



Guernsey Sports Commission Review of the Year | 2017



‘A Voice for Sport’

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CEO's introduction



If 2016 was seen as a year of change for the Guernsey Sports Commission principally due to the changes in the structure of the islands government then 2017 can be seen as a year when those changes could have had a detrimental effect on island sport. The well documented problems surrounding the Committee for Education, Sport and Culture have resulted in only limited progress being made in respect of the islands sport strategy, in fact the Commission had to fight tooth and nail to ensure that it was not withdrawn entirely as a States workstream. I am pleased to say that progress has been made in that a constitution document should be released in the near future.

In addition the attempted withdrawal of the Sports Guernsey Fund by the Committee for Economic Development and its subsequent partial reinstatement was also an unwelcome distraction later on in the year. I am however grateful of the support given by the Committee for Education, Sport and Culture to the Commission in not cutting this years budget as a result of the PWC Review and of the change of mind by Economic

Development in relation to sports event funding.

The Sports Commission would hope to have a continued dialogue with these Committees going forward together with other States bodies in the hope that we can convince them as to the value of sport to Guernsey as an economic enabler, as an integral part of a child's education as an effective tool in tackling health problems, as contributor towards social inclusion and as a constituent part of the islands well being when our sports men and women perform above expectation.

We believe that in 2017 the Sports Commission has played an important part in delivering these essential elements of island life.

Our PE in Schools programme has delivered over 1100 hours of direct PE and activity to our primary school children and the Sports Development Officers, who are partially funded by the Commission have delivered a similar level of support.

The On Your Marks School Holiday programme has delivered 200 hours of structured sport related activity during the year.

Street Sports has provided free access to sport for 50 weeks of 2017 to 6 to 18 year olds being targeted at young people who experience social and economic difficulties. The sessions are run at Les Genats Estate and Beau Sejour, often the Youth Commission

sessions so that the participants get the maximum benefit out of the activities meaning that a real difference can be made.

We are very grateful to Marks and Spencer for the support of On Your Marks and Girls Convention, Lloyds Bank Foundation for their assistance with Street Sports as well as Children in Need who have agreed to partially support Street Sports for the next three years. We are of course grateful to all our sponsors and members of our club of sponsors for the assistance given last year.

Generali supported our Family Fun Day in September as well as supporting the Get Active Stay Active initiatives throughout the year. Once again we ran Older Peoples Week to deliver activity sessions to the Over 65's this time with the support from the Pargiter Trust, alongside Generali.

Our M&S Girls Convention held at Beau Sejour once again proved popular and Bikeability which we run in conjunction with the Active Travel Unit delivered safe and successful cycle training to Years 5 and 6 in the Islands Primary Schools.

Coach Development and High Performance support also continued throughout the year leading to great performances at the Gotland Natwest Island Games, The Commonwealth Youth Games in the Bahamas as well as success in football, rugby, hockey, netball, lawn bowls, athletics, table tennis, cricket, badminton, squash, cycling, just about every sport you can think of provided winners either as a team or individually.

However, two of the top sporting events this

year were mass participation events, being the Specsavers Youth Games, where over 600 children experienced a range of sports but perhaps more importantly they experienced the value of being a good sport and of playing their part in being a team member. Later on in the year we had the Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay where nearly 5000 school children from Guernsey, Alderney, Sark and Herm were able to connect with the Commonwealth by seeing and handling the Queen's Baton. The next time we will see the baton will be at the opening ceremony of the XXI Commonwealth Games when the Queens message which is contained in the baton will be read out to the athletes and the many millions watching on TV by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

We now look forward to 2018 and the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast of Australia starting in three months time. The Sports Commission realises that to succeed against state lottery funded athletes from some of the worlds top sporting nations is a hard task but we are sure that each of the 33 athletes representing our island Commonwealth territory will perform with the distinction and to the best of their ability.

At the end of 2017, the Commission received two pieces of welcome news. The award of an MBE in the New Years Honours List to Derek Webb of table tennis in the recognition of his hard work and dedication to his sport and perhaps more significantly for the future of the Sports Commission and its work, Jon Ravenscroft agreed to become our Chairman to replace Martin Belcher who sadly had to step down due to ill health.

Finally I cannot thank enough Graham Chester in his role as the Operations Director of the Sports Commission and Rob Hutchinson who stepped into the breach and took on the position of Acting Chairman. As always our hard working full-time and part time staff have often worked beyond the call of duty to ensure that the Commission has continued to support island sport and we are grateful to them for their dedication and hard work.

The Sports Commission will in 2018 continue to strive to promote the interests of sport to the Government and within the wider community. However we can only do that successfully with the support of the individual sports.

The message therefore is that we need your help if we are to get the best outcome for the sporting activities that we are all passionate about.

David Harry

Chief Executive Officer

Schools

PE in Schools

The PE in Schools Programme, now in its 6th year, continues to provide local schools and children with a range of opportunities.

Schools year 3 and 4 lessons were taught in 12 states primary schools and 2 private schools with each school receiving 15 lessons of high quality PE per class. Over 3 termly blocks of 5 weeks the children and teachers were given the opportunity to learn and enjoy 11 different sports that included hockey, tag rugby, tennis, volleyball to name a few. The lessons take a holistic approach with children developing their physical literacy as well as cognitive, social and personal skills.

The lessons are taught in a safe and positive environment with children developing fundamental skills through game play. Children are rewarded and encouraged to earn 'player of the day' which is chosen by the class teacher and GSC staff member and this can be achieved by showing positive attributes such as sportsmanship, fair play, resilience, encouraging others etc. As well as trying to achieve the sessions aims.

Class teachers are encouraged to be included in the lessons so that knowledge and understanding is developed each week and can be implemented into their own lessons.

Session plans are handed to the teachers so that they can repeat or expand on the sessions they have been involved in.

All children are provided with a role within the lesson whether they can physically take part or not, children are taught to assist, coach and officiate.

In 2017, Guernsey primary schools received over 1000 hours of PE and Club provision delivered to up to 1250 children and over 50 teachers.



'I have learnt to communicate and to work as a team' (Child)



Fit Clubs

Two Fit Clubs (this is equivalent to 30 sessions) per academic year are offered to every primary school in Guernsey and provide children with a free opportunity to stay active during lunchtime or after school. Children that attend the lunchtime Fit Club for Year 1 and 2 learn about how to stay active and healthy.

The importance of physical activity, drinking water, getting plenty of sleep and eating healthily are taught through games that focus on fundamental movement skills. The children earn a sticker each week and aim to complete their booklet which is then taken home to share what has been learnt and includes extra game ideas to play at home or in the playground.

School year 3 and 4 children have the opportunity to attend a free extracurricular club which aims to build upon the sports taught in the PE lessons and to provide support and information on how to access these sports in the community. Each week children are given time to reflect on the sport they have played by noting down what they have learnt or enjoyed from playing the sport.

We actively encourage schools to target the most inactive or children whom they think would benefit most from attending.

‘I have learnt to never give up’ (Child)

Year 3 and 4 Festivals

In 2017 the now well established free festival opportunities provided a new cohort of children with the opportunity to access sport in the community. This year we worked with Fencing, Golf, Tennis and Squash with over 130 children taking part. Targeted at children in Year 3 and 4 the festivals aim to work closely with the respective sports and encourage the attendees to take up the sport if they have enjoyed the experience. Children have the opportunity to attend a training session and a festival date. All of the administration and organisation is completed by the Sports Commission.

The festivals provide a welcoming and inclusive environment for children to experience the sport and have a strong emphasis on fair play and fun.

Key Stats

1250 primary school children received over 1000 hours of PE and Club provision

14 schools received Year 3 & 4 PE lessons in 12 different sports

After School Fit Club for Year 3 & 4 increased enjoyment in sport

Lunchtime Fit Clubs for children in Years 1 & 2 encouraged children to be active and healthy

For all programmes the PE in Schools team have worked with over 1900 different children

Inter School Festivals

In 2017 we continued to expand our Inter School festivals to children in Year 5 and 6 offering five festivals working with local sports. 2017 enabled over 140 children the opportunity to represent their school in Badminton, Fencing, Squash, Sailing and Tennis. The main aim of these additional opportunities are to provide more Inter School opportunities to those that already exist, which target those children that may not have had the chance to represent their school and to ensure that children that play a 'minority' sport have the opportunity to represent their school at the sport they play. This opportunity continues to link children with sports in the community and allows children to engage or even re-engage with a sport. Children attend a training session and a festival date with all of the administration and organisation completed by the Sports Commission.

Reception PE

A 5 week block of PE lessons were offered to all Guernsey primary schools in 2017. The lessons focus on the fundamental movement skills of running, dodging, hopping, jumping, throwing, catching and dribbling. The lessons, 30 minutes in length, ensure the children have maximum contact time with the equipment and are active throughout. The key aim is to provide the children with a positive first experience of PE and provide teachers with resources and ideas to further their knowledge and improve their confidence when teaching PE.

'Thanks for all of your lovely lessons' (Teacher)



'It was my child's first fencing competition and she really enjoyed it' (Parent)



'He started playing after the year 4 Badminton festival you ran last year

Primary School Sports

Leaders

Two schools have taken up this opportunity in 2017. This programme enables us to work with KS2 children for 6 weeks to train them how to be a Sports Leader. Leaders learn how to create a safe, engaging and active playground. Children create their own games and expectations of what makes a good leader. Once they are trained they then lead in the playground working together to encourage younger children to be physically active and to play fairly. The number of children trained to lead safe, active playground games in 2017 is more than 40. Schools that have previously been involved are continuing to deliver an adapted version of the programme.

Sport and Physical

Activity Passports

Sport and Physical Activity Passport data was collected for a second year. Introduced in 2016, the data has provided the Sports Commission with the opportunity to develop a picture of engagement in physical activity starting with children in Year 6. Valuable data has also been distributed to the Secondary School PE teachers who have been able to ensure that provision is made for those children that have been identified as being 'inactive'. 2017 will see the first cohort of Year 8 students complete the 2nd stage of their passports having been the first cohort to complete the 1st stage of their passports in 2016.

Physically Active

Classroom Breaks

Schools now have access to a booklet of physical activity breaks that can be used each day. All games are active breaks to re-energise the brain, with an inclusive approach to help boost classroom cohesion.

Assistant Coaches

We have worked with several targeted children across the primary schools for this programme. The main aim is to engage selected children in a constructive and positive session during playtime or after school to encourage them to be positive role models to the younger children in a sports environment. Children act as assistant coaches where they support the young children and select a player of the day. Each child has a booklet to evaluate themselves as a coach for each session.

Key Stats

5 week blocks of reception PE which focus on fundamental movement skills

Year 5 and 6 Inter School Festivals has increased to 5 different sports with over 140 attending.

130 children took part in our sports festivals

'Move On Up' Sport & Physical Activity Passports completed by 578 Year 6 children to provide valuable physical activity data

Bikeability Guernsey

In 2017 The Guernsey Sports Commission continued their partnership with schools in Guernsey to offer Bikeability Guernsey cycle safety training.

Bikeability Guernsey gives children the skills and confidence to ride their bikes and assess the risks and challenges they may face on today's roads. It is designed to develop road sense, traffic awareness and improve children's ability to ride safely. Most of the training takes place on the road.

Bikeability Guernsey is provided free of charge by the Guernsey Sports Commission on behalf of the States of Guernsey Traffic and Highway Services.



Children must be able to ride a bike before starting the course, this includes the ability to control the bicycle and maintain balance whilst giving hand signals and being able to use gears if fitted.

To gain Bikeability certification, children will need to complete both levels 1 and 2, receiving 8 hours of Bikeability training. All sessions must be attended. The course is aimed at pupils in Years 5 & 6 (age 10-11) and is delivered during school hours.

Bikeability is currently taught in 13 Primary Schools.

Ad Hoc Support

When timetables have allowed us to, we have extended our support to schools upon requests. Extra support we have offered vary from assemblies, Year 1 and 2 PE lessons, activity weeks, to creating resources for PE. All with the focus to promote the importance of being physically active.

PPA PE Project

9 Primary schools are involved with the PPA PE Project, which offers extra PE and Sport lessons to allow the class teacher Planning, Preparation and Assessment time. All schools are offered one set morning or afternoon slot each week, this continues the same all year. The schools which have been given the afternoon slot also receive the opportunity of a Multi Sports after school club, for 5 weeks per half term.

Some Schools have focused on one age group, whereas others have a different year group each lesson. Different sports and activities are offered to the schools, from swimming to ball skills. The children have the chance to learn and take part in new sports and progress skills that they may already have. They have a chance to develop social, physical and personal attributes in a PE environment.

PPA PE is delivered by new team member Annie Lavenne.

M&S Girls Convention

The M&S Girls Convention took place in June for the 8th year running. 60 year 9 girls from five different schools across the island joined us at Beau Sejour Leisure Centre. The aim of the day is to give young women a positive experience of sport and physical activity by offering a variety of activities that do not form part of the regular curriculum.

This year the girls tried Boxercise/Self Defence, Cricket, Street Dance, Triathlon, Zumba and a mindset workshop. Marks & Spencer sponsors this event and provides a healthy lunch and a goody bag for each girl. The majority of the girls really enjoyed the day and their comments reinforced the need to stage this event annually.

‘The instructors were enthusiastic and made it enjoyable’ (Participant)



‘Do this every year! It was amazing and tonnes of fun’
(Participant)

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Community

On Your Marks

Programme

The On Your Marks Programme, kindly sponsored by Marks and Spencer (Guernsey), provides children and young people with the opportunity to take part in various activities during the school holidays (except Christmas).

The sessions focus on developing confidence, physical literacy and social skills through playing sport. The support from Marks and Spencer (Guernsey) enables the Guernsey Sports Commission to offer the activities from just £1 per hour, ensuring that the barrier of cost is removed from preventing children and young people to participate.

‘Such a brilliant programme giving a wide range of activities to try – my son has been excited to come each day and made good friends too.’ (Parent)

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Amazing value! Thanks so much.’ (Parent)

446 children and young people took part in the activities in 2017. Primary school aged children had the opportunity to attend Fun and Fit Club (Year R - 2) or Multi Sports (Year 3 – 6). Fun and Fit club sessions focused on the fundamental movement skills, such as running, dodging and rolling. The Multi Sports sessions included; athletics, basketball, cricket, dodgeball, football, frisbee, handball, hockey, longball, rounders, table tennis, tennis, tag rugby, tri-golf and volleyball. Young people in Year 6 and Secondary school this year had the chance to try; badminton, basketball, beach sports, dodgeball, football, golf, judo, tennis, tchouckball and surfing.



Street Sports

Street Sports is a community programme that aims to improve sports provision for young people in order to benefit their physical, mental and social well-being. It offers 6 -18 year olds of all abilities access to free sports and physical activity sessions in their neighbourhood where a number of young people may experience social and/or economic difficulties. Street Sports gives the opportunity for young people to be active, socialise, have fun, play sports and learn new skills. The staff provide a variety of equipment so that different sports can be delivered which include traditional sports such as football, basketball and dodgeball along with other activities including Tchoukball, tag games, skipping ropes etc.



BARCLAYS

With guidance from staff, participants are always included in the planning and decision making for each session. Young people are given the choice of which activities they would like to do, what rules they want to play by and if they would like to coach, referee or umpire the games.

Young people can turn up, register with a member of staff and join in. The sessions are a way of channelling young Islanders' energy into constructive physical activity. Through sport the aim is to improve young people's confidence and self-esteem. The programme is also committed to making young people aware of other activities and services on the Island that may also benefit their well-being. Street Sports staff work closely with other youth agencies that can offer participants advice and support in other areas of their lives.

Street Sports sessions are delivered fifty weeks of the year with a two week break over Christmas and New Year. The staff team consists of a Development Officer, Street Sports Co-ordinator, Community Sports Leaders and Assistants, all of whom are passionate about sports and engaging with young people. All staff are approachable and enthusiastic about offering new sporting opportunities for participants involved in street sports. We also work closely with sports specific coaches, who help support sessions by delivering their sport to the young people a few times a year.



During 2017 we have had over 170 young people aged between 6-18 accessing the Street Sports Programme. 55 young people aged between 11-18 came along to the Tuesday Les Genats sessions, with approximately 18 young people attending on a regular basis (1 in 3 session or more). We saw 64 young people aged between 6-11 accessing the Thursday session at Les Genats estate, with approximately 27 attending on a regular basis.

In April our new Friday night football session started. 59 young people attended in the 36 weeks the session ran during 2017, with 15 participants attending on a regular basis.

The U11's Thursday session at Les Genats continues to grow with new participants attending most weeks. The children have been introduced to more tag games and these are still proving very popular. The young people who attend these sessions have been working hard to improve their teamwork, listening and resilience.



The introduction of the Friday night football has allowed us to branch out to those young people who enjoy playing football but don't take part in it regularly or don't play for a team. Numbers at this session have grown quite rapidly with new participants being signed up most weeks.

During 2017 we have continued to work well alongside a number of other support agencies, such as the Youth Commission, the Hampton Trust and the Neighbourhood Police Team. The Street Sports Programme has been partly funded during 2017 by Children in Need and Association of Guernsey Charities.

Street Sports Highlights for 2017

January: It was decided that Fruit would again be given out at the first session of each month from January through until December.

March: Juliet Williams from Children in Need visited Street Sports at Les Genats and offered some great feedback.

April : Player of the Day stickers were introduced at the 6-11 year old session.

Sessions at St Martins were stopped and Friday night football session was introduced at Beau Sejour.

May: LJ Flanders (author of "The Cell Workout") visited Guernsey from the UK in conjunction with the Literary Festival. LJ Flanders visited Les Genats Estate to lead a workout for the young people and spoke to them about his life.

June: Street Sports participants and staff went on a sailing trip on Bristol Cutters, an opportunity provided by the Set Sail Trust.

July: Street Sports staff supported Paul Wheatley to deliver some walking football sessions at Les Genats Estate.

August: Tennis coaches came along to 4 Street Sports sessions at Les Genats for both age groups to deliver a variety of skills, challenges and rally based games. These sessions all took place on the La Mare De Carteret tennis courts.

October: GFC tickets were given out to the participants who attend our Friday night football sessions.

November: 4 new staff members were employed to continue the delivery of high quality sessions. Table tennis sessions were run on Tuesday and Thursday in conjunction with Children in Need

December: The Youth commission attended our last staff meeting of the year to deliver training on internet safety.

Our final session of the year for the older group at Les Genats took place at the Indoor Sports Centre, where a gymnastics session was delivered to the participants by the Guernsey Gymnastics Club.

At each of the sessions before Christmas local company Saffery Champness had donated footballs which were handed out to each participant as a Christmas gift.

Youth Games

The 7th Specsavers Youth Games was held on the 10th June 2017 and thankfully we were blessed with sunny weather. There were over 610 participants from across 6 different districts with St Peter Port being represented by 156 children! The lowest number was for West with 77 children. The participants were kindly supported by their deputies, with Deputy Jonathon Le Tocq for Castel, Deputy Heidi Soulsby for South East, Deputy Marc Leadbeater for St Peter Port, Deputy Jennifer Merrett for St Sampson, Deputy Matthew Fallaize for Vale and Deputy Emily Yerby for West.

This year the children had 16 different sports to choose from; Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Cricket (girls), Fencing, Football (girls), Gaelic Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby (girls), Sailing, Squash, Table Tennis, Triathlon, Volleyball and Water Polo. We were lucky to have two new sports this year with Triathlon and Water Polo getting involved. These two sports both proved extremely popular with the children. Approximately a third of them asked for one of these sports! However, all children were given one of the sports on their list of choices – a tricky job for the administrators to complete.

We are very grateful to the coaches, sports leaders and volunteers who gave over 122 hours of training in the run up to the final competition day. We had over 320 volunteers ranging from scorers, parking attendants, College of FE students, safety stewards, officials and not forgetting the staff from both Specsavers and the Guernsey Sports Commission.

On the day once every sport's competition had been completed the children were transported to the Hockey Club where they were entertained and kept busy with dance, games and face painting by Brandi Attewell, from Be Creative, and the Sports Commission and Specsavers staff. This was followed by the closing ceremony where all the children, deputies, Brandi and her dancers, and the Samba Band paraded around the track to the applause of all the parents and spectators. Dame Mary Perkins announced the winners – with West taking the overall title and the Fairplay award being won by South East. Confetti canons and music brought the day and the year's event to a close.

Key Stats

411 children took part in our On Your Marks School Holiday Programme and tried 25 different sports & activities from £1

Street Sports offers young people access to sports 50 weeks of the year

610 children took part in the 2017 Specsavers Youth Games



Get Active, Stay Active

In 2017 we delivered a series of free taster sessions aimed to get people to engage in sport and physical activity on a regular basis. Sessions included table tennis for Primary School aged girls every Thursday during term time and kayaking at Cobo for both adults and children during June.

The programme is sponsored by Generali, who also sponsored Older People's Week, parkrun, "More Coaches, Better Coaches" and our Family Fun day during 2017

Guernsey parkrun

parkrun is a global fitness initiative with over 800 weekly parkruns already taking place across the UK and worldwide. parkrun is a weekly, free, 5km timed run, jog or walk, that is open to everyone regardless of ability, experience or current fitness levels. Guernsey parkrun started in April 2016 and takes place at 9am every Saturday morning. The course for Guernsey parkrun starts on the footpath to the east of the Pembroke Bay car parks and is a gently undulating and scenic two lap course. There have been 90 runs to date with 2129 participants. Participants move at their own pace, while everyone is timed using personal barcodes, so they are able to track their progress. parkrun was set up in Guernsey by Event Director, Lorna O'Donnell with support from the Guernsey Sports Commission's Get Active, Stay Active programme sponsored by Generali. Weekly runs are supported by a team of volunteers.

Older People's Week

Older People's Week promotes healthy ageing through physical activity and sports to those aged 65 and over. The week encompassed International Older People's day (October 1st) and is organised by the Guernsey Sports Commission in conjunction with health professionals from the Day Assessment Unit and the Balance clinic. The week includes a range of taster sessions in a variety of sports and physical activities for those aged 65 and over. 48 people participated across 32 available public taster sessions. As well as the public taster sessions, coaches went in to the 2 day centres for older people and delivered exercise sessions to the members. Over 100 people took part in the day centre sessions and the feedback given from participants was overwhelming that they would like more opportunities like this to get active.

The week also included general promotion (tv/radio/press) around healthy ageing and increasing and maintaining physical activity in older age.



Generali Family Fun Day

Around 400 islanders of all ages enjoyed trying out over 13 different sports and activities at the Family Fun Day at the KGV in June which was organised by the Guernsey Sports Commission and Generali Worldwide. This was the third year that the Fun Day was organised and many of the sports that featured at last year's event returned. The Sports Commission set a challenge for those attending to try eight sports/activities, with prizes for those who completed the activities. Over 90 entries to the challenge were received.



Queen's Baton Relay

On Saturday 9th September, The Guernsey Commonwealth Games Association welcomed the Queen's Baton Relay to the island with a reception held at Beau Sejour. Local athlete, Alastair Chalmers, had the honour of presenting the Baton to the Bailiff Sir Richard Collas as the Queen's enclosed message had reached the 45th nation on it's journey to the Gold Coast next April.

The accompanying QBR team gave the audience an interesting talk on the design of the Baton and the journey so far in the lead up to the Commonwealth Games due to be held in Australia. Members of the public were invited to hold the Baton and feel part of this special occasion and the evening also saw medalists from the Commonwealth Youth Games recognised on an evening of celebration. The OGH Hotel later hosted a welcome dinner for sponsors, officials and the QBR team.

Monday saw the Queen's Baton Relay tour 15 Guernsey primary schools, in a day which saw over 5000 children experience the worlds longest ever relay. Assemblies were delivered and coordinated by staff at the Guernsey Sports Commission which included a video montage of images showing the 44 other nations that the Baton had visited so far. Each primary school chose 2 children to represent the school as batonbearers. They had the important task of being presented with the Baton, before travelling by mini bus to the next school in the relay.

Each school was also fortunate to be joined by either a coach or aspiring Commonwealth Games athlete, who were able to share their story and answer questions from the excited children sat in front of them.

On Tuesday 12th the Baton set off on the lifeboat to the neighbouring islands of Alderney, Sark and Herm. Visiting the local community, visitors and school children, the Baton proved to be a very popular visitor to the islands. Special assemblies were also held in each island to welcome the iconic symbol of the Commonwealth Games.

The Queens's Baton Relay departed the Bailiwick of Guernsey on Wednesday 13th, bound for nearby Channel Island, Jersey.



High Performance

High Performance Programme

At the end of 2017 we say thank you to Brooks Macdonald as 7 years of outstanding support of the Guernsey Sports Commission and the High Performance Programme comes to an end. Having begun as Spearpoint in 2011, we owe them a huge debt of gratitude for all that their sponsorship has allowed us to do.

We have a fully equipped gym, an established network of paid and volunteer staff as well a wide number of sports people who have benefitted from the support that we have been able to offer them.

Of those individuals we've supported it has been fantastic to watch the rise of Seb Priaulx, Maya Le Tissier and Clem Thompson through 2017 as their journey in high performance sport progresses. It is also great to see someone like Melissa Wilson continuing her push to row for GB at the Tokyo Olympics having worked with us sporadically whilst she was at Cambridge University and resident in Guernsey. Equally pleasing is to see those we've supported such as Luke Jones returning to Guernsey after a professional career and now playing rugby for Guernsey and driving forwards within their team.

We also see a number of athletes that the programme has supported from their early years now being selected for the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast. Chloe Le Tissier, Jordan Trebert, Alistair Chalmers, Cameron Chalmers, Sam Wallbridge, Miles Munro and James McLaughlin have all been supported by various members of the team in a variety of different ways. Equally senior members of the team Lee Merrien and Tom Druce have been hard working ever presents in the gym since it was built.



I would also like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Jill Davenport, who has returned to the U.K. for her work as a physiotherapist on the programme over the last two years. Her partnership with Andy Perkins has become a model of good practice that it is vital we replicate moving forwards as we look to replace Jill.

We are looking forward to an exciting 2018, finding a new sponsor to replace Brooks Macdonald, and continuing to support Guernsey's top performers as they work hard in pursuit of world class performance. My final thanks goes to Steve Melbourne, Andy Perkins and Tom Druce who all play such a vital role in maintaining the high standards in the High Performance Gym as we seek to continually raise the standards we expect of those training in the facility.



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Sporting Achievement Awards

On Thursday 11th of January 2018 the Guernsey Sports Commission hosted our Sporting Achievement Awards 2017 at Beau Sejour. 450 people attended the night to see 12 awards presented.

Cameron Chalmers was awarded the top honour as he was named winner of the Sports Commission Trophy for Outstanding Performer.

Tim Wotton was our special guest speaker for the evening, an award winning author, international public speaker and former England Junior hockey player.

Full List of Winners

Lambourne Shield

Alastair Chalmers

Beau Sejour Trophy

Ormer FC

Nautical Guernsey Shield

Peter Tiffin

Guernsey Sports Commission Small Team Trophy

Matt Solway & Matt Le Ber

Guernsey Sports Commission Team Trophy for over 4 competitors

Guernsey Ladies Rugby

The Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson

Trophy for the Para-Sport Athlete with a Physical Impairment

Adrian Vidamour

The Ferbrache & Farrell LLP Trophy for the Para-Sport Athlete with an Learning Impairment

Charlotte Ives

Dave Dorey Memorial Trophy

Mike Chapple

Sir John Loveridge Award

Rochelle Vaudin

Guernsey Brewery Salver

Lucy Beere

Richard Burton Salver

Billy Le Poullain

Guernsey Sports Commission Trophy

Cameron Chalmers



Key Stats

Brooks Macdonald High
Performance Centre trains top
sports people from different sports

450 people attended our Sporting
Achievement Awards with 12
awards presented



Support

Workshops

We offer a range of workshops to sports coaches, sports leaders, volunteers and anyone with an interest in furthering their sporting knowledge. These courses are provided to ensure that coaches can remain skilled and can further their professional development. Some courses are also necessary for coaches to fulfil the minimum standards for deployment required by National Governing Bodies. In 2017 we organised various workshops delivered by Sport Wales and St. John's Ambulance. Workshops delivered included Safeguarding and Protecting Children, Time To Listen and Standard First Aid. In 2017 we delivered for the first time a Youth Safeguarding workshop, which is specifically for coaches/helpers aged 13-17.

Of the 26 applications made, 14 did not receive any funding and the other 12 received a total of £31,400. In the end, one of these events did not happen, so the total was £11,400, which included 2 events that are not recognised as being sports by the Sports Commission, so making the total spend on sport £10,250.

From the 25 applications (excluding the event that was cancelled), the total funding request was £56,850 against a total cost of £360,231 of actually putting the events on. These events attracted approximately 10774 bed nights, with an estimated benefit to the economy of over £1.0m.

Funding

Sports Guernsey (Incorporating Sports and Nautical Guernsey)

In 2017 there were 26 applications made for funding from Sport Guernsey. Once again, because of the difficult criteria set by Economic Development, the number of applications was down by approximately 25% on a "normal" year.



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Tom Druce



General

2017 was a significant year for the club following my advice to the Board of Directors to rebrand the club name and logo. The new logo and confirmed name change were launched at the annual awards evening in January – where we cited a need to modernise in order to continue to develop. This saw the name changed from Guernsey Island Amateur Athletic Club (GIAAC) to Guernsey Athletics Club (Guernsey Athletics). The club's principal events all ran as normal and maintained their entry numbers and quality – and in Track & Field our “bulge year” of DOB 2000 (give or take a year) continued to prosper as we oversaw their increased involvement at Island Games level and at age group level nationally and regionally. Membership of the club continues to slowly climb as it has every year in recent times.

Schools

There were fewer requests for primary schools than 2016 and with it being an Island Games year I did struggle with availability at the relevant point of the year for schools. However I was still able to deliver a number of lessons and after-school clubs to high schools. The time constraints of coaching and delivering PE or school club sessions is something that the athletics club has plans afoot to resolve and we hope to begin to implement these plans shortly. The long-standing primary school competition was co-hosted by the club and Education Dept and was extremely well supported as usual. In addition to this the club heavily supported the high school inter-school event with officials and other volunteers as well as offering cut-price club membership to event winners and runners-up.

Community

The club's strongest presence in the community has long been our endurance events held throughout the year. Non-members continue to sign up and partake in various different disciplines – though understandably the numbers have very slightly dropped in some of these with the emergence of parkrun locally. The numbers have possibly not been impacted as much as one might imagine, we believe due to the exceptional organisation that our events provide. Away from these, we offered holiday clubs for primary school children during all the major holidays.

We also offered great value to our Specsavers Youth Games children who were permitted to compete in our Intertrust QuadKids competitions as part of their included sessions – this was possibly key in our recruitment of new children into the club following the Youth Games.

Performance

It was arguably the best year to date from an elite performance perspective. Whilst 2012 saw Lee Merrien compete at the Olympic Games in London, 2017 certainly surpassed that individual achievement with a number of titles and performances by top senior and junior athletes. The standout senior performer was Cameron Chalmers once again...he was selected for the IAAF World Championships but was forced to withdraw injured. Chalmers did however come 4th at the European U23 Champs in the 400m and anchored Great Britain to the gold in the 4x400m relay. He also won multiple national medals indoors and outdoors at U23 and senior level. His brother, Alastair, also won an international title by winning the Commonwealth Youth Games 400m hurdles gold medal and broke the British U18 record in doing so. Sarah Mercier and Louise Perrio both hit genuine national class heights on the roads and Lee Merrien matched this level on his comeback from injury. Multiple juniors produced national level performances, led by national indoor 300m champion Sophie Porter and Indi Gallagher who was 12th fastest at the Commonwealth Youths.

Coach/Workforce Education

During my tenure there was a distinctive change by UK Athletics to sharply increase the level of officiating at all track and field events UK-wide. This meant that an immediate reaction was required in order for our events to even be considered for verification (essentially, all performances achieved in Guernsey would not have been included in any official online results). I am pleased to say we are now in a comfortable position of having sufficient officials across all disciplines, having made a final push in 2017. Many of the officials are now at Level 2 status and pushing to Level 3 (there are five levels where level 5 is international level, e.g. World Champs etc) which is fantastic and I work with them and the relevant contacts in the UK to facilitate this as best I can. On the coaching side we are similarly strong currently and awaiting England Athletics' slight restructure of their qualifications before we are able to qualify more coaches to "Athletics Coach" (which equates to approx. Level 2.5). It remains a challenge to recruit new coaches who have the correct and relevant skillsets and mindset to embrace the challenge of long-term coaching but I am very positive about the team who we have – my own and their CPD is a priority and will remain so going forward.



Cricket Development

David Hooper



General

2017 was a good year for Guernsey cricket with the new Junior league structure put in place giving everyone the opportunity to play cricket from ages 4 up to 18. Numbers weren't as high as last year in participation due to the lack of primary school hours put in, that will change this year. There will be a new look starting in 2018 as Jason Shambrook has stepped down and I have taken on the role which I'm very much looking forward to.

Schools

For years 1-4 I thought that the cricket offered was very limited which showed in our numbers. However the numbers for years 5/6 boys and girls were good with 18 teams taking part in the Kwik cricket tournaments. Beechwood/College schools remain cricket's highest producers with the other schools not having much of an interest in cricket which I think is a result of my lack of attendance in their school and the teacher's enthusiasm for the sport.

Community

Tots cricket began this year and was a huge hit with numbers increasing from 6 children to 30 kids over our summer weeks, under 7/9 was not so good on numbers due to lack of school interaction on our behalf. Table cricket was re-introduced into the Cheshire homes, Headway and HSC with 40 people having ago.

Performance

Guernsey under 16's had a very challenging season with some tough opposition which they handled well in a couple of English tournaments. They all improved as the season went on learning new skills and putting them into game practice.

Coach/Workforce Education

This season was poor in terms of Coach Education for adults, but the College did run a young leaders course, 16 young adults took the course with their final assessment being umpires for the years 5/6 cricket tournaments.

Action plan for 2018

- We are running a coach support course which 16 mums, dads and teachers are on.
- We are running a Million-dollar arm/ Crazy catch challenge in every school over lunch time

- Each school has the chance to get the school roadshow in which covers the skills of batting, throwing, bowling and catching to 1200 children
- Introducing an u14's league with the three clubs

With these points hopefully, all our numbers will improve.



Fencing Development

Chris Buxton



General

2017 has been a busy year. We have seen a big increase in attendance of the islands fencers at UK competitions and started to see improved performances. Guernsey fencing is making a concerted effort to raise the profile of the sport and aims over the next 2 years to increase the amount of regular fencers.

Schools

Over the past twelve months a huge amount of work has gone into delivering fencing to new audiences. Outreach work, comprises several aspects - we run afterschool fencing clubs at St Martins, Vauvert, Blanchelande, Ladies College, Melrose and Beechwood. We delivered PE sessions at Beaucamp, Grammar, Les Voies, Notre Dame, St Mary and St Michaels, Forest School. We ran sessions for Guernsey Autism, taken part in the Generali Family Fun Day. Over 40 competitors fenced at the Specsavers Youth Games, 40 children signed up for our Y4 fencing festival, 9 schools competed in the first inter school trophy.

Over 700 children have tried fencing this year through our various offerings.

Community

There are three fencing clubs on Guernsey, Guernsey Fencing Club which runs on a Monday evenings, Sarnia Sword Club which runs from September to May on a Thursday at Beau Sejour, and Guernsey Fencing Academy which runs training sessions five days a week and is open all year round. We have launched a series of competitions - Guernsey Junior Series, to allow our youth fencer's competition experience.

Performance

2017 saw a step change in the level of performance. Alex Le Maitre became the first Guernsey fencer to qualify for the Great Britain U17 and U20 squads and established himself in the Top 10 U20 British fencers in his first year in the age group.

At the British youth championships we brought home more than one medal for the first time, Alex Le Maitre - Silver in the U18 sabre, Will Firth - Bronze in the U16 event. Rachel Simon made quarter final - U14 girl's sabre - missing out on a medal by 2 hits.

Youth fencers started to see their efforts paying dividends, with 4 medals from national youth events, Rachel Simon (bronze and Gold) Oakley Francart (bronze) and Harry Cummins (Gold) Oakley finished the year 12th with a year to go in his age group.

Harry Cummins won gold at a very tough national event.

We have started to implement a bespoke Strength and conditioning programme for our competitive athletes, This is the initial phase of a program of developing the provision of the wider athlete skills for the islands competitive fencers, including, psychology, nutrition and physiotherapy.

Coach/Workforce Education

Coaches have had some great opportunities to continue their professional development and enable more experienced fencers to take first steps on their coaching journey. In July we hosted two UK coach educators, guiding coaches through their level 1 and 2 qualifications. The year ends has a level 2 sabre course with British Fencings head of coach development and British sabre coach, Peter Frohlich.



Hockey Development

Steve Eulenkamp



General

This year has been a successful year at Guernsey Hockey. There have been good achievements in many areas. This year there have also been some changes. Jason Robilliard has taken over as CEO/President and Steve Eulenkamp has replaced Sally Bushell as Development Officer after a successful 9 years. We have begun to make some changes to the inside of our clubroom to update it a bit. We are still seeking an additional member of staff to manage the bar. We have also had a visit from our England hockey Relationship Manager, who led a member forum focussed on “What makes a good club”. She spent the day with club representatives, visiting school and club coaching sessions.

Schools

Hockey continued to prove popular at Primary School level, with coaches attending sessions at all of the schools. We held a successful tournament for Year 6 teams, which was won by St Martin’s and a taster

afternoon for Year 5s, which was well attended. Hockey still proves to be less popular in the High Schools and our biggest feeder remains Elizabeth College. We now have coaches attending lunchtime sessions at Les Beaucamp and St Sampson’s. We hope to expand these over the next 12 months, including providing more accessible opportunities for them to join our Hockey Academy.

Community

This year we began the Back2Hockey initiative, which attracted some former players and parents of players. In 2018 we again hope to expand this initiative to encourage more people to get involved with the sport alongside their children.

Our Academy Centre is still popular, with approximately 100 young people playing in our U14 and U16 sessions. Our Sunday morning session still attracts excellent numbers, with approximately 140 children on the register.

Performance

Our performance athletes are still competing at the highest level. Our U16 teams enter the Tier 1 National Championships and senior teams enter the Tier 2 National Championships. This year we currently have 5 U15 boys attending the Regional Performance Centre and 1 boy playing in the England U18 age group squad. We have also seen athletes compete for England at Over 40s and Over 60s.

Coach/Workforce Education

This season we held an umpire course, which enabled us to accredit a further 24 umpires, most of whom are young people, who will be umpiring in junior hockey to gain confidence before entering into adult hockey. With visits from GB gold medallists and Dutch international coaches we couldn't fit in a coach's workshop weekend in this September. We plan to run a comprehensive weekend of Coach Education at the beginning of the 2018/19 season, encompassing a variety of coaching workshops.



Key Stats

10 Sports Development Officers to increase participation in Badminton, Cricket, Athletics, Hockey, Fencing, Rugby, Squash, Football, Table Tennis & Sailing

Rugby Development

Steve Melbourne



General

Rugby at all levels has increased during 2017 with more rugby than ever being supported in schools by the 5-person (2 x FT and 3 x PT Staff) Rugby Development Team.

The Academy now has all of its teams from U13 – U18 in the Sussex Junior and Youth Leagues (Cost of flights dictated the move from Hampshire to Sussex).

St Jacques has re-entered the National League in Sussex 2 (Again cost of flights dictated this move) and the Guernsey Ladies achieved promotion to Championship 2 in the National Women's League.

Touch Rugby has seen a slight decline in adult numbers, but their youth section has grown since its inception 2 seasons ago. This has seen them enter an U18 mixed team into the European Championships.

Guernsey ran the first ever Channel Island RFU Leadership with 9 out of the 10 candidates successfully completing the 6-month course. This has led to GRFC

achieving RFU Club Accreditation
(Effectively a full club review).

Schools

Rugby Development is very active in the Island Schools with 49 more sessions this year than 2016. This has been due to the increase in the girl's game at both Touch and Contact.

Primary/Junior Schools Tag Festival was again well supported, and Rugby Development ran programmed and adhoc sessions with specialist schools and Community Centres of Le Rondin, Le Murier, Les Voies, Styx's and Bounce.

Refereeing courses for both CofFE and Schools was well supported and provided 24 extra Level 1 Referee's to support the Tag Festival.

Guernsey Combined Secondary Schools entered for the first time 2 teams in the Lord Jersey Cup at U15/U16 level.

RDO supported off Island Schools Rugby Tour with St Sampson's High School.

Community

For the first time Rugby Development was invited to run Girls Contact Rugby for the Specsavers Youth Games which saw 35 girls participate in an 8-week training programme.

Guernsey Rugby Association ran both an Easter and Summer Rugby Camp that engaged some 230 children from Tots (U5) to U16's both boys and girls.

The RDO and CRC's are fully involved in all

young player development outside of their normal daily work hours.

Performance

The development pathways both for boys and girls is now firmly established and we have this year seen more boys signed off to play adult rugby than ever before. Added to this will be the first girl (Lucy Pratt) at 17 to be signed off to play adult women's rugby for Guernsey Ladies.

The Raiders Pre-Season game v Doncaster Knight (Championship team) saw both present Colts Ben Holland and John Le Noury make appearances.

The Academy decided as it was the first season in Sussex to focus on the girls U15 and U18 county selection that saw 3 girls at U16 and 1 at U18 being selected to play for Sussex. Of these Lucy Pratt has been nominated by Sussex to attend the England Rugby Centre of Excellence squad training.

S&C sessions for age's U14 - Adults are in place to support the Development Pathway are run between 2 and 4 times weekly.

Coach/Workforce Education

Guernsey Rugby Development ran the following course and CPD's during 2017:

2 x Rugby Ready (Safety in Rugby) 16 Candidates

Scrum Factory x 11 Candidates

Match Official and Coach the Tackle x 10 Candidates

Sailing Development

Clare Chapple

Line out x 14 Candidates

Match Official (2017/18 Laws update) x 14
Candidates and all squads from U13 to Adult

Safeguarding:

Play It Safe x 13 Candidates

In Touch x 9 Candidates

Level 2 Coaching Award x 10 Candidates

Level 1 Match Official Award x 29 Candidates

Level 2 Match Official x 8 Candidates

RFU Leadership Academy x 9 Candidates

Coaching and Match Officials CPD's and courses were run 1 per month These have been enhanced by the formation of a Senior Coaches group from U14 to Adult Rugby working on more advanced playing and player skills and coaching methods, run by RDO and Guernsey Raiders DoR.



General

2017 has been a very successful year for sailing at both grass roots and performance level. We have brought over national coaches for all three youth classes we currently have on Guernsey which have been successful in improving the sailor's skills and developing the local coaches. The Guernsey Yacht Club (GYC) have sent some of the biggest teams to date off Island to compete at National competitions and across to St Malo for the annual triangular match with the local club and Jersey. This year has seen our biggest winter training programme which is seeing over 50 sailors on the pond and sea each weekend ranging in age from 6-19. The Guernsey Sailing Trust (GST) has received a makeover with a new front to the building and a disabled access ramp.

Schools

The Guernsey Sailing Trust has worked delivering on the water sailing sessions to 9 secondary schools and 13 primary schools

teaching over 1000 students to sail across a range of different boats.

With the special needs school we have been working through the RYA Sailability scheme, and those groups from mainstream school who have come regularly and for more than 4 sessions have been working through the RYA Youth scheme. In conjunction with the Sports Commission we ran a successful Years 5 and 6 tournament, were proud to be one of the sports for the Specsavers Youth Games and the On Your Marks Holiday programme for students in year 6 and above.

Community

The GST, in conjunction with the GYC, ran an Open day in April offering free taster sessions sailing on the pond for under 12s. In addition to this, in May, the GST participated in the RYA Push the Boat out National event running an open day for the general public offering, sailing on the pond, dinghy sailing, keelboat sailing and powerboat tasters. During the summer holidays a drop in centre (£5 for an hour) is available 9-12 on Saturday mornings for sailing on the pond. We have run weekly sessions for St Martin Day Centre as part of our Adult Sailability programme and our specially adapted disability boat is open for bookings and regularly being enjoyed by two wheelchair users.

Performance

Sailing has seen a very successful year off island. Clemetine Thompson became the

first British woman to medal at the Laser U21 European Championships taking Bronze, she was also 12th at the U21 world Championships.

Eloise Tanguy was selected to represent GB at the U18 world Championships. 13 year old Arthur Collenette finished the year ranked 74th U15 gaining selection to the Optimist Development Squad. 12 year olds Kiera Carre and Xavier Ellis finished the year ranked 105th and 118th and gain selection to the South of England Zone squad for the second year. 10 year old Abigail Boyle also had a fantastic performance at the End of Season Championships finishing 10th and 1st Girl in the regatta fleet for sailors new to big fleet racing.

Coach/Workforce Education

This year saw 8 13+ year olds qualify as Assistant Instructors, 3 16+ year olds qualify as windsurfing Instructors, 4 16+ year olds qualify as dinghy instructors and Richard Klein completed his coach assessor so can now qualify instructors in house on Island. A number of parent volunteers gained a powerboat level 2 qualification enabling them to volunteer on the water.



Tennis Development

Jacqui Hunt



Clubs

During the two years that I have been involved in tennis development, there have been a few changes within Guernsey tennis clubs, although both Kings and La Mare are still in limbo with regards to future site development plans, prompting several Kings members to transfer to various other clubs.

GTC is still the main hub of activity for coaching, open events and tournaments and they have recently opened three padel tennis courts. La Mare and St Martins TC have both engaged ad hoc services from professional tennis coaches with La Mare concentrating on adult inclusion and St Martins trying to attract more juniors. It would be great to see these club/coach links develop.

Following some recent facility upgrades I believe that St Pierre Park could make an excellent tennis venue with the addition of low level floodlights and the new golf club facilities now in place.

The development initiatives have used club and school courts and thanks go to GTC,

La Mare and St Martins who have willingly offered courts to support development events as and when courts are available, helping to keep costs down.

Tennis in Guernsey is very much club and coach driven and I can see a few signs of change. The clubs all offer something slightly different therefore providing opportunity for all. Thanks to the coaches who have supported development both in schools and across the community initiatives. I hope this team approach will continue.

To secure a future for Guernsey tennis I would like to see clubs encouraging more junior activity and the GLTA, clubs and coaches working together to create some clear pathways for juniors and adults.

Community

Over the last two years Guernsey tennis has established some firm links with the Guernsey Sports Commission and a variety of coaches have enjoyed supporting initiatives throughout 2017.

The Festivals and inter School Primary event were both at capacity and all pupils enjoyed great taster tennis experiences. Street Sports turned out to be lots of fun for coaches and pupils alike and was hosted by La Mare Club. Guernsey Tennis coaches also supported Healthy Hearts Day and the Generali Family Fun Day. GTC hosted a couple of 'On your Marks' tennis sessions in August giving pupils the opportunity to play in a tennis club environment.

Guernsey Tennis are happy to support inclusion and will do their utmost to support GSC with any requests in this area.

Schools

The GLTA Tennis in schools initiative ran during Spring 2, Summer 1 & 2 and Autumn 1. (March – October). Tennis was delivered to over 400 pupils in 11 Primary Schools including Sark (years 4, 5 & 6) and to around 250 pupils in 4 Secondary schools (year 7, 8 & 9) 12 teams of 3 competed in an inter Primary competition at the GTC and 4 boys and 4 girls teams of 6 each competed in the inter Secondary event at the Grammar School. (full report available)

I believe that the tennis in schools initiative has been very well received both in Primary and Secondary. It has been fun working with teachers this summer who are clearly enjoying delivering tennis with fresh ideas and renewed confidence. School tennis will be my focus in 2018.

Education

Linking with Exeter University an LTA level 1 assistants course was run across two weekends. Seven candidates attended, all passing. Two candidates were keen to further their knowledge and attend the level 2 course planned in Jersey however this was unfortunately cancelled by CILTA due to low numbers. These assistants have been offered the opportunity to go to the UK to attend a level 2 course in 2018. It has been excellent to see many of the recently qualified level 1

assistants supporting club programmes and involving themselves with the community Street Sports Initiative during 2017.

Six Level 2 and above coaches picked up some valuable CPD points, which will go towards their LTA accreditation, at a Mini Tennis Course also delivered by Exeter University.

Jo Robinson and I held a combined Primary and Secondary Teachers training course with 16 teachers attending.

Jo Robinson delivered a leaders course to 14 Sports BTEC students at the College of Further Education. These students completed their course by assisting with set up and umpiring at the Inter Primary competition.

Several discussions have taken place with Rob West at the GTC to check the feasibility of setting up a bespoke part time apprenticeship for a level 1 tennis coach. Due to a variety of reasons this does not appear to be possible at this stage but hopefully something to consider for the future.

Conclusion

Within the next couple of years Guernsey may end up with three tennis clubs. Ideally all with professional coach involvement and player pathways.

For players outside of the club structure both the school and community initiatives offer opportunity to many who would not otherwise experience tennis. These initiatives should not

be measured for gaining numbers or talent spotting alone. If tennis can reach out and engage or enhance one or two young lives surely that is success and the seed sown for tennis players at some point in the future.

2018

Due to other commitments I will be scaling back my role for 2018. Eventually I will only be involved in the tennis in schools programme. Next year I hope to involve more coaches in schools which should help create a pathway between school and local club/ tennis programmes.

The GLTA aim to appoint a tennis administrator who will continue the links formed with the GSC and community initiatives; communicate with the LTA, CILTA and local clubs and possibly run a selection of GLTA events. I will support the new administrator in the changeover.

All in all a productive two years raising the overall profile of tennis across the Island; forming school and community links and supporting and delivering a variety of CPDs and courses. The key as always will be working together as a team to promote tennis in Guernsey through clubs, community and schools.



Badminton Development

Matthew Haynes



General

2017 has been a busy developmental year for Guernsey Badminton with a lot of structure changes around the Senior Clubs, Senior Leagues and the whole junior pathway and structure. We aim to continually improve the structure and opportunities provided by Guernsey Badminton so that everyone can enjoy the sport at what ever level they wish to play. We hope that this year of development and changes will be for the best interest of the sport and its members and therefore the sport will continue to grow year on year.

Schools

Guernsey Badminton has further extended their outreach into the schools programme providing badminton to over 150 more pupils this year compared to 2016.

The schools programme is working extremely well with development officer providing opportunities to Year 5 & 6 pupils while also fitting in as many Year 3 & 4 classes as possible in any spare time. The uptake remains to be around 4-6 pupils attending junior clubs run by Guernsey Badminton after each half term.

Community

We have looked to increase our involvement with the community and most successfully introducing a Inter-Firm challenge which has had a good uptake of firms entering small teams to compete against each other.

Further planning is ongoing to continue to support local community groups like the WI, Scouts & Brownies Troops as well as plans towards disability badminton sessions in the near future.

Guernsey Badminton supports the Sports Commission Holiday camps and family fun days to provide badminton opportunities as well as holiday camps delivered at Beau Sejour.

Performance

Guernsey Badminton have had another good year with regard to performance.

We have had victories in the Inter-Insulars for 1st Team (24-6), 2nd team (26-4) and veterans (24-6), The Under 19's lost a close game (12-18) but showed some positives with a number of young players competing a few age groups up.

Guernsey's Island Games Team brought home a range of medals from Gotland. Team Event (Gold), Mixed Doubles (Gold & Silver), Women's Doubles (Bronze) Men's Singles (Silver) which propelled Badminton to be the only sport that Guernsey Topped their medals table.

Coach/Workforce Education

Planning is still in process for coach education with the first round of courses for Young Leaders, Coaches, Young Officials and Umpires scheduled for 2018.

Guernsey Badminton aimed to develop a solid Coach Education structure which will allow young players to start themselves on this pathway as young as 14 and develop along the path towards becoming coaches at 16+.

There is a similar structure to train Young Officials from 14 years of age and provide them training opportunities to further develop their skills to qualify as full umpires once they are old enough.



Squash Development

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Media Relations

2017 has been another busy year in terms of media relations for our charity, with a number of stories featured in the local media.

The Guernsey Press provided the majority of our coverage which included a special feature for the Achievement Awards. On Your Marks was promoted before each holiday and this helped reach a wider audience beyond our online presence. The Specdavers Youth Games was also featured with a photo montage insert as part of the half-time supplement.

Channel Television and BBC Guernsey have worked with us numerous times this year on various sporting stories, which aired during their broadcasts and featured online.

We have continued our monthly slot with Andrew Senneck on Island FM which sees two members of staff promote upcoming events or programmes on the Sports Saturday show. We regularly appeared on BBC Radio Guernsey featuring On Your Marks, Youth Games and Older Peoples Week.

Our presence online has continued to increase with the use of our social media accounts and website.

Twitter remains one of the most effective ways of promoting news and sharing stories for the Commission and other member sports. We currently have 3,371 followers on Twitter.

Our YouTube was re-branded in 2017 to be called 'GSC TV'. We currently have 504 subscribers to our channel which saw our most popular video 'Queens Baton Relay 2018 | Bailiwick of Guernsey' viewed over 300 times. Our most popular video of all time remains 'An Interview with Sarah Taylor' which in 2017 exceeded 100k views. 24 videos have topped 1,000 views. 2017 saw 89,568 views of our videos.

Facebook continues to attract interest with stories, events and promotions appearing daily. We currently have 1,991 likes.

We send out a monthly newsletter to our mailing list which is now over 2,000 people. This includes many parents/carers who have attended events with us, Deputies and sponsors.

Our website remains the main method of promotion where we can promote our events, tell our story and raise news items.

During 2017, our website was visited by 16,429 unique visitors who viewed our website 24,441 times. In 2017 the total pages viewed on our website was 57,266 and was accessed in 125 different countries.



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