

County Newsletter – June 2025

Welcome to the 6th 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

Area & Counties Team

Sam Lewis has now taken up his role as Area Support Manager since the middle of March and has been in contact with various counties throughout the past 3 months to gain an understanding of the county landscape and county responsibilities within the hockey environment.

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 up until the point of newly affiliating for 25/26 season.

County Forums 2025/26

For 25/26, a new approach is looking to take place with County Forums. Based on feedback from previous forums and discussions with county officials, we are looking to involve counties greater to share their 'best practice' and what they do well so that counties can learn from one another, alongside information from England Hockey at these forums and greater networking opportunities. With this, below is a link to a short survey finding out what topics you would like to cover through 25/26, as well as an opportunity to put your county forward to showcase what you do well and share this across the county network. It only takes 2 minutes to complete with the deadline being **Sunday 13th July**.

<https://forms.office.com/e/kA6HG85WZP>

County Portal

A new portal has been created for Counties to access in order to access important template documents that counties can use such as job descriptions and development plans. This portal will have more information loaded onto it to further support counties through the year. This portal will hold a bank of documents for counties to utilise.

In order to access the portal, we will be allocating all Secretaries (or equivalent) of each county access to this via the email address that is on the system for them (if not, the Chair will have the access). This will automatically send an email to that account asking to create an account. Once this is completed, that individual will be able to access the information on the portal and share wider across the county committee. The email may land in junk folders. If not received an invite by the **10th July**, please email county@englandhockey.co.uk.

With County AGM's taking place currently, we will also update new secretary details where needed, via the annual affiliation process.

England Hockey Awards

The England Hockey Awards, presented by Notts Sport, took place on Saturday 7 June 2025 at the Athena in Leicester, celebrating the dedication and passion within the English hockey community. England Hockey recognized the remarkable achievements of all those nominated and shortlisted, extending a massive congratulations to the winners.

Further information about the awards and the list of winners can be found [here](#).

CSC Meeting summary

The last CSC meeting was held on 13th May.

Discussions were held around:

- Chris O'Hagan then giving an update on the National County Championship
- Keith Carder reporting the success of the State School Festivals taking place across the county
- Sam Lewis presenting an initial review on Under 12 Competition across the country, who delivers competition opportunities and ways to develop this across various organisations and stakeholders in the game
- Sam Lewis explained that a county portal will be coming live in June for counties to access and attain support through a bank of documents
- General discussion around what support counties need including volunteer recruitment, safeguarding knowledge and future free courses as part of the membership changes and how counties can be involved with this

The next meeting is on 16 September 2025 at 17:30