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Welcome to the ninth edition of the Derbyshire Disability Sport e-newsletter

Welcome to the ninth edition of the Derbyshire Disability Sport e-newsletter, which gives a round-up of what is currently happening within the county as well as sharing information and good practice and celebrating the successes within disability sport.

This edition is split into the following sections:

- District news
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The next edition is planned for April 2011, and future articles are welcomed.



District news

Amber Valley

Amber Valley Disability Sport Group to be relaunched

The Amber Valley Disability Sport Group is to be relaunched, with the first meeting to take place on Thursday, February 10. The meeting will be held at Alfreton Leisure Centre, Bowls Hall Meeting Room, from 6.30pm until 8.30pm.

James Cook, Disability Sport Officer for Derbyshire Sport, said: "It's fantastic that the Amber Valley Disability Sport group is to be relaunched. It has been very active in the past in supporting clubs to become more inclusive, working with leisure centres to develop further opportunities and providing inclusive training to people and organisations within the borough. We hope that the group will once again be able to drive disability sport forward in Amber Valley."

Clubs, groups and organisations which have an interest in disability sport are invited to attend the meeting to find out how to become involved in the group and how the group can support organisations. Targets for the next 12 months will also be discussed.

Bolsover

Club now offering sports activities

The Just Good Friends club is now offering sports activities.

The club runs three times per week across the district, in blocks of around six weeks. The club members themselves decide what activities they would like to be delivered, and sport is now on offer as well as arts and crafts.

If you would like further information about the Just Good Friends club contact James Cook on james.cook@derbyshire.gov.uk or 01773 571223.

Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire

Joint honours for Matthew and Jack

Matthew Rayson and Jack Shephard were the joint winners of the Junior Disabled Sportsperson of the Year award at the Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Sports Awards.

Matthew, from Ashgate Croft School, was honoured for his achievements in boccia, which include playing for the Derbyshire U15 Boccia Squad. Meanwhile Jack, a pupil at Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School, was recognised for his success at the World Dwarf Games.

Derby

DCITC publish report on disability project

Derby County in the Community has published a three-year report based on the delivery of their disability project. The report gives a detailed insight into the achievements of the disability football initiative that has been delivered since 2007.

It also looks at the future of the disability project in Derbyshire and how the work that is being delivered fits into county, regional and national plans. The report is available to view on Derby County in the Community's website www.dcitcommunity.com

Field Lane FC sets up new disability section

Field Lane FC of Derby City has set up a new disability section of the club. They have become the seventh FA Charter Standard club to become part of the inclusive club structure and held their first session at Merrill College on Tuesday, January 18, 6.30-7.30pm.

The club is looking for players aged 6 to 16 who have a disability. The sessions will be delivered in partnership by Derby County in the Community and Field Lane FC coaches who are all FA qualified and hold the relevant Emergency Aid and Child protection certificates. All sessions will aim to develop players football ability and skills within a fun and safe environment and will form the first step of the disability player pathway for all those involved.

Derby Deaf Football Club stages annual Rudolph Tournament

Derby Deaf Football Club's tenth annual Rudolph Tournament was held on

December 4, attracting teams from across the country.

Winners of the men's tournament was Rutherford A, who beat Everton A 3-0 in the final. In the women's tournament Derby Deaf Football Club beat Everton Ladies on penalties. Teams from the men's section who failed to qualify for the quarter-final knock out stage were given a second chance in the Plate tournament, which was won by Colchester.

The day was another great success for Derby Deaf Football Club, which is already looking forward to the 11th Rudolph Tournament in December 2011.

Paralympian's visit aims to inspire others

England and Great Britain Cerebral Palsy footballer Leon Taylor has visited Remploy Derby's offices to give a presentation to workers there.

Leon spoke about his sporting achievements, and in particular his experiences as a member of the Great Britain squad which competed at the Beijing Paralympics Games.

Leon Taylor was also the winner of the Disabled Sportsman of the Year title at the Derby Annual Sports Awards. [Read more](#)

Derbyshire Dales

Founder of Derbyshire Sailing Endeavour dies

Derek Lee, founder of Derbyshire Sailing Endeavour, has died.

Derek had been involved in the development of Carsington Sailing Club and sailing for the disabled for many years.

This included sourcing funds to buy adapted dinghies and yachts for disabled sailors. He was also instrumental in founding and organising the Duke of Devonshire Trophy Regatta, an annual event for disabled sailors held at Carsington Water. [Read more](#)

Erewash

Funding secured to sustain boccia delivery

Erewash Boccia Club has secured £999 to sustain delivery for a further 12 months. Representatives from the club will be attending the first Inclusive Boccia Club meeting to discuss how best to develop the club and ensure it continues to grow.

High Peak

Sport Without Barriers

High Peak Disability Sport Group is to stage a disability sport event on May 25 at Buxton University Dome.

The event will celebrate inclusive sport in the High Peak, by promoting accessible opportunities and supporting clubs to become inclusive. The event will run twice to incorporate both schools and clubs.

The daytime sessions will run from 12noon until 3pm and will include a marketplace and activities aimed at schools and the local community.

The evening session will run from 6pm until 8.30pm and will focus on clubs and the local community. This session will include a marketplace with demonstrations and workshops focused on how to make your club more inclusive. A buffet will be provided from 6pm.

If you would like to attend the meeting or would like further information contact James Cook on james.cook@derbyshire.gov.uk or 01773 571223.

South Derbyshire

Meeting set to explore new disability sport opportunities

Partners in South Derbyshire and East Staffordshire will meet on March 10 to discuss the current opportunities available for people with a disability and how to create further opportunities to encourage more people to participate in sport and physical activity.

If you would like to attend the meeting or would like further information contact James Cook on james.cook@derbyshire.gov.uk or 01773 571223.



County news

Nominations welcomed for Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the Sport and Recreation Alliance Sports Club of the Year Awards.

Derbyshire Sport has the opportunity to nominate and endorse three clubs for the awards, and is holding an open competition and inviting clubs to apply. The closing date for this is February 20.

This is an opportunity for Derbyshire Clubs to be recognised both within Derbyshire and at a national level. [Read more](#)

Derby cricketer competing for England at Deaf Ashes

Pauly Allen from Derby is a member of the England Deaf Cricket Team which is competing at the Lord's Taverners Deaf Cricket Deaf Ashes and Tri Series in Australia from January 16 to 27.

Pauly is vice-captain of the England team and hopes to wrestle the Deaf Ashes series from Australia. [Read more](#)

Super Sunday Event

May 15 is the date for this year's Super Sunday event for families of children with disabilities and additional needs. Super Sunday is a celebration day for young people and their families, and will be held at Lea Green near Matlock, making the most of the huge grounds. Last year's event was a big success, with hundreds of families having a great time and meeting lots of new people. There were lots of taster sessions of different activities for children to try, including a climbing wall and arts and crafts.

For parents, there was the chance to pick up information and find out more about services, support and opportunities in Derbyshire.

If you would like to attend the Super Sunday event contact the Aiming High team on 01629 532149 or email aiminghighdc@derbyshire.gov.uk

Keep an eye on the Derbyshire County Council website too for more on www.derbyshire.gov.uk/aiminghigh

Awards for wheelchair basketball players

Wheelchair basketball player Jon Hall was named the University of Derby Disabled Sportsperson of the Year for a third year running at the Derbyshire Sports Awards.

Jon was part of the Great Britain wheelchair basketball squad which won gold at the Paralympic World Cup in May, and was also part of the GB squad which competed at the World Wheelchair Basketball Championships in Birmingham.

Runners-up in the University of Derby Disabled Sportsperson of the Year category were wheelchair fencer Tom Hall-Butcher from Somercotes, who is the top Sabreur in Great Britain, and wheelchair basketball player Maddie Thompson from Hope, who was part of the GB Womens team which competed at the Paralympic World Cup and the World Championships. At 15 years old she is still the youngest current member of the GB Womens team.

Meanwhile Maddie went one better in the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service Junior Disabled Sportsperson of the Year category, winning the title for the second year in a row. [Read more](#)

Derbyshire County Council Young Achiever Awards

A number of talented young people have been recognised for their sporting successes at the Derbyshire County Council Young Achiever Awards.

Among those recognised for their sporting achievements was Jack Shephard from Dronfield, who was rewarded for achievements at the National Dwarf Games which included silver in the shot, silver in the javelin, and bronze in the discus.

Gregory Cox from Ockbrook and Robert Abraham from Breadsall also received young achievers awards after winning medals at the DSE National Junior Swimming Championships. [Read more](#)

Derbyshire hosts East Midlands Boccia Tournament

Derbyshire has played host to this year's East Midlands Boccia Tournament.

The event was held on October 24 at the Lea Green Centre, and was organised by Derbyshire Sport with support from Nottinghamshire County Council.

Teams from Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, and Northamptonshire represented their counties, with a total of six teams competing in the competition. [Read more](#)

East Midlands Elite Adult Cerebral Palsy squad seeks new players

East Midlands Elite Adult Cerebral Palsy squad is still looking to recruit more new players aged 16+ to form part of their squad.

The team, which is made up of players from around the East Midlands, including five players from Derbyshire, train on a bi-weekly basis on a Saturday morning at South Notts College campus in Clifton.

Players who are interested in attending for a trial should contact Pete Collins, Disability Football Development Officer for Derbyshire on 01332 667575 or email peter.collins@dcfc.co.uk

Winning Mentality Initiative goes from strength to strength

The Winning Mentality Initiative continues to go from strength to strength in Derbyshire as it moves forward into its second year of funding.

The countywide mental health football initiative for adult males is now being delivered across four sites in the county, details of which can be found on the Derby County in the Community website, www.dcitcommunity.com.

The other areas of the project have also developed further with the Winning Mentality awareness workshop piloted and now being delivered to a group of coaches from various football league clubs, with the view of the project being delivered across a wider area in the future.

The research project that has been conducted over the first year of funding has now been completed and will be available to read in due course. This will give an insight into the players' views of the initiative and will help to shape the initiative further in the future.

Any players who are interested in taking part in the Winning Mentality Initiative should contact Pete Collins on 01332 667575 or email peter.collins@dcfc.co.uk

Action Deafness conducts research into deaf sport

Action Deafness is currently carrying out research into deaf sport in the East Midlands as part of work to encourage more people to play sport and promote deaf sport to the wider community.

Action Deafness would like to hear from anyone or any organisation who would be interested in helping with the research.

To find out more contact tobydawson@actiondeafness.org.uk or stuartharrison@actiondeafness.org.uk

Derbyshire Schools SEN PE and Sport Association Cross Country Festival

Charles Hill Leisure Centre played host to the Derbyshire Schools SEN PE and Sport Association Cross Country Festival on Tuesday, November 16.

The festival saw around 70 boys and 30 girls compete over seven races, with groups ranging from Key Stage 1 through to Key Stage 4.

James Cook, Derbyshire Sport Disability Sport Officer, said: "It was great to see so many young people involved in the event. Special thanks must go to Charles Hill Leisure Centre and Amber Valley Borough Council for supporting and hosting the event and to Julie Greatorex for organising the competition."

The Derbyshire Schools SEN PE and Sport Association will be organising a

number of festivals and events throughout the academic year. For more information contact James Cook on james.cook@derbyshire.gov.uk or 01773 571223.



In profile

Robert Abraham is a 14-year-old swimmer from Breadsall Village.

The Ecclesbourne School pupil swam at the DSE National Junior Swimming Championships at Ponds Forge, where the best 200 disabled swimmers in the country took part, and he won a gold medal and a silver medal.

His achievements also include winning three gold medals, one silver and one bronze at the DAAUK Swimming Championships, and two gold medals at the Derbyshire County Swimming Championships.

Robert also took part in the postal swim, and won a gold medal in his age group, swimming 1,750m in an hour.

Robert's success has been recognised recently at the Erewash Sports Awards, where he was named Junior Disabled Sportsperson of the Year, and at the Derbyshire Sports Awards where he was runner-up in the same category. He was also honoured at the 2010 Derbyshire County Council Young Achiever Awards.



Events

Understanding Mental Health in relation to Sport & Physical Activity

February 16, 1pm – 4.30pm, Chesterfield Fire Station

March 2, 1pm – 4.30pm, Belper Rugby Club

A free Mental Health Awareness training session, specifically developed to meet the needs of staff and volunteers delivering physical activity services.

[Read more](#)

Dwarf Sports Association UK training days

Swimming – January 29, February 12, February 26, April 9. Each session will be held at 10.30am – 11.30am at Lonsdale Swimming Pool, Chevin Road, Mickleover, Derby, DE3 9GX.

Badminton – January 30, February 13, March 13, March 27, April 10. Each session will be held at 11am – 12pm at Etwall Leisure Centre, Hilton Road, Etwall, DE65 6HZ.

Wall Climbing – February 5, April 2. Each session will be held 1pm – 2pm at Alter Rock, St James Church, Malcolm Street, Derby, DE23 8LU.

For more details contact 01246 296 485.

Soft Play and Bouncy Castle Disability Session

Wednesday, February 23. 1pm - 2pm (Under 8s) and 2pm-3pm (Over 8s) £1 per Session.

Green Bank Leisure Centre

Please call 01283 216269 for more information.

Walks for the blind and visually impaired

There are walks available for people who are blind or visually impaired. Set up by the Buxton VIP (visually impaired) group, the walks take place twice a month, alternating between High Peak and Derbyshire Dales. Each walker has a sighted guide who can provide a description of the setting as well as assisting them over steps, gates or stiles, helping them to feel safe and secure during their walk. Family, friends and guide dogs are also welcome.

Walks start at 1.30pm and last approximately 90 minutes including a stop for tea and coffee. Shorter walks may be available for people who cannot walk far.

Walks will be held on:

Jan 28 - Tideswell
 Feb 11 - Hayfield
 Feb 25 - Middleton Top
 March 11 - Parsley Hay
 March 25 - Stanton Moor
 April 8 - Buxton

For further information and to confirm attendance, please contact Ross at the Volunteer Centre on 01298 23970. You will be notified of any walk changes along with arrangements for refreshments and travel. Travel assistance may be given to people to and from the walk but this will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.



Funding opportunities

BBC Children in Need

The BBC Children in Need's grants programme is open to organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people who are 18 years old and under.

To apply your organisation and project must be based in the UK and you need to be a registered charity or other not-for-profit organisation.

There are four funding rounds per year and the next deadline is April 15.

Applications will be accepted for Small Grants of £10,000 or less per year for up to three years, and Main Grants over £10,000 per year for up to three years.

[Read more](#)

Derbyshire Community Foundation

The Derbyshire Community Foundation is a non-profit organisation that provides independent funding for voluntary community action throughout the county of Derbyshire. They distribute grants to voluntary groups whose aims are to tackle disadvantage and enhance community life in Derbyshire.

There are a number of different grant schemes available through the Foundation, including many which are open projects involving sport and physical activity. [Read more](#)

Derbyshire Sport Coach Bursary Fund

Sports coaches with a disability are being encouraged to apply for cash help to gain new qualifications or skills. The Derbyshire Sport Coach Bursary Fund aims to encourage and support the personal and professional development of coaches working in Derbyshire through subsidising the costs of coach education.

Coaches can apply for a maximum of 50 per cent of the total cost up of a Level 1 or Level 2 training course, up to a maximum of £200. The bursary panel will also consider contributing to petrol costs where a coach has to travel outside Derbyshire to attend a course. The deadline for the next round of applications is 31 March 2011. Payment will usually be made after the course has been

completed, upon the production of receipts and a copy of the certificate.

The Derbyshire Sport Coach Bursary Fund is open to paid and volunteer coaches in Derbyshire. [Read more](#)



Clubs

Splash Fit

Unit 8, Perkins Yard, Mansfield Rd, Derby, DE21 4AW

Newly-opened community fitness club which includes an open-plan gym, combat gym and pool which are all accessible to people with disability needs. The pool is a private heated endless pool with a built-in hoist. Added extras such as water toys and light projectors are also available to encourage engagement.

Visit www.splashfit.co.uk or call 07791665141

Hilton Harriers Football Club

Football Disability sessions

Thursdays 6pm-7pm

Etwall Leisure Centre

50p per session

Contact Maxine Harlow on 01283 733396

Midway Football Club

Football Disability sessions

Tuesdays 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Pingle School

Contact Sarah Parker on 07989344601

Derby Wheelblazers

Your child could slam dunk their way to basketball success with Derby Wheelblazers. The wheelchair basketball group meet at Derby College Sports Hall in Mackworth every Sunday. Sessions run from 1pm to 2pm for juniors and sport wheelchairs are provided during training and matches. For more information call 07875 416513 or visit www.derbywheelblazers.com

Go Boccia!

Boccia is a Paralympic sport similar to bowls – and it's certainly rolled its way into Derbyshire. There are now four Boccia clubs across the county in Chesterfield, Glossop, Erewash and Swanwick. Clubs and sessions are open to young people with different levels of disability. For more information contact James Cook at james.cook@derbyshire.gov.uk or call 01773 571223.

Derbyshire Disability Cricket Club

Derbyshire Disability Cricket Club provides opportunities for male/female players. Trials for 2011/2012 will be held in March. Recommendations are welcome for male/female players aged 14 years upwards to join the following squads:

- Physical Disability Cricket
- Learning Disability Cricket
- Deaf Cricket
- Visually Impaired Cricket

For more information contact Paul Roe on 07908 046772
or paul.roe1@sky.com

Active Ability

Activities include:

Football - Monday, 1.30pm-2.30pm, Sharley Park Leisure Centre

Chair Based Exercise - Monday, 2.30pm-3.30pm, Killamarsh Sports Centre
 Badminton, Boccia, Tenpin Bowling - Tuesday, 10.30am-11.30am, Sharley Park Leisure Centre
 Swimming and Chair Based Exercise - Tuesday, 12pm-2pm, Sharley Park Leisure Centre
 Short Mat Bowls, Badminton, Basketball - Wednesday, 2pm-3pm, Dronfield Sports Centre
 Table Tennis and Badminton - Thursday, 1pm-2pm, Queens Park Sports Centre
 Gym/Fitness Session - Friday, 10am-11am, Eckington Swimming Pool
 Swimming - Friday, 2pm-3pm, Healthy Living Centre, Staveley
 Email: Kelly.massey@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk



Inclusive Fitness Initiative

Derbyshire's accredited IFI sites are:

Alfreton Leisure Centre (Provisional Level)
 Tel: 01773 523325

Fitness Centre Derby College Prince Avenue
 Tel: 01332 75757

Chesterfield College
 Tel: 01246 500579

Buxton Community School
 Tel: 01298 23122

William Gregg VC Leisure Centre (Provisional Level)
 Tel: 01773 537940

Chesterfield Healthy Living Centre (Provisional Level)
 Tel: 01246 345666

Etwall Leisure Centre (Provisional Level)
 Tel: 01283 733348

Fitness First Chesterfield (Provisional Level)
 Tel: 01246 276644

Queen's Leisure Centre (Provisional Level)
 Tel: 01332 641444

Springwood Leisure Centre (Registered Level)
 Tel: 01332 664433

Useful contacts

Derbyshire Sport Disability Sport Officer James Cook – 01773 571223 or James.Cook@Derbyshire.gov.uk

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Disability Football Development Officer Pete Collins - 01332 648434 or peter.collins@dffc.co.uk

If you have anything you would like to see featured in future editions of this e-newsletter please contact Derbyshire Sport Marketing and Communications Assistant Nikki Sargeson on nikki.sargeson@derbyshire.gov.uk

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