

# Yorkshire Badminton Quarterly Newsletter

March 2022 Edition



## Welcome to the sixth edition of the Yorkshire Badminton newsletter!

The interactive newsletter will be produced quarterly throughout the year and will provide the county association, community badminton networks, clubs, coaches, volunteers and players with current news, opportunities, information and support across Yorkshire.

### **About Me**

My name is Holly Robson and I have been a keen badminton player, coach and volunteer for a number of years now; representing the Durham County senior teams and Elmfield Badminton Club in Newcastle as well as playing an active role on the Durham County Badminton committee. In May 2018, I joined the Badminton England team as the North East Relationship Manager (covering Durham & Northumberland) then, as a result of the Badminton England staff restructure in November 2020, I am now also the local point of contact for Yorkshire.

I will be working closely with the badminton community across these three counties to further develop badminton and provide more opportunities for people to get involved and grow the sport across the region.



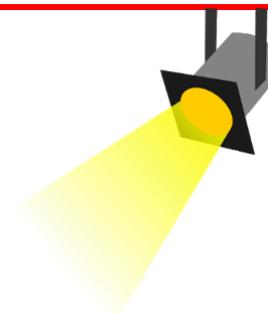
**Holly Robson**  
North East & Yorkshire  
Relationship Manager

## Club Spotlight

### Thornaby Badminton Club

Thornaby Badminton Club has an ethos that “there is room for everyone”. All ages and abilities are welcome to join in, anyone who feels like picking up a racket. The club offer 7 different sessions, 3 adult and 4 junior. The club is based at Thornaby Pavilion Leisure Centre with a satellite Junior Club at Conyers School in Yarm.

For adults there is a main club night, a coaching session for players wanting to develop their game and a partnership event for recreational players which is administered separately. Additionally, the 4 fully coached junior sessions cater for players from ages 5 to 18. These sessions are all supported by a team of volunteers, including 5 coaches and 2 young leaders. Competitively, the club have 8 teams who compete in the Tees Active League as well as the Darlington & District League. Junior players are encouraged to participate in friendly matches which are organised against other junior teams.



For more information about the club, please contact Sheila Boyes: [s.boyes19@yahoo.com](mailto:s.boyes19@yahoo.com) or find the club on Facebook & Instagram!

#### Facebook:

@thornabybadminton  
&@thornabyjuniorbadminton

#### Instagram:

@thornaby\_junior\_badminton\_club



# Local Person

## Roger Cook

Roger first held a badminton racket in 1968 when he was a student at Hatfield College of Technology (which is now part of the University of Hertfordshire). A fellow apprentice, who was on the same course, played badminton and wanted a sparring partner, which Roger was happy to do.

He joined his first badminton club (Billingham Forum Badminton Club) in 1973 when a new house mate, who was a badminton player, wanted to join a local club and this was the start of his love affair with badminton.

In 1976, he joined Wilton Badminton Club when he started a new job and took over as Secretary of the Club in 1985.

Roger was elected to the Cleveland County & District League Management Committee in 1990 and became Secretary of the League in 1997.



Teesside Badminton Coaches' Association was formed in 1998 so Roger completed his coaching qualifications in order to set up new junior clubs in the area. Yorkshire Badminton Association also invited the League to send a representative to their Council Meetings and, as Secretary, Roger attended. In 1999, Roger started to deliver annual local Junior Tournaments, the first ones were held at Bydales School in Marske.

From 2003, Roger represented Yorkshire Badminton Association at Badminton England Council Meetings and, between 2003 and 2005, took on the role of Tees Valley Badminton Development Officer, which was a one day a week role.

Roger started volunteering at the YONEX All England Championships in 2004 and, in 2005, he began a partnership with Tees Active Ltd so the local Junior Tournaments took place at Thornaby Pavilion and were sponsored by Tees Active Ltd. As part of the sponsorship, the Cleveland County & District League changed its name to Tees Active Badminton League. In 2007, Roger took on the role of Treasurer (as well as Secretary) of Tees Active Badminton League and started organising Badminton England Junior Circuit Tournaments at Thornaby Pavilion then, in 2009, Teesside Badminton Performance Centre formed at Thornaby Pavilion, which Roger was involved in. He extended the tournaments at Thornaby Pavilion in 2011 to include Badminton England Senior Circuit Tournaments and was awarded the Badminton England Volunteer of the Year Award in 2013 in recognition for his hard work. In 2014, he took over the organising and running of the 17-21 English County Challenge from Badminton England.

Roger is still heavily involved in badminton as his current roles include National Referee, member of the Badminton England Circuit Management Group, Yorkshire Badminton Association Affiliation Secretary, Yorkshire Badminton Association Coaching Co-ordinator, Yorkshire Badminton Association Delegate to Badminton England General Meeting, Tees Active League Match Secretary & Treasurer and Tees Valley & Durham National Schools Championships local delivery partner!

In 2022, Roger is as busy as ever as he is the Referee & Organiser for Badminton England Junior Gold Circuit Tournaments, Secretary & Referee for the Yorkshire Masters Gold Tournament, Referee for the England vs Scotland Masters International Match for the McCoig Trophy, Secretary & Referee for the 17-21 English County Challenge Tournament, Referee at Badminton England Senior County Challenge Weekends, Organiser & Referee for the Nationals Schools Championships Tees Valley County Rounds and Badminton Sports Manager at the British Transplant Games in Leeds.

# Badminton England In-house Safeguarding Courses

Badminton England are running several in-house Safeguarding & Protecting Children (SPC1) workshops via Zoom, with one workshop running each month until July.

Attendance at one of these workshops meets the safeguarding training requirement for Coaches & Club Welfare Officers.

The online classroom will raise your awareness of the tell-tale signs of abuse and give you the tools and confidence you need to deal with any issues sensitively, appropriately, and effectively should the need ever arise in your coaching career.

On this workshop, you will cover the following areas and be able to:

- Identify and recognise good coaching practice and the implications for your coaching
- Explore your values and feelings in relation to child abuse, and recognise their potential impact on your response
- Recognise and respond to possible signs of child abuse
- Take appropriate action if concerns about a child arise

## Accompanying Resource:

You will receive an online version of the **Safeguarding and Protecting Children: A Guide for Sportspeople** before the workshop. Packed full of practical guidance, it will help you to deal sensitively and effectively with any issues that arise. During the online classroom session, you will be able to participate fully and contextualise your own learning through various activities and making notes in the activity resources provided.

## Price:

£30 for Badminton England members.

Workshop Date	Workshop Time	Booking Deadline	Booking Link
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	6.30pm – 9pm	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	<a href="#">CLICK HERE TO BOOK A PLACE</a>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2022	6.30pm – 9pm	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	<a href="#">CLICK HERE TO BOOK A PLACE</a>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	6.30pm – 9pm	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	<a href="#">CLICK HERE TO BOOK A PLACE</a>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	6.30pm – 9pm	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	<a href="#">CLICK HERE TO BOOK A PLACE</a>



If you have any questions about Safeguarding, please email: [safeguarding@badmintonengland.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@badmintonengland.co.uk)

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to visit the Safeguarding section of the Badminton England website

# Senior County Championships 2021-22 Update

The 2021-22 Senior County Championships were played on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> for Premiership and Championship Divisions Only), Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> for Premiership and Championship Divisions Only) & Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Yorkshire entered five teams in the Senior County Championships for the 2021-22 season.

## Yorkshire 1 & 2:

Yorkshire 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams competed in the Championship Division this season where they played each other, Glasgow & NS, Nottinghamshire, Warwickshire, Lancashire, Essex, Derbyshire, Middlesex 2 & Hertfordshire 2. On the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> January, matches were played at Hertfordshire Sports Village where Yorkshire 1 claimed impressive wins over Yorkshire 2 (9-2), Warwickshire (8-3) & Middlesex 2 (10-1). After losing to Yorkshire 1, Yorkshire 2 narrowly lost 6-5 to Derbyshire in a close match then lost 8-3 to Essex.

The next round of matches were played on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> February at De Montford University & Babington Academy where Yorkshire 1 continued their winning streak with victories over Hertfordshire 2 (11-0), Essex (8-3) & Lancashire (9-2). Yorkshire 2 lost to Nottinghamshire 11-0 and Glasgow & NS 6-5 then grabbed a 9-2 win over Middlesex 2.

The final matches of the season were played on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March at the University of Warwick where Yorkshire 1 claimed two impressive wins, 7-4 against Nottinghamshire & 9-2 against Derbyshire then lost 8-3 to Glasgow & NS. This means they finish the season at the top of the table

and will be promoted to the Premiership Division for the 2022/23 season!

Yorkshire 2 faced tough opposition in the final weekend as they suffered losses to Warwickshire (7-4) and Lancashire (11-0) but beat Hertfordshire 8-3 so they finish the season in 8<sup>th</sup> place and will compete in the Championship Division again next season.

## Yorkshire 3:

Yorkshire 3<sup>rd</sup> team competed in Division 1 North this season where they had matches against Northumberland, Staffordshire, Oxfordshire, Lanarkshire, Warwickshire 2, Lothian & Nottinghamshire 2.

On the first day of matches at De Montford University, Yorkshire 3 lost 7-4 to Oxfordshire then claimed a 7-4 win over Nottinghamshire 2. They had a tough second round of matches in February as they narrowly lost 6-5 to both Lothian & Lanarkshire at The Northumberland Club in Newcastle.

Their final matches were played on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March at the University of Leeds where Yorkshire 3 only played two matches as Staffordshire had to withdraw from the league. They narrowly lost 6-5 to Warwickshire 2 but beat Northumberland 6-5 and final positions for this division are still being calculated and will be updated shortly.

## Yorkshire 4 & 5:

Yorkshire 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> teams competed in Division 2 North this season where they faced each other, Cheshire 2, Cheshire 3, Lancashire 2, Lancashire 3, Cumbria & Durham and all matches were played at York Railway Institute.

On 15<sup>th</sup> January, the two Yorkshire teams played each other with Yorkshire 4 winning 7-4. Yorkshire 4 then went on to play Lancashire 2, where they lost 7-4, and Yorkshire 5 faced Lancashire 3 where they claimed a close 6-5 win.

The next round of matches in February saw Yorkshire 4 claim two impressive wins (9-2 against Cumbria & 10-1 against Cheshire 3). Meanwhile, Yorkshire 5 narrowly lost 6-5 to Cheshire 2 and also lost 8-3 to Durham.

The last matches in Division 2 North were played on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March where Yorkshire 4 beat Durham 8-3 then narrowly lost 6-5 to both Lancashire 3 & Cheshire 2. Yorkshire 5 lost 6-5 to Cumbria, lost 7-4 to Lancashire 2 then beat Cheshire 3 9-2. This means that Yorkshire 4 finish the season in 2<sup>nd</sup> place so they will be promoted to Division 1 North for the 2022/23 season and Yorkshire 5 finish in 6<sup>th</sup> place so they will remain in Division 2 North for the 2022/23 season.



Yorkshire Senior County Senior 2<sup>nd</sup> Team  
Players 2021-22

[CLICK HERE](#) to visit Tournament Software to see all match results in the Senior County Championships for the 2021/22 season



# 2022 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.

## Upcoming Junior & Senior Circuit Tournaments

### Junior Circuit Tournaments – April to June 2022

-  Yorkshire Under 16 Open – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 at York Railway Institute
-  Yorkshire Under 14 Open – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at York Railway Institute

### Senior Circuit Tournaments – April to June 2022

-  Hull Senior Silver – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Hull & East Riding Sports Club
-  Yorkshire Senior Copper (Tier 4) – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at York Railway Institute

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to visit Tournament Software to view and enter circuit tournaments online



**Gold Circuits (Tier 1)**  
Are for the elite and top level players competing to qualify for the English National Championships.



**Silver Circuits (Tier 2)**  
Aimed at strong county players and the very best club players.



**Bronze Circuits (Tier 3)**  
Aimed at strong local league and club players, open to players grade D and below.



**Tier 4 Tournaments**  
Are for players who have competitive experience in local tournaments and leagues, open to players below E grade.



**Tier 5**  
The first step onto the competition pathway, played in a structured but friendly tournament atmosphere.

## Funding Webinar

As part of the 2021-22 Club Webinar series, Badminton England and Funding 4 Sport delivered a funding webinar in January 2022.

The webinar was delivered by Richard Sutcliffe from Funding 4 Sport and acknowledged that many clubs are dependent on external funding to grow and develop their sessions. The webinar provided information on successfully applying for funding for your badminton club by knowing how and where to find information on available funding, understanding what information should be included in funding bids and tips on preparing and submitting a strong funding bid.

A recording of the webinar, along with a copy of the presentation slides, is now available on the Training & Support section of the Badminton England Volunteer Hub.

[CLICK HERE](#)

**to access the webinar recording & presentation slides for the Funding webinar**

(if you have not used the Badminton England Online Resource Hub before, you will need to create a log in)



## CIMSPA ReEngage Training

Eighteen months on from the successful launch of the ReActivate COVID-19 Awareness training platform, the sport and physical activity sector still faces significant challenges on the journey to recovery as we emerge from the pandemic. ReEngage is a free digital platform, designed to follow on from ReActivate and provide the sector's workforce with the skills and knowledge to confidently engage with people across all communities, helping them to access the benefits of sport and physical activity.

The ReEngage training is for anyone working in sport, physical activity, leisure and fitness in England, including coaches and volunteers. Whatever your role, the free online training has been designed to help you develop the skills and knowledge to confidently engage with customers and communities.

You don't need to have completed the ReActivate training to sign up for the ReEngage training.

ReEngage provides online learning and skills development in four key areas:

- Awareness of the prevalence, impact and treatment of long COVID
- Engaging effectively with inactive adults with no pre-existing health conditions
- Communicating with customers, especially those who may be lacking the confidence to return to physical activity
- Awareness of the aspects of ageing that can be controlled or influenced through physical activity

Thanks to funding from Sport England through the National Lottery, the ReEngage training is **FREE** to all providers of sport and physical activity services in England.

[CLICK HERE](#)

**to register your request for the ReEngage Training Platform**

# 2022 YONEX All England Open Championships

The 2022 YONEX All England Open Championships took place from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March at Utilita Arena Birmingham.

**Men's Singles Champion:** Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)

**Men's Singles Runner Up:** Lakshya Sen (India)

**Women's Singles Champion:** Akane Yamaguchi (Japan)

**Women's Singles Runner Up:** An Se-young (South Korea)



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to view all results from  
the 2022 YONEX All  
England!

**Men's Doubles Champions:** Muhammad Shohibul Fikri & Bagas Maulana (Indonesia)

**Men's Doubles Runners Up:** Mohammad Ahsan & Hendra Setawan (Indonesia)

**Women's Doubles Champions:** Nami Matsuyama & Chiharu Shida (Japan)

**Women's Doubles Runners Up:** Zhang Shu Xian & Zheng Yu (China)

**Mixed Doubles Champions:** Yuta Watanabe & Arisa Higashino (Japan)

**Mixed Doubles Runners Up:** Wang Yi Lyu & Huang Dong Ping (China)



## Level 3 Certificate for Head Coaches in Badminton

Applications are now open for the 2022 Level 3 Certificate for Head Coaches in Badminton qualification, which will be held in Milton Keynes.

The UKCC Level 3 Certificate for Head Coaches in Badminton qualifies the coach to take up a Head Coach role and lead the development of high-level badminton players through effective badminton coaching and the application of sports science principles.

The qualification is eight days taught learning followed by an informative and summative assessment day usually ran over a year.

The UKCC Level 3 course involves a significant amount of work away from the course to be completed. The course involves several pre-course e-learning modules that are assessed. These e-learning modules include:

- Understand how to support participants physical conditioning within sport specific annual programmes
- Understand how to provide participants with nutritional advice within sport specific annual coaching programmes
- Understand how to develop participants mental skills within sport-specific annual coaching programmes
- Understand how to provide participants with lifestyle support within sport-specific annual coaching programmes

Away from the course, learners are expected to develop and deliver two annual coach programmes, as well as completion of the UKCC Level 3 portfolio.



[CLICK HERE](#)

to download the  
application form with  
full information and  
eligibility criteria

# British Transplant Games 2022 – Volunteers Needed

The 2022 British Transplant Games is taking place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July at The Edge, University of Leeds Campus.

Roger Cook is the Sport Competition Manager for the badminton competition and volunteers of all ages are needed to help with the smooth running of the event.

The badminton events are being run in two sessions: Adult Level Doubles in the morning and Junior Singles in the afternoon (on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July).

This is a great opportunity for volunteers to be involved with a large-scale event.



Link to read more about the British Transplant Games:

<https://www.britishtransplantgames.co.uk/>

If you are interested in volunteering or would like further information, please contact Roger Cook on: [roger.cook60@ntlworld.com](mailto:roger.cook60@ntlworld.com)



## Upcoming Coaching Courses

### Foundation Award (Level 1) in Coaching Badminton

The Foundation Award is the starting point for people who would like to get into coaching badminton and become a coaching assistant. This course will teach you to:

- Lead fun games, activities and tournaments
- Understand the badminton landscape and structure in England
- Support a Level 2 coach in the delivery of sessions
- Deliver Badminton England programmes such as: No Strings, SmashUp! & Racket Pack Lite
- Effectively support the development of clubs/sessions and maximise participant experience

### Upcoming Foundation Award:

- 🏸 **Dates:** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- 🏸 **Times:** 9am – 5pm on both days
- 🏸 **Venue:** Hull & East Riding Sports Club, Chanterlands Avenue, Hull, HU5 4ED
- 🏸 **Cost:** £175 for Badminton England members & £195 for non-members

[CLICK HERE](#)

for more information on the upcoming Foundation Award at Hull & East Riding Sports Club and to book a place

If you would like more information or guidance on anything included in this newsletter or would like to see something featured in the next newsletter edition (June 2022), please get in touch.

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