



## Reports for Annual General Meeting 2016 - 2017

### Chairman's Report

It is again a pleasure for me to say that the season has been highly successful for your Association.

As always, we are grateful for the dedication of our hardworking squad managers and coaches, who donate their time and energy for the benefit of our young players.

Also working hard behind the scenes are the Officers of the Association and Committee members who so ably maintain the many administrative duties essential to our comprehensive program of activities.

I would like to pass on your thanks together with my own to both our Secretary, Kevin Maughan and our Hon. Treasurer, Ying Lee who work so professionally in the background.

It would also not be possible to overstate the benefits that this Association derives from the time and effort donated by Mike Newlove and Barbara Lewczynska in running both our restricted and open tournaments. These events provide additional playing opportunities along with vital funds to both subsidise squad fees and to promote junior badminton around the county,

As always, I am grateful to Dave Bartlett who freely shares his extensive knowledge and keeps the Committee abreast of important developments further afield.

Also working tirelessly in the background has been our very competent Fixtures Secretary, Christine Adey, who sadly steps down from her duties this year. Again, I would add my personal thanks for her enormous contribution to HSBA.

We should also be most grateful to Jo Clark who has so kindly taken on the role of Newspaper Editor, which plays such a vital part in keeping us all informed about the achievements and experiences of our young players

Following on from last year's success at ICT, our new U18 Squad Manager, Becky White, together with Kelly Matthews and David Westwood deserve the upmost praise for the team's fantastic 5th place result. Congratulations all round to the team also.

The Association readily acknowledges the vital efforts enacted by outside coaches, junior clubs, schools and teachers etc. upon whom we continue to depend.

HSBA would not be able to function without the support and goodwill of all parents.

Please be assured that the Committee will continue to uphold their duty of fairness to the greater majority in the future.

**Ken Winchester**  
Chairman



### **Treasurer's Report**

We had a good year dealing with the finance operation where full subscription have been applied to 3 squad teams with U18 charged up to Mar 17.

Administration difficulties arises this year from our T-Shirt fee collection vs T-Shirt being distributed. We have notified this difficulties on this matter and have agreed that going forward, each squad manager will maintain this administration at the beginning of the season.

As of next year, we will supply registration log book to each squad managers so attendance records can be shared when question arises particularly with new joiners.

We invoiced ICT players late in the year due to unfortunate timing issues hence there's a number of outstanding debtors at the end of the year – however, I do not foreseen there will be any bad debt issues.

We have built a small reserve of fund over the years and association is currently review how to use some of the fund to encourage and promote badminton to junior players.

**Ying Lee**  
**Honorary Treasurer**

### **Tournament Secretary's Report**

#### **HSBA Closed Tournaments**

In the region of 250 individuals, competing in multiple events, entered the Closed Tournaments during the 2017/2017 season. As last year, the tournaments with more events took place at Stevenage Leisure Centre, which continues to be a favourite with HSBA, not least because the spectating facilities are some of the best around. The smaller tournaments took place at Birchwood Leisure Centre, which (I hear through the grapevine) is due to get some much needed cafeteria facilities.

This season, at the request of some of Hertfordshire's junior clubs, we ran an U18 B singles tournament. Whilst there were limited entries, I feel this provided a much needed gap for the older club players, so we will be carrying this over next season as part of our usual programme of events.

Once again, we ran a Primary Schools Team tournament in March, and whilst numbers were down on last season, it was a super event, enjoyed very much by all the participants.

My thanks must go as ever to all those willing helpers, who are far too numerous to mention, but I must pick a few, without whom none of these events would ever run!!!

Thank you then to Mike Newlove, Ken Winchester, Ronni and Nick Goode, Graham and Sue Clarke, Christine Adey, Lucy Goddard, John Stobo, Jo Trerise Clark, and many, many others who wrote up scores, were on shuttle duty, or got stuck in on the computer.

#### **HSBA Open (BE sanctioned) Tournaments**

We ran three Open events during the 'winter' season, our usual event in early December (an U18 Bronze), a U14 Bronze in early January and an U16 Silver in March. The two events in December and March were probably too close together, and luckily we have managed to get sanction from BE to have a slightly more drawn out schedule next season. As I write this, we still have one more open tournament on Sunday 25th June, which looks to have a healthy entry. Mike Newlove, as ever did his superb job with the entry administration, ably helped by Graham Clarke, and at various times Christine Adey, Lucy Goddard, and all the other squad members mums and dads. A big thank you everyone.

**Barbara Lewczynska**  
**Tournament Secretary**



### Child Welfare Officer Report

All of our paid and volunteer coaches and managers are checked through the government DBS scheme every three years. All these checks are presently up to date.

**Barbara Lewczynska**  
Child Welfare Officer

### Newsletter Editors Report

I cannot believe it is nearly the end of my first year as newsletter editor, it has been a steep learning curve and I must acknowledge and thank John Stobo who was my predecessor for his hard work over the years, it is a lot more work than I had anticipated I could not have done it without the help of my wing man Adrian Leung.

Also thank you to Barbara, David & Gill Bartlett, Phil Westwood, John and all others that have contributed information and reports throughout the year, please continue to do so.

Lastly I would like to say congratulations to all the players it has been a pleasure sharing your achievements and photographs this season, well done and keep up the good work.

**Jo Trerise-Clark**  
Newsletter Editor

### U12 Squad Report

I believe we have had an eventful and great 2016/17 season.

#### U12 Squad Stats

28 players over the season (born in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009)

17 boys

11 girls

I am very pleased with the current Girls to Boys ratio (39.2%)

#### Shires League

We finished 4th overall, winning 5 matches and losing 1. We there qualified for Shires League finals along with 7 other counties which were in Wolverhampton. 5 boys and 5 girls represented Herts at this inaugural event. In the finals we had a tough first round draw against Surrey - lost narrowly 9-11. We then easily overcame Leicestershire and Sussex to be placed 5th. Well done to all the players and parents.

#### Coaching

We have worked on various aspects of the game over the season, including backhand lifts, net shots, net kills, serves, footwork. We are fortunate to have the services of Debbie Clarke, San Davey and Dominic Savage.

#### Our Targets

1. To instil in all players the importance of good sportsmanship, discipline and team spirit.
2. To make the Shires League finals this year and next (2017 & 2018). Met this year's target.
3. To win the U12 Shires League in 2019 (with the 2008 and younger players).
4. To have at least 2 boys and 2 girls from Herts ranked top 12 in England at U12 age category every season from 2019. James Joseph, Charlie Windebank, Jaxon Clarke, Katie Savage, Isabelle Lee, Aahna Bhatia are all ranked in Top 10 in England for their year groups.



5. To have at least 40% of the squad will be girls. A - Almost there at 39.2%
6. To feed at least 4 boys and 4 girls of a good playing standard to the U14 squad every season. 7 boys of 4 girls will move up to U14s next season of which there are 3 strong boys and 3 strong girls.
7. To explore fielding two teams in the U12 Shires League every season to maximise competitive playing opportunities for the players. This is not happening in 2017/18 season.

### Other comments

1. I am pleased that an U10/development squad will be established next season. Debbie Clarke will be the lead coach for that squad and will work closely with the U12 coaching team.

**Adrian Leung**  
**U12 Squad Manager**

### U14 Squad Report

Pre-season Hertfordshire where ranked in the shires league along with 3 other counties based on the rankings of players eligible for Hertfordshire, unfortunately 2 of those players chose not to play for Hertfordshire this year, one moving to Bucks & the other concentrating on playing for England.

Sussex were the first match up, they decided not to play, so Herts win 16-4, We had a hard fought game V Surrey 2 & won 12-8, Berks hire away just before Christmas was again very close resulting in a 10-10 draw, Norfolk were next away Herts win 14-6, Essex at Home can always be hard & unfortunately there top player managed to fly in from the USA at the end of half term to help them win 13-7, Kent were the final match away, Herts win 14-6, this gave us a final placing of 9th out of 31 counties that played at U14, and a play off for the finals V Surrey 1, despite being short of our top 2 players on the day, the match was closer than the final 19-1 result would lead you to believe, well done to all who took part over the season, a special thanks to all the support from parents who delivered great refreshments & encouragement to all the players, there will be a presentation afternoon at Birchwood on 2nd July 1-6pm, details will follow.

Kelly has had a very positive effect over the year & we look forward to next season having some of the same players available with even more experience, helped by some newcomers. Trials are at 12.30 on Sunday 18th June at Birchwood.

Finally I must thank Graham Clark for his help & support through the year & Laura Anderson who regularly helped out at squad nights before going on to U18 training.

**Mike Newlove**  
**U14 Squad Manager**

### U16 Squad Report

At the trials on 19th of June 2016 nearly 41 people turned up for U16 selection for the year born in 2002 and 2003, out of that we had selected 24 in the squad, 16 boys and 8 girls. The beginning of the season there were few who had missed out the trials they were looked in first week of the squad night, then two more were selected for the squad. In Total we had 26 in numbers after few weeks in the season three of the girls decline to be in the squad. So we had taken on two of the girls from the under 14 squad to come and train with us daily.

Throughout the season few of our top boys in the squad were given an opportunity to train with U-18's with Becky White. They also played few matches for the U18's.

We had six summer sessions training for those who were going to stay with U-16 and to those who were moving up from U-14's after Easter. There were 19 who took part for the summer term. We also had an extra help from level 2 Coach Ian Robinson and level 1 Coach Sam Newlove helped out for the summer term also.

### Shires League:

This was a big league group.



Throughout the season we had matches against Cambridgeshire and won 17-3. We drew against Kent 10-10, with Surrey 2 we also drew 10-10, Essex we got beaten badly with their top boys we lost 0-20, Norfolk we lost 7-13, and finally the last match with Bedfordshire we lost 5-15. We did not do too well in the league for this season as we had only hand full of girls to select from.

I would like to thank all the squad members who participated in the league and also to the girls played in the league from U14.

### **Friendly Matches:**

This season we managed to arrange three friendly matches one away match and two at home matches. This was to give opportunity to squad players who do not get chance to play in the shires matches. We had home and away match against Warwickshire and won both times 12-8 an away match and at home 17-3 and the third match against Oxfordshire home match, we won 17-3.

We were so pleased that we had Birchwood leisure Centre to play the home matches.

Unfortunately we do not have any more team events taking place at all in the season.

### **Most Improved Player for the Year 2016/17:**

Cameron Bannister.

He received a shield with his name engraved on it for a year to keep. Cameron has shown good signs of improvement, in his skills and level of play he has worked very hard and performed very well in the shire league and the tournaments, he also participated for u18's as well.

### **Sponsorship:**

Thanks to Ashaway for their generous support for the shirts and the shuttles for the season.

### **Coaches:**

I would like to thanks John Stobo for his services to HSBA not only as a coach as a team manager for the squad who he has motivated the players to perform at their best and taught them well he is always looking out for anything new can be implemented in the squad,

Ian Robinson who had joined us for last two season is our regular coach has been very helpful to the squad his expertise and coaching method were very useful to the squad. Newly young recruit to the squad coach Sam Newlove was a great helped to the squad throughout the season, he is liked by all the squad members especially with his warm up and cool downs. He also shows a good level of play coming through the HSBA county level which is very much important for the squad to observe and learn from him.

Between four of us we managed the Shires league matches and the squad evenings.

### **Fixture Secretary:**

I would like to thank Christine Adey for her marvellous job for all the fixtures and the rules of the shires league and kept us all well informed throughout, though you will be missed for the next season.

I would also thank all the parents who supported their children to chauffer them to and fro from the Squad practice, shires matches or tournaments and supporting Hertfordshire Badminton.

To all the players and squad members they have worked very hard to learn and achieve good results for the tournaments and for themselves. I hope that they all have got something out of our HSBA Badminton training and hope they all take it further in their career.

For a few weeks we also had Daniel Davey another young prospect from U18 for coaching and gave us a helping hand whilst I was away on holiday, I hope he also joins us next season.

The season for the year 2016-2017 went very quickly. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching and mentoring the squad nights, Once again special thanks to John Stobo, Ian Robinson and Sam Newlove and Daniel Davey for their valuable time and effort to



support HSBA. I would also like to thank our chairman Ken Winchester and the committee for supporting HSBA U 16 squad for the season 2016/17.

Next season trials will take place on 18th June 2017 at Birchwood and we will be ready again to deliver another season 2017/18 in September at HSV for HSBA as Under 16 Squad.

**Hitesh Shah**  
**U16 Coach and Squad Team Manager**

### U18 Squad Report

From the trials we selected 17 players, 11 boys and 7 girls with the idea that we concentrate on performance and quality. We also had a couple of players join us from the lower age group to strengthen not only our squad but the under 16 squad too. Most weeks we had around 16 players in our session which gave me, Kelly and David time to work with all players and their specific needs. Most of our sessions were focused on tactical play and movement.

Throughout the season every one of our girls was offered to play a fixture, and had 6 rotating for the shires league matches. It was very similar situation with boys, having 7 playing in our shires matches and most others offered friendlies with the under 16's, arranged by John Stobo. We had fantastic performances from all of our players over the year and it is a testament to the squad that we could call upon so many players to do well for us. Over all we finished a respectable 13th in the shires league after a closely fought game with Surrey we managed convincing wins over Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Kent. We try not to talk about the Essex game as much as possible! Special mentions go to:

- Steven Elliott who was a rock for us, winning 22 out of 23 games (ranking 6th overall in the shires league table).
- Amelia Dixon, who won 8 out of 8 matches for Herts. Including being pushed out of her comfort zone into singles.
- Olivia Clarke, winning 7 out of 7 matches for Herts, more impressively not dropping a set throughout.
- After a daunting start against Surrey Monique Maisey became one of staple doubles players.
- Abbie Smith, played well above her years as a dominating first girl for us. Although she had a new partner virtually every week, this never put her off and she adapted remarkably well to each situation.

We also had our main two events RIO and ICT. RIO was the first test for us, and the Herts squad magnificently rose to the occasion to come 3rd overall. Every one of the squad played exceptionally well and was fantastic on and off the court, although we are still concerned about the bromance between a couple of them! Next was ICT, I won't spend too long on this as I am sure everyone is aware of the amazing performance by Herts. I cannot credit the players enough, they showed fantastic determination and skills I would not have expected of them. I would like to mention:

- Chris Adey, for his commanding performances in the number one mixed and boys doubles games. We could rely on him to always give us a good start and finish.
- Molly Goode, this year has been good for us as we have been able to split our best mixed doubles players to create 2 fantastic pairings, this year Molly has played superbly with Cameron.
- Cameron Bannister has been outstanding for us, as a 2nd pairing with Molly and Rees he has really controlled the games and been a huge influence on the success of the team.
- Kyle Hoyte was something of an unexpected gem we found at RIO, not only did he and Jason win nearly all their doubles but he was a huge influence on the upbeat spirit of the team.
- As stated Jason Hayley and Kyle won nearly all of their doubles at RIO. Jason really controlled the game and made a game that was completely foreign to Kyle easy, being an excellent communicator on court.
- Rees Clarke was a huge motivator and a great captain for the team this year, the amount of effort he put in was incredible, his doubles game has improved immeasurably.
- Without Laura Anderson's control of the game ICT could have been a very different story. She and Monique won the game that got us through to the top half of the draw, it takes great maturity to soak up that amount of pressure.



- Due to her quiet disposition Keya Patani often slips under the radar but she was brilliant for Herts both at RIO and ICT. We could always rely on her to deliver a performance when we needed it most.
- How can we forget Tommy Corteen's amazing win against Essex?

There are so many other moments that I haven't mentioned but I have been so proud of the team this year, in their attitude and determination. I would like to thank all the players this year who participated, you should all be proud of your accomplishments.

We had six summer sessions training for those who were going to stay with U18's and to those who were moving up from U16's after Easter (with a few returning u18's to push the squad). We had 20 take part and brought some of the younger age group up for a couple of the last sessions.

Sponsorship: Thanks to Ashaway for their generous support for the shirts and the shuttles for the season.

I would like to thank Kelly Matthews and David Westwood for their help with coaching this year. They have been absolutely vital to the success of this team. They are both fantastic coaches and give so much to this county. I would also like to thank Christine, her work as the fixtures secretary has been sublime. Also for her help over the past year and helping me constantly! I would also like to thank the parents for this reason, I know that this year has been a bit of a learning curve but the parents have really pulled through and been a huge support network for us.

To all those that were part of the under 18's squad, I hope you have got something out of the county sessions that you can take with you. You have been a delight to work with this year and thank you for being such a fantastic group.

**Becky White**  
**U18 Team Manager**

### **Fixtures Secretary's Report**

As a result of the changes in BE age boundaries, the Shires League changed to even age groups for the 2016/17 season. In effect this was a name change only but with the addition of U12. Hertfordshire entered one team into each of the four age groups, i.e. U12, U14, U16 and U18. The total number of teams entered into each age group was respectively 17, 32, 37, and 40.

Matches started end October and ran through until end March. All home fixtures took place at Birchwood, the booking of which was helpfully co-ordinated by HBA's Colin Walker.

Arranging the U12 fixtures proved the most challenging because of the wide geographical spread of the 17 teams. As a result, some fixtures were played as part of one day events, either to facilitate Herts or to facilitate other counties for whom Herts was a mid-way point. Fortunately, based on a proposal from Herts, it was agreed at the 2016 Shires League AGM that the playing format for U12 should be best of three games to 15 (as opposed to three games to 21 as played in the older age groups). This made the arrangement of one day fixtures more manageable. Herts hosted two U12 one day events at Birchwood, both of which received positive feedback from the visiting teams. And the Herts U12 fixture against Devon was played as part of a one day event in Berkshire.

After a vote by all counties, it has been agreed that the even age group structure will remain for the 2017/18 Shires League season, despite BE organising its tournament schedule primarily on odd age groups. An U20 age group has been added and Herts has entered one team into each of the five age groups. Given the relatively low (11) number of counties entering the proposed U20 league, the format is under discussion and yet to be confirmed.

I am stepping down from the role of Fixtures Secretary and am happy to hand over the reins to Joseph Eluekunnel.

**Christine Adey**  
**Fixtures Secretary**



### **HBA Representative's Report**

Presented as four documents, available from the HSBA downloads page on our website (<http://hsba.org.uk/downloads.html>):

- HBA AGM Minutes
- my Development Coordinator's Report (that includes the CBNs)
- BE Relationships Managers' CBA Update
- BE (8 – year) Strategy 'Discover Badminton.'

If anyone wants to see the other HBA reports they can be found via the HBA website/About us, shortcut:

[www.hertsbadminton.net/default.aspx?id=2#AGM17](http://www.hertsbadminton.net/default.aspx?id=2#AGM17)

**David Bartlett**  
**HBA Representative**



## Income & Expenditure Account for the year to 31st May, 2017

2015-16	Expenditure	2016-17		2015-16	Income	2016-17
	<b>Matches and Coaching</b>				<b>Matches and Coaching</b>	
2,200	U12 Squad Courts	2,526		4,030	U12 Squad Fees	6,152
4,214	U14 Squad Courts	3,864		6,585	U14 Squad Fees	6,628
2,788	U16 Squad Courts	2,604		6,815	U16 Squad Fees	5,830
2,725	U18 Squad Courts	2,604		5,170	U18 Squad Fees	4,411
1,750	U12 Training Cost	68		0	Discounts - Siblings Discount	(405)
1,080	U14 Training Cost	1,395				
0	U16 Training Cost	420		2,412	Summer Fees	
1,325	U18 Training Cost	1,350		91.00	Trial fees	
1,549	Summer Courts	400				
1,074	Shuttles - Training & Matches	2,379				
80	Coaches Registration Fees	120				
18,786	Matches and Coaching Subtotal	17,730		25,103	Matches and Coaching Subtotal	22,616
	<b>Tournaments &amp; Leagues</b>				<b>Tournaments &amp; Leagues</b>	
3,037	Courts	3,140		4,754	Entry Fees	4,148
843	Trophies & Medals	958		162	Entry Fees - Primary	509
3,037	Shuttles	1,014				
0	Eastern Region Tournament	56		970	Junior Leage Entries	358
943	Junior Leage Expenditures	227				
156	Shires League	441		1,164	RIO York	1,164
43	Other Tournaments	353		1,500	ICT Notts	1,500
1,522	RIO (York) Fees & Expenses	1,126				
4,686	ICT (Notts) Fees & Expenses	3,235		8,550	Tournaments and Leagues Subtotal	7,679
14,266	Tournaments and Leagues Subtotal	10,550				
	<b>Open Tournaments</b>				<b>Open Tournaments</b>	
218	BE Costs Incl Medals U14 Bronze	1,629		1,444	U14 Bronze Entry Fees	3,137
869	BE Costs Incl Medals U16 Bronze	492		4,734	U16 Bronze Entry Fees	1,000
1,240	BE Costs Incl Medals U18 Bronze	1,232		2,255	U18 Bronze Entry Fees	1,762
962	BE Costs Incl Medals U16 Silver	1,614		3,536	U16 Silver Entry Fees	4,337
325	Shuttles					
496	Paypal Fee	352				
154	Sundry Expenses	155				
4,265	Open tournaments Subtotal	5,473		11,968	Open tournaments Subtotal	10,236
	<b>Sundries</b>				<b>Sundries</b>	
559	Affiliation BE	502		0	Young Leader Award - Income	210.00
40	Postage & Telephone	47		17	Interest	14
674	T-Shirts	2,079		736	T-Shirts	1,262
164	Stat. & Printing (Incl. Newsletter)	184				
460	Bursary Payments	584				
152	Misc. Expenses	165				
1,218	Travel Expenses	1,483		5	Misc. Receipts	
	Donations	500				
0	Badminton Coashing Course	215				
0	AIM Project	1,000				
185	Training Costs	100				
100	Gifts	340				
3,552	Sundries Subtotal	7,199		758	Sundries Subtotal	1,486
40,869	<b>TOTAL Expenditure</b>	<b>40,953</b>		46,380	<b>TOTAL Income</b>	<b>42,017</b>
4,662	<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>1,065</b>		0	<b>Excess of Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>0</b>
45,531		<b>42,017</b>		46,380		<b>42,017</b>

**Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 2017**

		22,862	Funds at 01/06/2016	29,367.44	
346	Current Account	9,103	0	Deduct excess Expenditure over Income	0.00
27,000	Deposit Account	26,014	5,511	Add excess Income over Expenditure	1,064.51
0	Current Account	307			
277	Paypal	580	994	Creditors Control Account	7,232.94
0	Debtors Control Account	1,661	0	Accruals	
1,745	Prepayments	0			
29,367	<b>Total</b>	<b>37,664.89</b>	29,367	<b>Funds Carried Forward</b>	<b>37,664.89</b>

The above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account have been prepared from and are in accordance with the books and records of the Hertfordshire Schools Badminton Association for the year ending 31st May, 2017.

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Hon Treasurer: Mrs. Yi Ying Lee

Dated: