

YORKSHIRE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

After almost two years of limited badminton activity due to the Covid-19 pandemic play coaching and competition finally started to happen again this season. There was a great deal to arrange and organise to enable tournaments, leagues and clubs to resume and the recovery has been slow but steady. There have been casualties sadly and we are aware of clubs that have not returned, leagues that have had to be reorganised and tournaments cancelled.

The sudden and unexpected passing of John Ellis was a huge shock to us all. He gave much to YBA in various voluntary roles over many years but especially to the juniors. Many of us were able to pay our respects at his funeral and to express our condolences to Barbara and his family. He will be missed greatly.

Russell Binns has looked after the county's finances for a good number of years now. He continued to do so even after he moved to Rugby but this is now his last year. He is standing down as he and his family are moving to Australia. We thank Russell for being such an excellent custodian and wish him and his family every happiness in their new adventure. Hopefully someone will come forward to take on this vital role soon.

Ashley Reed took on the role of Schools and Youth Chair supported by Nicola Read (who is County Secretary), and Helen Calverley. However, there is still a need for more committee volunteers as it's not ideal for current members to take on multiple roles.

Ian Hunter has been an excellent Masters Coordinator and organiser of the Yorkshire Masters Gold Tournament. The latter is a huge tournament with almost 300 players and in addition this year it also included Yorkshire being the host of the McCoig Competition - the Scotland v England International. Ian and his team of helpers have made it a great success and gained the praise of the National Masters Committee. Ian is standing down this year and the search for his successor continues.

When Ray Garnier retired from the Association, we were unable find a replacement for County Match Secretary so I have been covering this role and have looked after SCC teams and selection.

Thank you to Roger Cook who has continued as Affiliation Secretary, the County's voting representative at Badminton England meetings and one of our very few county tournament organisers. He did a great job looking after the County Restricted and the 17-21 English County Challenge again this year, as well as looking after 3 of the 4 Yorkshire League match weekends.

We are grateful to Lucy Kidd who became Yorkshire League Secretary and who organised the restarting of the leagues and introduced an online scoring system.

Janet and Dave Wobey (Tournament Secretary and Junior Match Secretary respectively) and Nicola Read have worked hard to look after the junior tournaments including scheduling and running them supported by some parents and volunteers. Janet is one of our few county officials who understand and use Tournament Software.

The number of volunteers for committee roles is contracting and I am uncertain for how much longer this will be able to be managed by those of us who remain in other roles.

Badminton England has recently set up a National Youth Voice Forum and three of our young players have been recruited to it – Sian Philips, Grace Sachdeva and Angie Zhu. The Forum aims to raise the profile of young people in badminton and give them the chance to have their opinions and feedback listened to, shaping the future of our sport whilst developing their own skills and experience in the process.

On a positive note, players returned to the game enthusiastically and the Junior, Senior and Masters teams had a healthy squad of players available. As you will see from the reports there has been some considerable success. Highlights being our Senior first team gaining promotion back into the Premiership, Juniors winning the U17 ICT and our 17-21 team winning the ECC. One of our most successful seasons in a while! Fortunately, we have had a manager/captain for each of the 5 county SCC teams, the ECC squad, each of the 7 Masters age group teams and most of the junior age groups – special thanks go to Kathryn Metcalf for stepping in to run the U14 Team. Thank you to all of those players and coaches who have captained or managed a team this year as without you we wouldn't have a team.

Congratulations and good luck to Chloe Birch and Marcus Ellis who have been selected to represent England at the upcoming Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

Babolat has continued to sponsor the county with kit and shuttles for which we are grateful. There have been supply issues which have delayed deliveries of some kit items for longer than usual.

Helen Clearly decided to stand down as Kit Manager. She has done a superb job of sourcing, printing and supplying the County kit for many years and will be sorely missed. The kit has passed to me and I have access to the printing equipment but supply issues and time have meant long delays on getting kit to players. Hopefully someone can be trained up for this role and the supplying of kit will improve next season.

The decision was taken to restart the Residential Summer School again this year. The dates are 14th -19th August 2022. It is again based at Bootham School and York RI. Ashley Reed and Nicola Read are the main organisers of the school. They will be supported by a team of County coaches and Pastoral staff. Bootham has given a scholarship place to Ivan a 16-year-old Ukrainian player staying with his mother and sister at Denis and Helen Cleary's home. YBA will be providing a bursary place for his sister to attend the school also.

Thank you to Holly Robson our BE Yorkshire Relationship Manager for producing excellent quarterly newsletters which we have circulated to all clubs and members. They are an excellent communication tool for informing the Yorkshire badminton community about current news, personalities and diary events, coaching courses, etc.

County business has gradually returned to normal, whatever normal is? Most meetings have been conducted via Zoom which is likely to be the case for the foreseeable future. It does save time and means a better attendance at Council and Executive meetings.

My thanks to Nicola Read our County Secretary who has committed a huge amount of time to county business and is a great support. My apologies if I have left something out of my comments here but hopefully it will have been recognised somewhere else in this annual report.

GORDON MILNE

Schools and Youth Report 2021-2022

Another season as Chairman of the Schools and Youth (Junior) Committee has drawn to a close and I would like to start my report by thanking a number of people but firstly a tribute to John Ellis who sadly passed away this year.

A man that supported Yorkshire junior badminton for numerous years and gave his all for those youngest players. His infamous £1 for getting a 21-0 score must have cost him a bit with all those talented players in Yorkshire. RIP John you will be missed.

Thank you to Nicola Read who has worked tirelessly to get all events back up and running after the pandemic and Dave Wobey who managed to get the Shires League matches arranged in record time which helped team managers to try and ensure players were aware and available. Also to Janet Wobey who arranged all the tournament sanctions, venue bookings, shuttle and medal deliveries. I would also like to thank the people who volunteered to run tournaments for YBA – in particular, Janet Wobey and Mark Whitaker. Apologies to anyone I have missed off. There is always room for more volunteers though. Any parent who would like to join our committee would be most welcome.

It has been a successful season with at least one team in each age group qualifying for the Shires League Finals. I would like to congratulate Helen Calverley on her efforts as Under 18 1st and 2nd Team Manager. The team won the ICT as well as getting both Shires team to finals.

More thanks to Nathan Hale who has coached the U12/14/16s this year and is taking full team manager of U12s in 22/23.

Also thanks to Katherine Metcalfe who stepped up to manage the U14 teams all season.

Ashley Reed
Schools and Youth Chairman

FINANCIAL REPORT

2021-22

YORKSHIRE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION



Fund Reconciliation

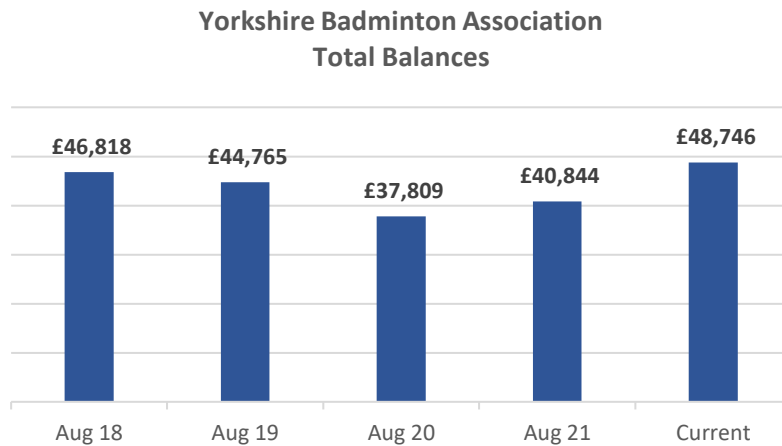
Start Balance (1st August 2021)	£40,844
Total Credits	£60,365
Total Debits	-£52,462
Net Movement	£7,903
Final Balance	£48,746

Cash Flow Statement

Metric	Receipts	Expenditure	Net Position
Total	£180,394	-£172,491	£7,903
Total excluding transfers	£60,365	-£52,462	£7,903
SCC	£1,146	-£4,846	-£3,700
Entry Fees	£0	-£3,600	-£3,600
Match Fees	£1,146	£0	£1,146
Expenses	£0	-£1,246	-£1,246
COUNTY ACTIVITY	£19,909	-£14,930	£4,980
Tournaments	£12,477	-£9,018	£3,459
Affiliations	£3,667	£0	£3,667
Tykes	£0	£0	£0
Yorkshire League	£2,760	-£900	£1,860
Venue Hire	£0	-£599	-£599
Shuttles	£0	-£2,813	-£2,813
Expenses	£0	-£920	-£920
Kit	£1,006	-£681	£325
JUNIORS	£28,385	-£26,168	£2,217
Junior Matches	£6,276	-£8,366	-£2,090
Junior Tournaments	£8,815	-£6,745	£2,070
Junior Training	£3,274	-£3,685	-£411
Venue Hire	£0	£0	£0
Shuttles	£0	£0	£0
Expenses	£0	-£2,139	-£2,139
Misc	£0	-£341	-£341
Junior Coaching Weekends	£4,020	-£3,295	£725
York Residential Summer School	£6,000	-£1,597	£4,404
MASTERS	£10,857	-£6,393	£4,464
Matches	£1,297	-£1,751	-£454
Tournament	£9,360	-£3,927	£5,432
Training	£200	-£215	-£15
Venue Hire	£0	£0	£0
Shuttles	£0	£0	£0
Misc	£0	-£500	-£500
MISC	£120,097	-£120,155	-£58
Bank Transfers	£120,029	-£120,029	£0
Unallocated	£0	£0	£0
Expenses	£0	£0	£0
Bank Interest/Charges	£68	-£126	-£58
Paid/Unpaid Items	£0	£0	£0

Financial Summary

As there has been no YBA AGM since 2019, the graph below shows the year end balances held across the various YBA accounts since 2018 and our current position.



YBA has proved to be a resilient organisation throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, and we have recovered well in financial terms following a small dip in total funds available.

As a recap, the 2019-20 season came to an abrupt halt in March '20 which meant that YBA was unable to complete activities that usually boosted year end finances, resulting in the final position of ~£38k. The following season saw very limited activity at a county level. There were some junior training sessions, and a variety of refunds processed, resulting in the raise in overall funds to ~£41k. Detailed accounts can be provided upon request.

Financial activity has been largely back to normal in the most recent season, with several key points to note:

1. The total funds at this stage of the season are healthy, and all segments – seniors, juniors and masters are running at breakeven or better. Additionally, the PayPal account balance is £1k.
2. Tournament income has been the largest in our history at nearly £30k. All tournaments have turned a positive return in terms of profit, albeit some of the smaller junior tournaments have only just achieved this. The Masters Gold continues to be the most successful.
3. Affiliation income continues to decrease.
4. Several county activities run at an agreed loss due to the positive return we see elsewhere, for example, SCC, ICT, junior matches and training. We do this to ensure Yorkshire players benefit from our success in running other events.
5. Shuttle costs have been centralised. They are notoriously difficult to allocate given we usually hold and carry over stock. Details can be provided upon request as to where we have used shuttles, but they are primarily used for Yorkshire League, County Restricted, training and some matches, and Masters' Gold.
6. The Yorkshire Residential Summer School will run again this season, and we are currently benefiting from entry fees with limited expenses – the final year end position will be lower than we are today (estimate ~£3-4k lower).

Yorkshire Tournaments

The **Yorkshire Restricted** was held on 30th and 31st October 2021 at York RI. The winners and runners up were-

MS – Jamie Bonsels	Nathan Rossiter
WS – Emily Harper	Yulia Tang
MD – Nathan Rossiter & Steve Strickland	James Youle & Mark Pratt
WD – Katherine Arksey & Vicky Brewis	Emily Arksey & Charlotte Willmore
XD – Phil Sunderland & Tracy Parker	James Youle & Katherine Arksey

The **Yorkshire Copper 2021** was held on 6th November 2021 at York RI. The winners and runners up were-

MS – James Weeks	Cheuk Yin Yeung
WS – Nam Lloyd	Tanvi Dave
MD – Tim Rolfe & Nicholas Wilding	Andrew Chatterton & Ian Cottrill
WD – Molly Price & Brodie Towler	Jessica Markey & Danielle Whitaker
XD – Jamie Percy & Molly Price	Joe Rolfe & Melissa Lin

The **Yorkshire Silver 2021** was held on 27th & 28th November 2021 at York RI. The winners and runners up were-

MS – Jamie Bonsels	Josh Young
WS – Aimie Whiteman	Sophie Watson
MD – Jamie Percy & Nathan Rossiter	Harry Goode & Ewen Stephen
WD – Katherine Arksey & Smrithi Shirol	Terri-Lee Holmes & Annabel Hong
XD – Philip Pahatouridis & Fay Andrews	Josh Young & Annabel Hong

The **Yorkshire Bronze 2022** was held on 12th March 2022 at York RI. The winners and runners up were-

MS – Marcus Ip	Owen Edwards
WS – Charlotte Forbes	Katie Griffiths
MD – Steven Andrews & Owen Edwards	James Attebery & Ed Telfer
WD – Matilda Franklin & Yulia Tang	Tracy Parker & Laura Wall
XD – Fred Robertson & Yulia Tang	Thomas Long & Cici Lu

The **Yorkshire Copper 2022** was held on 29th May 2022 at York RI. The winners and runners up were-

MS – Finlay Nelson	Patrick Clarke
WS – Nam Lloyd	Anna Kondratieva
MD – Edward Fricker & Thomas Washuus	Patrick Clarke & Christopher Hunt
WD – Molly Price & Brodie Towler	Alina Nataltsenko & Heather Robertson
XD – Nilesh Wijesekera & SatarraThaker	Christopher Hunt & Alina Nataltsenko

The following Yorkshire Tournaments will be held in 2022 at York RI. Further details and entry forms will be available on the Badminton England website.

Yorkshire Restricted 1st & 2nd October 2022

Yorkshire Silver 26th & 27th November 2022

There are also the following tournaments in our area- See BE website

Hull Copper (BE 4th tier) 11th September 2022

Harrogate Silver 17th & 18th September 2022

Hull Bronze 8th October 2022

BE runs its calendar from January to December now so dates for 2023 will be added to their website in due course.

Yorkshire also holds junior tournaments for various age groups at York RI throughout the season. Dates for the rest of 2022 are: -

U17 Silver 30th October

U13 Bronze 6th November

Further details and entry forms will be available on the Badminton England website and events for 2023 will be on their website in due course.

Nick Read (Secretary)

Match Secretary's Report

It has been a very busy return season with three weekends all happening after Christmas. Fortunately, many of our players were keen to get back to competition so we were able to field five teams again. However, as has always been the case, we struggled for ladies and there were quite a few promotions from lower teams to fill gaps.

SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Championship League matches are played over three separate weekends over two days with total of nine matches. The Regional League (Division 1) is split into two sections (North & South) with eight teams per section playing their matches regionally including a play-off for promotion to the Championship. Divisions 2 - 4 have four sections, also with eight teams, and with promotion/relegation across each section. The 17- U21 English County Challenge is played over one weekend, late in the season, and is hosted by Yorkshire.

1st Team (Championship) FIRST (CHAMPIONS)

An amazingly successful season for our first team winning 8 of their 9 matches and topping the division with 74 points and regaining the county's place in the Premiership division. Some of our youngest players represented the team which bodes well for the future and it was great to see Jenny Wallwork back playing after a long break.

2nd Team (Championship) EIGHTH

Loss of players to the first team made it difficult in such a strong division. Excellent commitment from players and great management from Mark Pratt saw the team fight hard for eighth place just keeping out of the relegation zone.

3rd Team (Division 1 North) FOURTH

A challenging season for the team that kept losing players to higher teams and often playing with a minimum number. They were pulled through by the experience of long serving players and ended up with a very creditable mid table position.

4th Team (Division 2 North) SECOND

An outstanding first season for this team in this division despite a number of unexpected challenges and often losing players to higher teams. Losing team manager Ian Bucknell after the first weekend was a sad loss but all credit to player Mark Harrison who stepped in so well for the rest of the season. Promotion to Division1 North will be a massive step up but well deserved.

5th Team (Division 2 North) SIXTH

Lots of new players in this team making their county debuts. Some close losses but a strong finish resulted in an excellent sixth place just above the relegation zone.

17-U21 Team (English County Challenge) FIRST (CHAMPIONS)

An amazingly exciting competition which came down to a game count between Yorkshire and Avon. Tied on games won so it came down to points difference in the match against

Avon and Yorkshire won by 8 points! Thanks to Archit Sachdeva and Kevin Harper for looking after the team so well.

TROPHY NOMINATIONS

1st Team Ken Davidson Award: Katherine Arksey

2nd Team Jimmy Cox Salver: Mark Pratt

3rd Team Bill Holwill Memorial Salver: Laura Wall

4th Team SAF Pat Rycroft Plate: Jasmine Lidster

5th Team M Bryan Salver: Alice Parker

U21 Team Margo Winter Salver: Archit Sachdeva

COLOUR NOMINATIONS

1st Team Grace Sachdeva, Yulia Tang, Katherine Arksey,

2nd Team Charlotte Willmore, Emily Harper, Emily Arksey, Victoria Brewis, Ashkan Mamoodian

3rd Team Laura Wall, Oliver Stapleton, Lucy Walker, Kate Walker

4th Team Asish Chittamura, Joe Dehdashty, Danielle Whitaker, Phil Sunderland, Owen Walker, Wanwimon Lloyd

5th Team Ryan Malone, Chris Shires, Alina Natalsenko, Josh Backhouse, Alex Speakman, Daniel Thomas, Elizabeth Nicholls, Sian Phillips, Alice Parker

U21 Team Archit Sachdeva, Oliver Stapleton, Owen Walker, Thomas Macrae, Jasmine Lidster, Katherine Arksey, Lucy Walker, Emily Harper, Romilly Calvert

APPEARANCES

250 Appearances None

200 Appearances None

150 Appearances Susan Prosser 2003 - 2022

100 Appearances None

50 Appearances Laura Wall 2013-2022

Mike Reid 2012-2019

Tom Summers 2012-2022

James Croll 2003-2019

Matt Steel 2010-2022

Emma Smethurst 2011-2019

Vicki Brewis 2014-22

Rebecca Boyle 2009-2022

Matt Train 2005-2022

Mark Pratt 2011-2022

APPEARANCES TOP TEN TYKES

Nicola Parry (Smith) 258 1987-2019

Sarah Panesar (Petch) 238 1989-2019

Justine Evans (Willmott) 171 1985-2010

Susan Prosser (Barbour) 154 1990-2022

Hayley Ludlam 122 1988-2006

Charlotte Lindsay 117 1956-1981

Lisa Garnier 111 1987-2008

Lucy Kidd (Milne) 111 2003-2022

Jenny Day 107 2000-2014

Steph Martin (Barwick) 102 2005-2018

Nitin Panesar 224 1984-2018

Alex Marritt 181 1997-2022

Steve Parry 150 1984-2013

Brian Keefe 144 1952-1980

Mike Adams 140 1980-2017

Stuart Illingworth 139 1989-2012

Russell Binns 135 2001-2022

Steve Foster 132 1994-2017

Glenn Coburn 124 1985-2011

James Allinson 122 2001-2019

GORDON Milne

SCC LEAGUE TABLES 2021-22

Championship	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Yorkshire	9	8	0	1	74
2 Lancashire	9	8	0	1	68
3 Nottinghamshire	9	7	0	2	66
4 Essex	9	6	0	3	59
5 Warwickshire	9	5	0	4	55
6 Glasgow & NS	9	4	0	5	50
7 Derbyshire	9	4	0	5	47
8 Yorkshire 2	9	2	0	7	36
9 Middlesex 2	9	1	0	8	22
10 Hertfordshire 2	9	0	0	9	17

Division 1 North	P	W	D	D	Pts
1 Lanarkshire	7	6	0	1	47
2 Northumberland	7	3	0	4	44
3 Lothian	7	5	0	2	43
4 Yorkshire 3	7	3	0	4	39
5 Oxfordshire	7	3	0	9	39
6 Warwickshire 2	7	5	0	2	38
7 Nottinghamshire 2	7	3	0	4	36
8 Staffordshire	7	0	0	7	10

Division 2 North	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Lancashire 2	7	7	0	0	58
2 Yorkshire 4	7	4	0	3	48
3 Cheshire 2	7	6	0	1	41
4 Durham	7	3	0	4	40
5 Lancashire 3	7	4	0	3	38
6 Yorkshire 5	7	2	0	5	36
7 Cheshire	7	1	0	6	24
8 Cumbria	7	1	0	6	23

Yorkshire 17-21 ECC Report 2022

The ECC team this year consisted mainly of players whose final junior county season was 2018-2019 (immediately before COVID). Many of these players, including myself, have had to painfully settle for 2nd and 3rd place trophies at dozens of county events in the past, often missing out by very fine margins. For this reason, the 17-21 ECC 2022 was a major emotional breakthrough for many of us; it felt a surreal experience to finally climb to the highest step of the podium.

The professionalism and chemistry of the team shone through from the get-go. Yorkshire opened with a pair of clinical wins, 5-1 against both Sussex and Hertfordshire. Established partnerships and new pairings alike seemed to be gelling and performing flawlessly. Carrying this momentum forward, the team defeated Leicester 6-0 in the final match of the day. These efficient victories later proved to be vital because Sunday's matches were doubtlessly more testing.

Due to sore muscles and even sorer minds (from an eventful night in York), Sunday morning brought with it a tense result. Yorkshire began with some noticeably shaky opening rubbers against Avon, but eventually the team was able to somewhat cut its losses and settle for a 3-3 draw. Nervously watching Avon and Devon battle out a nail-biting fixture, the team rested assured that the stakes – and indeed the standard of badminton – was rapidly increasing. In the end, Avon came out above Devon by a 4-2 margin.

And then, somehow, Yorkshire's time to play its final match had arrived. Everything was still at stake; hinging on the team's ability to handle nerves as well as fatigue, Yorkshire could still tangibly place at any of the three podium positions. Oliver Stapleton opened the singles with a convincing win, followed in suit by Emily Harper in the girls singles. As the matches progressed, the set scores grew tighter and tighter, with almost every rubber going to a deciding set. In the end, Yorkshire secured a 4-2 win against Devon.

This put us exactly neck-and-neck with Avon, in terms of wins, AND in terms of rubbers. Countback from the tournament referees was required. After a few minutes of tense whispers, the results were in: a brief drumroll and then, a voice emerged from the tournament desk. It said: "the number of sets are also... TIED!" High-pitched "oohs" and "ahhs" echoed around all the courts.

The voice from the desk continued, "so we must go down to points. And the winning county, by just SEVEN points is... YORKSHIRE!" Upon hearing this, our team's players, coaches, and parents alike erupted in an explosion of wonder, disbelief and joy! Sweaty high fives and hugs were exchanged unsparingly, photos were taken, and just like that: history was made... what a moment to be alive and part of Yorkshire badminton!

As the captain, manager, and coach of the team, I felt very proud, not just of everyone's unyielding efforts on court, but also of the professionalism and camaraderie with which we approached the event overall. I think everyone involved would agree that it was an extremely encouraging experience for Yorkshire, particularly so soon after the heart-breaking death of John Ellis. It is an event which - without a shadow of a doubt - I, my teammates, and everyone involved will remember for a long, long time.

Team

Archit Sachdeva (C)
Oliver Stapleton
Owen Walker
Thomas Macrae

Emily Harper
Romilly Calvert
Katherine Arksey
Jasmine Lidster
Lucy Walker

17 – 21 ECC Final Standings (2021-22)

- 1 Yorkshire
- 2 Avon
- 3 Devon
- 4 Leicestershire
- 5 Kent
- 6 Lancashire
- 7 Worcestershire
- 8 Sussex
- 9 Isle of Man
- 10 Cornwall
- 11 Nottinghamshire
- 12 Oxfordshire

Archit Sachdeva

Under 18 Team Manager's Report

Our first full season back after COVID so we all had to remind ourselves how things went! We also had a bit of disruption in February and March as I had a baby! Parents and players all pulled together to ensure things kept ticking over whilst I was off for 8 weeks. Our main aim as an age group this season was to get both teams into the Shires play-offs. This was a strong target, but one that was more than achievable with the level of talent in the U18 age group. This became even more important to us, and me especially, so we could do John Ellis proud. Every single match we played since his passing we have played for him.

Shires League

2nd Team

So, with our aim for 2 teams in the play-offs, the 2nd team new they had put in some strong performances against some strong teams.

Our results are as follows:

- v Leics- 6-14 loss
- v Notts- 8-12 loss
- v Lancs- 13-7 WIN!
- v Norfolk- 18-2 WIN!
- v Northumberland- 11-9 WIN!
- v Cheshire- 11-9 WIN!

With some amazing performances we finished 9th overall in the regular season, and were into the playoffs where we were due to play Herts. We had some tricky negotiations to try and play in a neutral venue which didn't work out and the team travelled to Hatfield. We made sure they knew we meant business and came away with a fantastic 11-9 win!!

Finals here we come!

In the finals every single player played their heart out and did themselves proud. It was always going to be tough, and in the final match of the day we came away with a tight 10-10 draw v Hampshire, but lost very narrowly on points.

Getting into the finals and being the 8th placed county out of 28, as a second team is unbelievable, and I am extremely proud of them all!

1st Team

High hopes for this first team, as we are extremely strong, and with it being a lot of the players last season as a junior we wanted to finish strong! All the players knew we had a job to do and in the regular season we had by far the toughest draw out of all the top teams. They more than excelled proving a lot of people what they were made of!

Our results are as follows:

- v Leics- 15-5 WIN!
- v Warwicks- 14-6 WIN!
- v Lancs- 18-2 WIN!
- v Notts- 17-3 WIN!
- v Lincs- 20-0 WIN!
- v Cheshire- 17-3 WIN!

We finished 4th overall in the league having won every match, even against the toughest teams, convincingly. If you look at the teams that finished in 1st-3rd they had a much easier set of fixtures than us, hence our 4th place finish on points.

In the finals we had high hopes, but came away with a lot to learn. The way the finals are structured is frustrating, as if you lose your first match, even if you then win every other

match, you cannot place higher than 5th. This was our story. Our first match was a very disappointing loss v Warwicks, whom we had beaten in the regular season quite emphatically. I think this may have made us complacent and Warwicks took their opportunity to win 7-13.

We then had 2 more wins v Yorks 2 and Leics to finish 5th overall. Although I know we were all disappointed, the guts and determination the players showed to get back up and win the next 2 matches despite this was fantastic. They showed real character and I am very proud of them, and will miss those that are moving up.

RIO

Unfortunately, due to a variety of reasons there was no RIO this season. We can't wait to have it back next season and bring the title back to Yorkshire where it belongs!

ICT

First of all, wow, what an experience!!

Going into ICT we had high hopes and were seeded 1, however we were determined to not let this enter our heads and knew everyone was even more determined to beat us than usual!

John Ellis loved ICT from the minute Andy first played in it. He was there every year volunteering for BE, and I know he was just as determined as I still am to bring success back to Yorkshire where it belongs. He was extremely excited for this year's tournament and we had several conversations in the lead up to it about how to approach this year.

Our motto for every rubber and every match was 'be respectfully ruthless'. Play out of your skin, don't give anyone an inch, but always respect your opponent. I had many comments from other managers and the BE volunteers commenting on how sportsmanlike we were as a team, which I am extremely proud of.

This year ICT was played over 3 days; however we played the same number of counties as the disco was sacrificed! I cannot put into words the emotion I felt over those 3 days. I was very nervous as my little Jamie was only 10 weeks old and I was away from him for 3 days, but just as the players had a job to do so did I, and he became our youngest fan Facetiming the team every day!!

Our results on the first 2 days are as follows:

Day 1-

- v Cornwall- 10-0 WIN
- v Herts- 10-0 WIN
- v Sussex- 9-1 WIN

Day 2-

- v N'berland- 9-1 WIN
- v Surrey- 9-1 WIN
- v Middlesex- 10-0 WIN

This meant we were on track for the 1st-3rd place playoff group on the final day!

On the final day we normally have the morning off as we are normally playing in the finals, this was the case this year. As is the tradition with Yorkshire, started by the Fosters, we went on 'the walk'. It is a rite of passage for every Yorkshire ICT player, if you talk to anyone who played ICT from when John and Sue first started up to now we have all gone on 'the walk'! Thankfully it stayed dry and we had a lovely walk through the park and to the castle and café. It's a lovely way to stay calm and spend time as a team before the finals.

The Finals!

First up was Leinster, who were a bit of an unknown quantity. There were some very tough matches, but all the players stepped up another gear to take the win 9-1!

The final was against a strong Cheshire side, and nervous is an understatement. We prepared properly as a team physically and mentally so ensure there were no slip ups. Needless to say there weren't and we took the win 6-4!!

YORKSHIRE ARE FINALLY ICT CHAMPIONS AGAIN!!! 10 years since the last title, the trophy is back where it belongs. I cried like a baby and I am so so proud of the whole team. John Ellis' prediction was correct!

Thank Yous

Firstly I would like to thank all the players who have represented Under 18 age group this season. They have worked their socks off, I am proud of every single one of you. Thank you for being amazing. To the parents, we wouldn't be able to field teams and be successful without you guys. Thank you for being supporters, taxis, water bottle fillers and every other job you do!

Massive thank you to Kev Harper, who has been an amazing help to me this season. Coaching the first team whilst I was off having a baby, and being a fantastic general support to the team this season.

Next to Romilly Calvert and Archit Sachdeva who were fantastic assistant coaches at ICT. They showed maturity, knowledge, drive and determination to help us bring home the title! Thank you guys.

Thank you to Matt Whitaker who stepped in to help coach the 2nd team at Shires Finals at short notice, you did us proud!

As I have mentioned there was a period of 6-8 weeks where I was off having a baby! Parents, players, Ash, Nick and Dave thank you so much for helping the team run whilst I was off. I was really worried about how me being off would affect the running of the team but you all made sure things went as smoothly as possible.

Next to last, Alex Foster, my husband, and Diane Calverley, my mum. They have been a massive support behind the scenes whilst I was pregnant, and Diane became the point of contact whilst I was off. Thank you for making this season run smoothly!

Finally I like to say a massive thank you to John Ellis. Without his help and guidance, I wouldn't have been able to bring Yorkshire under 18s back to where we belong. His input has been invaluable and I can't express how much I will miss him. John has been a great servant to Yorkshire County Badminton and I am indebted to him. I will miss him as a mentor, a listening ear, a font of knowledge and a friend. Thank you John, you are amazing.

Helen Calverley
Under 18 Team Manager

U16/17 Annual Report

Shires Badminton

1st Team

The 1st Team excelled winning all their games in the league and ending up in 1st position. Unfortunately, the Shires final clashed with exams for several players. The team performed outstandingly only to be edged out by one game which we lost 21-20 – so close but so far, the team went on to win proceeding games and came in a respectable 5th.

2nd Team

The 2nd Team played well all season with a squad rotation and came 16th out of 28 counties which is more than respectable.

Anglo-Scottish U16 – No Event

U16 Team Event

This event was cancelled this year.

Under 16 Yorkshire Open – this event was cancelled this year

Under 16 Yorkshire Championship these were moved to the end of the season and will take place over the weekend of 16/17 July.

Special Mention

I must make a special mention to Sumedh Chittamaru, Hugh Simpson, Grace Sachdeva and Yulia Tang who were all selected from the 16/17 squad to represent Yorkshire at the ICT and brought the trophy back to Yorkshire.

Appreciation

I must end my report for thanking all the parents that have assisted me during the season, running teams. A special thank you to Mark Whitaker who supports me with the team.

THANK YOU

Ashley Reed

Under 14/15 Report

As we had lost some key players following the pandemic, and the standard of the development players not being strong enough to support another team, the committee made the decision to only field one team in the Shires League this season.

Shires League

Staffordshire

Unfortunately due to the team manager and a player resigning from the team at the last minute, Yorkshire turned up with 4 boys and only 3 girls. However despite conceding 4 matches to Staffordshire due to the missing player, a good opening performance by the team led to a 9-11 win for Yorkshire.

Leicestershire

The strongest opponent in our box, and undefeated by us in the past, we knew this would be difficult. The players put up some strong play, battling hard, with many games going into setting, the score of 15-5 not reflecting the performance on the day. I was proud of the way the team kept going, fighting right to the end.

Lancashire

Scheduled for 23rd January, hopefully we wouldn't be affected by Omicron! In the end it was the turn of our development players led by more experienced Ashwin and Lilly Mae, who took the team to a 4-16 victory. As my own son was unable to play due to Covid, Shanthi took on the role of team manager reporting on the teams overall positivity, effort and commitment to win.

Northumberland (Home)

Again struggling for players, we had a mix of experienced, development and U12 players. With 3 boys playing with injuries and having to work around new playing partnerships the players had to dig deep, rising to the occasion with a 13 – 7 win. Key performances by Siddarth and Shreya taking their mixed doubles to 3 ends and Jessica who fought incredibly hard for her singles win.

Nottinghamshire (Home)

We knew this would be key to getting us to the Shires final and we'd heard that Nottinghamshire had a very strong player. However we'd already shown the strength in our team spirit and determination and this time we were fielding a strong team. After mixed, singles and boys' doubles the score was lying at 8 – 8, 7 games of which going to 3 ends. It all came down to the girls doubles and a key performance by Sia and Eeva, winning in 3 ends to take the final score to a win for Yorkshire, 9-11!!

Northumberland

Our final match, again with a mix of development and experienced players, finishing with a comfortable win, 6-14 and a key singles match by Adam. With a final position of 6th in the league we were set for a play-off match against Avon. Avon conceded the play-off so we were in the final!

Shires Final

Fielding one of our strongest teams of the season, we were all set for the finals at Derby Arena, entering the draw in 6th place. Our first draw was against Leicestershire, our "nemesis" team! With calls of "We can do it!" the players were determined to dig deep. After the mixed and singles the score was 8-4 and the belief that maybe we could do it

was setting in. Thanks to strong girls doubles pairings of Sia/Mia and Eeva/Lilly Mae we finished with a win 12-8. This was also down to the exceptional win by Siddarth in boys' singles.

Next, we were drawn against Berkshire, playing for 1st/4th. Another tough match ahead. After the mixed and singles, we were drawing even 6 all. Unbelievably the games then continued to proceed evenly until the last when we were at 9-10, things were very tense. Finally, with a Yorkshire win that left us at 10-10, both teams counted up the points with the final agreement that Yorkshire had won by 2 points! Unfortunately, when the scores were added into the computer it became clear that Yorkshire had lost by 4 points!! Having played their socks off all day the team were devastated and found it hard to believe, however we still had one match to play.

Our final match, playing for 3rd/4th was against Surrey 1, who had a very strong boys' team. The team initially found it hard to get back into the game, losing all the mixed and boys singles. However, with a quick team motivational talk they did manage to pick up with the girls performing strongly and a final score of 12-8 to Surrey. With two mixed doubles going to 21-20 it could easily have been another 10-10 score! I was exceptionally proud of the team's performance on the day, starting on 6th and finishing 4th, so closely missing out on a medal. Next time it will be ours!

Thank You

Firstly, I would like to thank all the players who represented the U14 age group. Even though we only had one team with a mixed availability of players, we were able to draw on the development squad and occasionally the U12s. At the last count 19 players represented Yorkshire this season. Despite seeming to field a different team each match, all credit goes to the players for pulling together as an extended team each time and for welcoming and supporting new and less experienced players. Particular mention should go to Adam and Tahmid who took on the role of joint team captains as well as Siddarth who supported them in this role. I would also like to mention Sia who took a lead role in supporting the team at the Shires Finals.

Secondly a big thank you should go to the parents of the team. I stepped in to be the admin and organise the team for each fixture when the committee was unable to find a replacement team manager however the team on the day couldn't have been run without the support of the parents. Thank you to everyone for responding quickly to my emails and WhatsApp messages. I would particularly like to thank Shanthi and Balaji for running the team on the days when I couldn't be there, and Shanthi for her unfailing enthusiasm for and motivation of the team. I would also like to thank Sona and Amber for their coaching skills and knowledge of team tactics and Shires League rules, and Amber particularly for being at the end of the phone when I needed advice. The team would not have been as successful without all of your support.

I would like to thank Ashley Read and Nick Read from the YBA Junior Committee who were willing to join a WhatsApp group with me labelled U14 Advice and who responded so quickly to all my questions and panics over fielding teams to sorting out uploading team sheets and deciding on playing orders. It has been a very steep learning curve and my admiration goes out to all the "official" team managers. I would also like to thank Helen Calverley, who gave me so much advice and support not seeming to mind me taking over her time, at the side of a badminton court, to pick her brains yet again!

I would also like to express my thanks to Sara Bowers who volunteered her time to come with us to the Shires Finals to coach the team. Her help was invaluable not only in coaching and guiding the players but in helping to decide on playing order between matches and just giving general support to us all through the day. Thanks should also go to the parents of Sia, Ashwin and Siddarth who all stepped in to coach the players

between ends. The success and moral of the team are very much down to all the support they had on the day.

As a finishing note, most of the players from the U14 team have only experienced John Ellis as their team manager on their Yorkshire journey and many of the parents expressed sadness to hear of his sudden passing. John, himself, helped me by uploading timesheets and I hope that he would have been proud of how they pulled together this season with some great results, especially in the Shires Final.

Katherine Metcalf

U12/U13 Report

The U12/13 is the hardest age group collating new players and managing expectations of both players and parents. This year particularly difficult coming back from the pandemic with little or no knowledge, they were also the latest group for Yorkshire to get playing. The training weekend was well attended but it was very hard to rationalize a team literally 2 weeks later, but we did and played Leicestershire (one of the strongest counties) and that really galvanized the team.

Shires Badminton

1st Team

The 1st Team lost to Leicestershire in their first match and lost 5-15 but then went on to win all the remaining games. The team ended up 4th in the league. The Shires final clashed with Ramadan and we lost a few players but a few of the second team stepped up. It was a nervous start and managing emotions was the first requirement. Once that was managed everyone performed well. The team beat Surrey and then came up against Kent (very strong) and lost 13-7 and went into 3rd/4th play-off against Leicestershire. This was a nice finish playing the team that beat us in our first match, Yorkshire had developed and changed the team from the first match of the season and went on easily to secure the 3rd position – a well-deserved position.

2nd Team

The 2nd Team played well all season with a squad of new players, both to team badminton and county. The team came 13th of 16 counties and the only county to have a U12 second team.

Anglo-Scottish U12 – No Event

Midway – Primary – Couldn't raise a team

U12 Leicester Doubles

Under 12 Yorkshire Championship these were moved to the end of the season and will take place over the weekend of 16/17 July.

Special Player Mention

I must make a special mention to Crystal Wong, Oliver Wu and Shreya Urs who all had outstanding seasons.

Appreciation

I must end my report by thanking all the parents that have assisted me during the season, running teams. A special thank you to Nathan Hale who is coaching the players on Sundays.

THANK YOU

Ashley Reed

Masters Badminton Report 2021-22

Masters Competitions

Yorkshire entered a team in each age group from over 40s to over 70s of the Masters county competition in 2021-22.

Five of our teams topped their northern groups and reached the finals weekend. The 40s finished runners up to Staffs on games countback, having drawn 6-6 in rubbers. The 55s finished runners up to Essex. The 70s finished third, with the 45s and 60s finishing fourth.

The 65s lost out in qualification to a Lancs side which went on to win the competition. The 50s struggled to find enough ladies doubles players and finished bottom of their group.

The County Challenge was supposed to take place in early Jan 2022 but was cancelled at a week's' notice. Groups have been declared for the 2023 competition already, with the over 45s, over 50s and over 65s relegated in Jan 2020 to group 1a. The remaining 4 age group teams remain in the Premiership division.

Yorkshire Gold.

The event was held from 4th to 6th March and was preceded by the McCoig international match between Scotland and England. 271 players entered the Gold event which included a number of Scottish players who had travelled down for the McCoig trophy match. A profit of around £5000 was made on the event.

Coordinator Role

Although at this stage the county has no Masters' coordinator, Jen Greensmith has offered to take on many of the duties involved as coordinator.

IAN HUNTER MASTERS CORDINATOR

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE

It was good to be back to Yorkshire League this season. Following the very sad passing of Nick Rogers, I have taken over running the league and moved it all online to Sportsganiser which has worked well and we will continue with this going forward.

Division One saw a few matches conceded by Hull as they were unable to field a team but all other matches were played and it all came down to a final mixed game in the Harrogate v Chesterfield match. Where Harrogate just pipped Chesterfield in a tight mixed three ender getting the point for Harrogate to win the division.

All matches were played in Division two and the result was similar with North Barbarians just beating Kippax A to win the league by one point. This will see both teams promoted to Division 1 next season.

Division 3 was a great success and thank you to Gordon and Roger for helping run things on the day. Each team played 8 matches in total and York University came out on top with 21 points with Cleveland Cobras in second.

Lucy Kidd

Affiliation Report

As a result of Covid19, there have been dramatic upheavals amongst clubs and organisations in the County, since the last Annual Report in 2019. Keeping tabs on affiliation numbers was made almost impossible as a consequence of organisations having the choice of being allowed to defer their membership fees for the 2020/21 Season.

On the Badminton England Go Membership system, as of the end of May 2022, there are a total of 46 organisations listed.

This is made up from 39 Clubs, 1 Junior Club, 2 Performance Centres, 3 Social Sections and 1 Association.

This compares to 120 organisations that were listed in 2019.

Tykes has been disbanded, as the need for its existence is no longer required.

The total number of members affiliated in the County is 1,536. This includes all junior members.

The number of Coaches on the Coaching Register is 62.

Membership Prices for 2022/23 Season

Club Player	£13.50
Junior Player	£4.50
Compete Player	£26.50
Compete Junior Player	£15.50
Coach Member	£50.00
Compete Coach Member	£63.00

Club Affiliation 1-8 Members	£66.00
Club Affiliation 9-20 Members	£88.00
Club Affiliation 21-49 Members	£110.00
Club Affiliation 50+ Members	£132.00

Roger Cook

Badminton England Report 2021-22

The last 12 months have mainly been focused on recovery from the COVID pandemic and helping badminton clubs and coaches across Yorkshire to rebuild and restart their sessions.

I would personally like to thank the Yorkshire Badminton Association committee for their continued support as well as all the volunteers and coaches across the county who work tirelessly within our sport to deliver, organise and oversee activity.

I would also like to offer my congratulations to the Yorkshire Under 18 team, who finished in first place at the 2022 ICT, and the team who claimed the trophy at the 17-21 English County Championships – two excellent results for Yorkshire following a difficult two-year period!

Club Support

- The majority of work with the clubs in the last year has been to support them with returning to play (providing guidance on when they were allowed to return, explaining COVID restrictions, helping to build club members back up to pre-COVID numbers & helping to locate new facilities for clubs who were unable to get back into their existing venues).
- Restart funding was allocated to one club in Yorkshire (Otley Badminton Club) to help with restart costs. The club received £300 to help with the costs of facility hire in the short term whilst they rebuilt their player base.
- Clubs have regularly been sent information on external funding streams which may be useful (e.g. Sport England Platinum Jubilee Fund & Arnold Clark Community Fund) with support offered from myself for bid writing and reading over bids prior to them being submitted.
- A new junior club has been established in York (York Junior Badminton Club), with weekly coaching sessions at York Leisure Centre, delivered by Level 2 coach, Daniel Woolfson.
- Five clubs & one No Strings session in Yorkshire were involved in delivering activity during Badminton England's 'The Big Hit' week in September 2021 (Harrogate Racquets Club, Beverley Badminton Club, Benton Park Badminton Club, York Junior Badminton Club, Otley Badminton Club & Emma Smethurst's No Strings session in Halifax).

School Delivery & Young People

- Coaches across the county have managed to get back into delivering in schools but school delivery has been less than previous years (which is to be expected) as schools were still cautious about allowing external coaches to come in and deliver when they started back in September 2021.
- The key coaches who have been delivering in schools are Richard Morris, James Farmer & Martin Drabble (Sheffield) and Paul Pratt (Hull) who have re-established the strong links they had built with schools prior to the pandemic.
- I have had discussions with the relevant Rackets Cubed Area Managers (Vicky Evans & Jules Silvera) to discuss possible sites in Yorkshire for Rackets Cubed badminton delivery for 2022/23. Identified sites are Middlesbrough, Hull, Leeds, Sheffield & Huddersfield/Halifax. Contact details for local coaches have been passed on to the Area Managers and the aim of the programme is to introduce primary school badminton delivery in areas of deprivation (where it will be combined

with STEM school subjects then provide a meal) and have a good junior club link to transition new players into.

More information on Rackets Cubed: <https://www.racketscubed.com/our-mission>

- The Badminton England Young Leader Academy was delivered again for 2021/22 with four young leaders from Yorkshire taking part in the programme and actively volunteering within their clubs. The young leaders are: Angie Zhu (Thornaby Pavilion Badminton Club), Matilda Marshall (Hull Junior Badminton Club), Leon Higgins-Pemberton (Keighley Kobras Junior Badminton Club) & Evie Burnett (East Riding Badminton Club).

Coaching

- Active coaches across the county have regular email contact from myself as they are included on my email distribution list and, over the last 12 months, I have had direct contact with 24 coaches who are actively delivering across the county.
- The Badminton England Disability Coach Mentoring programme was launched in 2021 and there are two aspiring coaches from Yorkshire on the programme, Isaak Dalglish & Denise Cooper. Isaak has completed his Foundation Award (Level 1) and is working alongside Richard Morris & James Farmer to gain coaching experience then will be supported to achieve his Level 2 coaching qualification within the next year & Denise is looking to book onto an upcoming Foundation Award this year then she will be paired with a suitable Level 2 coach mentor.
- During 2021/22, four Coach Education courses were delivered across Yorkshire (2x Foundation Awards in Harrogate & Sheffield and 2x Level 2 courses in Harrogate & Pontefract).
- In 2022/23, five Coach Education courses are planned (3x Foundation Awards in Hull, Pontefract & Sheffield and 2x Level 2 courses in Sheffield & Pontefract).

No Strings Badminton

- Three new No Strings Badminton sessions (pay & play for casual players) have been set up in the last year. The first No Strings session is running in Keighley (delivered by Level 2 coach, Tim Shipman) which was awarded a grant of £388 from Badminton England to kickstart it, the second is running in Halifax (delivered by Level 2 coach, Emma Smethurst) which received a bundle of rackets & shuttles to help start up the sessions and the third is running at the University of Huddersfield with a few students trained as No Strings Badminton Co-ordinators to deliver the sessions.
- Discussions are ongoing with Zainal Muhammad (Level 2 coach) and Kirklees Active Leisure in Huddersfield to restart another No Strings session which was popular prior to the pandemic but never restarted when restrictions were lifted.
- The Badminton England Adult Programmes team carried out an audit of all No Strings Badminton sessions across the country a few months ago and data shows that there are currently 20 No Strings sessions which are running across Yorkshire (1 in Keighley, 7 in Sheffield, 1 in York, 1 in Scarborough, 4 in Pontefract, 2 in Leeds, 2 in Halifax & 2 in Huddersfield).
- I will be using this information to identify gaps where there is not currently any No Strings provision and looking to set up new sessions in these areas in 2022/23.

Para Badminton & Inclusion

- The GB Para Badminton set up in Sheffield is strong with Richard Morris as the Head Coach, James Farmer & Mike Reid as assistant coaches. The coaches

deliver a lot of the badminton activity in and around Sheffield so are well situated to identify new talent.

- A Para Badminton Festival was delivered in Sheffield in September 2021 as part of 'The Big Hit' week which saw 12 new players with disabilities engaged in badminton.
- The Badminton England Inclusion Champions programme launched in 2021 and the aim of this programme is to create role models to champion, promote and advocate inclusion within their local badminton community. There are three Inclusion Champions in Yorkshire (Helen Calverley, Faisal Motashar & Faz Khan).

2022 Badminton England National Volunteer & Coach Awards

- The 2022 National Volunteer & Coach Awards are presented annually and used to recognise the phenomenal work of the volunteer and coach workforce within the badminton community. 2022 saw a strong set of nominations for all the awards with a very worthy volunteer and an excellent grassroots coach from Yorkshire being announced as the runners up.
- **Sheila Boyes (Thornaby) – Grassroots Coach Award Runner Up** – Sheila has spent a great deal of her free time promoting badminton in the local area, especially for school age children. She coaches in local schools to provide children with the all-important first experience of badminton, as well as weekly after school clubs for those who want to play more. She runs Thornaby Junior Badminton Club, providing coaching for children of different ages and abilities. By working with the council, she also organises competitions between several local schools and inspires young people, not only to enjoy playing badminton, but also to challenge themselves, through taking part in tournaments or to become young leaders. A huge number of young players (and their families) have benefited from Sheila's continuous and tireless work over the years.
- **Margaret Sinclair (York) – YONEX Volunteer of the Year Runner Up** – Since the end of the COVID pandemic restrictions, Margaret has been the main person who has ensured that the York Railway Institute has been made available for badminton. She organises the weekly duty rota for volunteers as well as regular court and facilities cleaning, ordering of consumables for the venue, client liaison and financial controls. Margaret is regularly at the venue at 8am opening up and mopping the courts for weekend tournaments and is there again at close of play doing the same. She often provides refreshments at tournaments and can often be seen weeding outside the venue! She also collects used shuttles at the end of tournaments for the local junior club, enabling 20-30 children to play with feather shuttles, and keeping the courts tidy. She has supported the junior Club by making finances available to support ongoing training, courses and junior tournament prizes, ensuring the continuation of grassroots badminton as a fun, social sport and great way of keeping fit.

Margaret is also the Treasurer of the York RI Mon-Wed Badminton Club where she negotiates the hire of courts to keep the club running financially and also completed the Badminton England affiliations for the club and its members

Yorkshire Badminton Newsletters

- To date, seven Yorkshire Badminton newsletters have been produced and sent out to contacts across the county.

- I produce these newsletters on a quarterly basis throughout the year (March, June, September & December) to keep the badminton community across Yorkshire updated with news, opportunities, upcoming courses and relevant information.

Again, I would like to reiterate my thanks to everyone who has been involved in the recovery and development of badminton in the last year. I look forward to continuing to work with the Yorkshire Badminton Association committee and the badminton community across the county for the 2022-23 season and also developing new relationships to support more badminton development across Yorkshire.

Many thanks,
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