Area Tournaments 2025 Placings – WO50 pending

Age Group	Lead	Position
MO35	Mike Mclean Southgate HC	5th
MO40	Ray Man Purley Walcountians	2nd
MO45	Stuart Ripley Old Cranleighan	2nd
MO50	Ken Hoad Bromley & Beckenham	3rd
MO55	Brett Smith Epsom	5th
MO60	Vadim Jean Tulse Hill & Dulwich	7th
MO65	Rob Leach Old Cranleighan	6th
MO70	Henrik Kjellin Hampstead & Westminster	4th
MO75	Greg Hutchings Old Cranleighan	1st
WO35	Fran Low Wayfarers	7th
WO40	Sian Craze Surbiton	6th
WO45	Kerri Lendon Harrow	1st
WO50	Kathrin Jacobsen West Hampstead	
WO55	Kathy Hammond Southgate	8th
WO60	Sara Walker Teddington	1st
WO65	Jo Price Hendon & Mill Hill	5th

<u>England Masters</u>

Many congratulations to the following London players selected to play for their country in 2025

Age Group	England	Wales	Scotland	Other
O35	Amy Bryant			
O40	Sian Craze, Annabel Owen, Eleanor Trafford, Emily Hughes (NTR)		Lindsay Brown	Antoinne Julienne-Richard France
O45	Mai Garcia-Moritan, Jenny Stanley, Helen Cathcart, Barney Hillsden, Ash Garratt, Ed Hauck (B), Stuart Ripley	Andy Howell		
O50	Clare Byrne, Claire Devereux (NTR), James Harris, Spencer Macdonald (B), Jerome Henrion (B), Michael Sutherland (B), Prabbie Hunjan (B), Sean Hebden (B), Ken Hoad (B), Matt Groom (B)	Matt Stupple	Brett Simpson, Ed Papworth,	Anna Herrey Germany, Mark Thirlway Ireland
O55	Ali Close, Bex Harris, Ian Hammond, Julian Cogdell	Kathy Hammond, Julia Baxendine-Jones, Brett Smith, Jim Dickson, Julian Taylor		
O60	Sara Walker, Mandy Hurworth, Jon Walters, Jon Peplow		Michele Rankin	
O65	Jenny Brennan, Kim Spencer-Pell (NTR), Dale Mullins, David Knapp, Andrew Newington-Macleod, Chris Rule, Mandeep Hansra (B), Rob Leach (B), Lakbir Atwal (B), Ian Miller (B), Bob McGlashan (B)	Ann Havlin, Jo Price, Tony Matharu		
O70	Gill Perry, Annie Davies, Dave Dixon, Max Jason	Derek Wright, John Aparico		
O75	Greg Hutchings, Imtiaz Sheikh, Jaswant Bansal, Sarosh Talati	Narinda Lota		

Kit

This year we bought a new set of women's shirts plus more balls and some bibs. We currently hold 5 sets of mens shirts and 4 women's. All are paid for and belong to London Hockey Masters. Next year we will look to buy further sets of shirts, eventually making sure all our squads have their own.
Many thanks to Kam Roopra and Total Hockey Ltd who have managed all the kit for us again this year.

My thanks to Step Parikian and all his hard wok managing our London Masers invoices and to him, Marcel and Joe for all our finances and the London Hockey Management Committee for all their support in our drive to deliver the best possible opportunities and experiences for the older members of our hockey family in London and the South of England.

Sara Walker BEM
Chair London Hockey Masters,
Chair England Hockey Area Masters,
England Hockey Lead WO65 & WO70,

20th June 2025

Appendix 1. **League Winners and Runners Up 2024-25**

London and South Masters Leagues Winners and Runners Up

South Masters Men's O40 Premier

	Team
1	Old Cranleighan Stormers
2	Wimbledon Masters 1

South Masters Women's O35 Premier

	Team
1	Maidenhead O35
2	Trojans O35

South Masters Men's O40 South

	Team
1	Sonnning Sundowners
2	Winchester Mens O40 Wizards

London Masters Women's O35 Premier

	Team
1	Surbiton Sloths
2	Teddington Tornadoes O35

South Masters Men's O50 Premier

	Team
1	Hampstead & Westminster Supervets
2	Old Georgians Phoenix

South Masters Women's O45 Premier

	Team
1	Wycombe O45
2	South Berkshire O45

South Masters Men's O50 Division 1

	Team
1	Wimbledon Levellers
2	Chelmsford Supervets Mens O50

London Masters Women's O45 Premier

	Team
1	Surbiton Sages
2	Ashford (Middlesex) Womens O45

South Masters Men's O60 Premier

	Team
1	Bromley & Beckenham O60
2	Old Cranleighan Puricans

Appendix 2. **League Structure 2025-26**

SOUTH MASTERS LEAGUE 2025-26

MEN/OPEN

Men's O40 Premier
Epsom Embers
Guildford Pilgrims Mens O40
Hampstead & Westminster Masters
Old Cranleighan Stormers
Old Georgians Fire
Reading Rustlers
Spencer Masters
Tulse Hill & Dulwich Artillery
Wimbledon Masters 1

Men's O50 Premier
Epsom Old School
Guildford Gladiators Mens O50
Hampstead & Westminster Supervets
Old Cranleighan Barnstormers
Old Georgians Phoenix
Reading Redsox
Spencer Vintage
Surbiton Jokers
Tulse Hill & Dulwich Musketeers
Wimbledon Levellers

Men's O50 London
Chelmsford Supervets Mens O50
Old Cranleighan Hamstrings
Old Kingstonian Mens O50
Old Loughtonians Supervets
Richmond Rogues
Sonning Sundowners
Southgate Titans
Sunbury & Walton Hawks Griffins O50
Surbiton Magnets
Tulse Hill & Dulwich Fusiliers

Men's O50 South
East Grinstead Saints
Epsom Ramblers
Guildford A
Haslemere Hobblers Mens O50
Newbury & Thatcham
Oxted Vintage Moonshiners
Portsmouth
Sevenoaks Mens O50
Windsor
Woking Mens O50

Men's O60 Premier
Amersham & Chalfont Grandmasters Mens O60
Bromley & Beckenham O60
Chelmsford Evergreens
Epsom Vagabonds
Hampstead & Westminster Grandmasters
Indian Gymkhana Grandmasters
Old Cranleighan Puricans
Reading Relics
Southgate Magnums
Spencer Grandmasters
St Albans Centurions
Surbiton Vintage

Men's O60 South
Amersham & Chalfont
Camberley Owls
Guildford Gondoliers
Haslemere Vets
Havant Cavaliers
Salisbury Strollers
South Berkshire Hornets
Southampton Cockburns
Trojans
Warlocks
Winchester Wanderers
Woking Pitts

WOMEN

Women's O35 Premier
Basingstoke Allsorts
Maidenhead O35
Marlow O35
Reading O35
Sonning O35
Trojans O35

Women's O45 Premier
Sonning O45 New
South Berkshire O45
Wycombe O45
Wycombe Swans

Women's O35 London
Surbiton Sloths
Teddington TornaDoes O35
Tulse Hill & Dulwich Vintage

Women's O45 London
Ashford (Middlesex) Womens O45
Bromley & Beckenham O45
Hendon & Mill Hill Phoenix
Old Cranleighan O45
Surbiton Snails
Teddington Flamingoes