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## Derbyshire Disability Sport E-Newsletter Issue Five

### Welcome to the fifth edition of the Derbyshire Disability Sport e-newsletter

Welcome to the fifth 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
- County news
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The next edition is planned for March 2010, and future articles are welcomed.



### District news

#### Amber Valley

#### William Gregg VC Leisure achieves provisional IFI Mark Accreditation

William Gregg VC Leisure Centre in Heanor has achieved the Inclusive Fitness Initiative (IFI) Mark Accreditation at Provisional Level. [Read more](#)

#### Awards for Ryan and David

Ryan Taylor, from Belper, was named the Swanwick School & Sports College Junior Disabled Sportsperson of the Year at the Amber Valley Active Sports Awards. Football player Ryan represented England U17 at the Home Nations Cerebral Palsy Championships earlier this year. Meanwhile swimmer David Ellis, from Heanor, was named the John Preston Flowers Disabled Sportsperson of the Year. David competed at the Paralympics in Beijing and won medals at the DSE International Disability Championships where he broke the S13 British record for the 100m butterfly.

#### **Bolsover**

#### Bolsover and District Sports Awards

Amy Marples, from Clowne, was named Junior Disabled Sportsperson of the Year at the Bolsover and District Sports Awards. She was recognised for her

achievements in dance, and performs a range of dances including ballet, tap and modern jazz.

### **Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire**

#### Active Ability celebrates first birthday

Leisure scheme Active Ability, which encourages disabled people in North East Derbyshire and Chesterfield to get involved in sport, has celebrated its first birthday.

Sessions of activities such as table tennis, badminton, swimming and chair-based exercises are currently running at Sharley Park Leisure Centre in Clay Cross, Dronfield Sports Centre, Killamarsh Sports Centre, Staveley Healthy Living Centre and Queen's Park Sports Centre in Chesterfield.

To mark the project's first anniversary an open day was held at Dronfield Sports Centre on Sunday, November 15.

#### Chesterfield PAN Disability Football Club

The Chesterfield PAN Disability Football Club has been a great success since its launch in September, with 14 young people currently attending weekly sessions on the Outdoor Artificial Grass Pitch at Queens Park Sports Centre.

Coaches Andy Morris, from Chesterfield Football in the Community, and Sean Hoole, from Somersall and Manor Rangers FC, are being supported by Chesterfield Town and Brampton Rovers. All the coaching is being done on a voluntary basis and the clubs are working together to provide the sessions.

The goal is to have enough players attending to have competitive matches, linked to Derbyshire FA, within six months.

Sessions run from 6pm until 7pm every Tuesday and cost £1.50 per player. For more details contact Scott Webster [scott.webster@chesterfield.gov.uk](mailto:scott.webster@chesterfield.gov.uk)

#### Award win for Jack

Jack Shephard, from Dronfield Woodhouse, was named the Junior Disabled Sportsperson of the Year at the Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Sports Awards.

His award recognised his success at the World Dwarf Games, where he won ten gold medals and two silver medals, competing in athletics, swimming, badminton, football, hockey and basketball.

Jack also went on to become runner-up at the Derbyshire Sports Awards in the Junior Disabled Sportsperson of the Year category.

### **Derby**

#### Derby team compete at Rotary Club Disabled Games Championships

A team from Derby took part in the Rotary Club Disabled Games Championships in Coventry last month.

They were among 12 teams of competitors, who have physical and learning disabilities, who took part in curling, table tennis, table tennis for those with

learning disabilities, riflshooting, boccia team, boccia individual, darts, male weight lifting, female weight lifting, pitstop, swimming, triathlon and the slalom.

#### Family Fun Run to be fully inclusive

The Derbyshire Building Society 10k and Family Fun Run will be held on April 11, 2010, and the Fun Run will be a fully inclusive event.

The Fun Run is a distance of 3k, and will start at 11am. For more details contact [10k@sporting-futures.org.uk](mailto:10k@sporting-futures.org.uk) or 01773 841447

#### Matthew and Ricky are award winners

Matthew Dalley, a pupil at the Royal School for the Deaf in Derby, won the Junior Disabled Sportsman of the Year prize at the Derby City Sports Awards. Matthew won a bronze medal at the Special Olympics as part of the East Midlands Equestrian Team and finished third in dressage at the Riding for the Disabled National Championships. The Disabled Sportsman of the Year prize went to Ricky Blampied, from Allenton, after he won five gold medals at the Special Olympics.

### **Derbyshire Dales**

#### Boxer Dermot Gascoyne visits Highfields

Former international heavyweight boxer Dermot Gascoyne has paid a visit to Highfields School in Matlock as part of the Sky Sports Living for Sport project which is running at the school. During his visit Dermot gave a masterclass in boxing.

The project has seen a group of boys with special needs given coaching in badminton and multi-skills by year 13 higher sports leaders Rebecca Hinchley and Thomasine Curzon under the watchful eye of school sport coach Lindsey Pearson.

#### New fencing clubs to be launched

A series of fencing coaching sessions are to be held in Wirksworth, Matlock and Ashbourne for people with a disability.

The Derbyshire Dales Disability Sport Group has been awarded a grant from Sport England to set up three new satellite fencing clubs. [Read more](#)

#### Beth is Dales' Disabled Sportsman of the Year

Beth Foster was named the Disabled Sportsman of the Year at the Derbyshire Dales District Council Sports Awards. Beth has competed in boccia regionally and nationally, and won a silver medal at the Special Olympics.

### **Erewash**

#### New boccia club

A new boccia club is due to be launched at West Park Leisure Centre in the New Year. The club is part of the county Go Boccia! project, which received £30,000 from the Youth Opportunity Fund to develop boccia in the county. For more details about the new club contact Richard Sellors on

[richard.sellors@erewash.gov.uk](mailto:richard.sellors@erewash.gov.uk)

#### Funding bid

Erewash Disability Sports Group is currently putting together an application to Sport England for funding to help develop new disability sport opportunities in judo, football and water skiing. The application is due to be submitted before Christmas, and if successful the group would work with Long Eaton Judo Club, Riverside FC and Church Wilne Water Sports Club to help them become more inclusive and increase participation amongst local disabled people.

#### Robert is Erewash award winner

Robert Abraham was named Junior Disabled Sportsperson of the Year at the Erewash Sports Awards. He won six gold medals and two silver medals at the World Dwarf Games, competing in swimming, football, basketball and hockey.

#### **High Peak**

##### Boccia leaders course

A boccia leaders course is to be held in Glossop on January 16. The course is free to Derbyshire residents and costs £20 for people living outside of the county. The course will include an introduction to boccia and the rules, as well as how to lead boccia sessions and be aware of the needs of individuals. The course is being held ahead of the launch of a new boccia club in the High Peak which is planned for early in the new year.

##### Boccia festival held at the Dome

Students following the Step 2 Sport and Active Leisure Course at the University of Derby Buxton led a Boccia festival for some of the Buxton Junior Schools at the Dome, Buxton. The day included an introduction to boccia skills, followed by a mini competition. The festival was organised by Step 2 in partnership with High Peak School Sport Partnership.

##### Maddie and Vicky are winners

Maddie Thompson was named Junior Disabled Sportsperson of the Year at the High Peak Community Sports Network Sports Awards, while Vicky Leigh Marsh was the Disabled Sportsperson of the Year. Maddie, from Hope, was the youngest ever player to be selected to compete at the BT Paralympic World Cup with the GB women. Vicky, from Buxton, plays for the University of Derby boccia team, and was part of the Derbyshire U25 team which competed at the recent Regional Pan-Disability Boccia Tournament at Mansfield Woodhouse.

#### **South Derbyshire**

##### Disability football sessions to be launched in South Derbyshire

New weekly disability football sessions are to be launched in South Derbyshire, at Etwall Leisure Centre. [Read more](#)

##### Anna is South Derbyshire's Disabled Sportsperson of the Year

Anna Brookes was named Disabled Sportsperson of the Year at the South Derbyshire District Council Sports Awards. Gymnast Anna, from Melbourne,

won three gold medals and two silver medals at the Special Olympics.



## County news

### Trophies for GB wheelchair basketball players at Derbyshire Sports Awards

Jon Hall has been named the University of Derby Disabled Sportsperson of the Year at the Derbyshire Sports Awards.

Jon, who is a regular member of the Great Britain mens' wheelchair basketball team, won the prestigious title for the second year running following his success at the Paralympics in Beijing and the BT Paralympic World Cup in Manchester, where the team won bronze medals.

The evening saw 14 coveted trophies awarded, with wheelchair basketball player Maddie Thompson named the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service Junior Disabled Sportsperson of the Year.

14-year-old Maddie from Hope, who has competed for GB womens and juniors, won the prestigious title after becoming the youngest ever player to be selected to compete at the BT Paralympic World Cup with the GB women. [Read more](#)

### Winning Mentality Initiative

The Winning Mentality Initiative is now three months into its funding and has already seen some really positive results across the county. The biggest result has to be the initiative being nominated for a BBC Power of Sport Award as part of the BBC East Midlands Sports Awards. The nomination was based around the original work undertaken within the Derwent Valley Rovers FC set up, but also the way in which the project is beginning to grow through the number of key partners it has and funding it has been granted.

The Winning Mentality Initiative is now delivering sessions in Derby City, Chesterfield and Erewash areas of Derbyshire, with more sessions planned within South Derbyshire, Amber Valley and the High Peak areas. This means that at present, the initiative is delivering to around 70 participants across the county. The initiative has been driven by a steering group containing partners from Derby County in the Community, Chesterfield FC, University of Derby, Derbyshire Mental Health Trust, Derbyshire Voice, Derby Homes, Derbyshire PCT.

This initiative's aim is to use football as a tool to help young men who suffer from mental health distress to improve their health, participate in sport and become part of a team, reducing social isolation. The Winning Mentality Initiative forms part of the Every Player Counts Initiative, a leading project of the Football League Trust and supported by the Football Pools. Derby County in the Community is one of the 36 Football League Community Schemes to deliver Every Player Counts, the first National Disability football programme, this season.

Anyone who is interested in knowing more about the Winning Mentality Initiative should contact Pete Collins on 01332 667575 or email [peter.collins@dcofc.co.uk](mailto:peter.collins@dcofc.co.uk).

### Derbyshire Schools' Sports Awards

Boccia player Beth Foster was among those recognised at this year's Derbyshire Schools' Sports Awards. Beth, from Queen Elizabeth's Grammar

School, was highly commended in the Sportsperson of the Year (Secondary) category and also received a John Bainbridge Award Grant of £50. Beth has competed in boccia regionally and nationally, and won a silver medal at the Special Olympics. [Read more](#)

### **Derbyshire teams compete at Regional Pan-Disability Boccia Tournament**

Two Derbyshire teams took part in the recent Regional Pan-Disability Boccia Tournament, with the U15 team taking second place in their event and the U25 team finishing fifth. [Read more](#)

### **Derbyshire Sportsability Festival**

A Sportsability Festival was held at Moorways Sports Centre for Derbyshire Special Schools last month. Around 90 pupils from across the county attended, and were able to take part in trampolining, wheelchair basketball, new age curling, boccia, seated volleyball, football and golf. Activities were led by qualified coaches and students from Derby College.

### **Talent 2012: Paralympic Potential**

A nationwide talent drive has been launched to find athletes with the potential to become a Paralympic Champion in 2012. [Read more](#)



### **In Profile**

#### **Maddie Thompson**

Since Maddie was last featured 'in profile' in August 2008, her sporting success has really gone into overdrive – something which was recognised recently at the BBC East Midlands Sports Awards, where she was named Junior Disabled Sportsperson of the Year.

In May the 14-year-old became the youngest-ever senior GB international to be selected to be part of the GB Women's squad to compete at the BT Paralympic World Cup in Manchester. The team just missed out on bronze after a semi-final defeat to eventual tournament winners the Netherlands before losing the bronze medal match to China.

She also played for the GB women's team in Holland and Germany and the GB junior team in Holland and at the junior international tournament in Stoke Manderville, before being selected to compete at the Women's European Championships in Aylesbury in August, where the GB women won bronze.

Maddie, from Hope, also plays for Sheffield Steelers and Manchester Mavericks. Last season she helped the Steelers win promotion to Division 2 as National League winners. She also competed in Division 1 and Super League for her club as well as the U15 team which were undefeated for the whole season.



### **Events**

**CP Sport National Squad Training Days** - Saturday, January 23 and Saturday, March 13. Harvey Hadden Stadium, Nottingham. CP Sport Coaches will be delivering the sessions but other coaches are welcome to attend. It is an ideal opportunity to learn how to coach disabled athletes. Contact [sue.todd@cpsport.org](mailto:sue.todd@cpsport.org)

**Multi Sports Development Day** – Monday, January 11. Grantham Meres Leisure Centre. [Read more](#)

**Paratriathlon Performance Squad Selection Open Day** - Saturday, January 23. For more details contact [jonathonriall@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:jonathonriall@britishtriathlon.org)



## Funding opportunities

### Highcross Bursary

Highcross Leicester car park customers have donated £50,000 for charities and community groups across the East Midlands.

The Highcross Bursary, which aims to assist a broad range of community-based projects, invites regional charitable and not-for profit organisations to apply for a grant of up to £5,000 by registering online and completing an application form at [www.highcrossleicester.com/communitybursary](http://www.highcrossleicester.com/communitybursary).

The funding is specifically for projects that fit within the themes of arts & culture, education & skills, health & wellbeing or sustainability and the environment. Applications must also be for projects that have value and generate tangible benefits for the community.

Applications for the Highcross Bursary will close on 24 December, before a panel of judges choose the successful projects.

### Free Swimming Lesson Programme

Funding is currently available to provide free swimming lesson opportunities to members of the public that cannot swim. Anyone intending to apply is advised to work in conjunction with a pool operator to ensure that pool time is available to deliver the courses.

Two pots of money are available. Pot B offers £250 per six-hour course, which can be used to pay the teacher, pool hire if necessary and any marketing materials.

Pot C offers additional money to help target hard to reach groups and overcome barriers which cause additional expense.

For more information contact ASA Derbyshire County Swimming Co-ordinator Kim Harwood on 07765 828689 or [kim.harwood@swimming.org](mailto:kim.harwood@swimming.org)



## Clubs

### Disability Dance Sessions

Sessions are targeted at young people with additional needs aged 11-16 years and will explore creative movement in a supportive, safe and stimulating atmosphere.

Derby Gymnastics Club, (old Lancaster Sports Centre), Chapel Street. Every Wednesday, 5.30pm - 6.15pm

For more information contact Mark Dolman on 01332 641236 or Natalie McCaul on 01332 641270.

### Midway FC weekly disabled football sessions

Sessions are held for children with disabilities or learning difficulties aged between 5 and 16 at Pingle Sports Hall on Tuesday evenings between 5.30pm and 6.30pm All coaches are CRB checked, FA level 1 and FA coaching disability players qualified. There will be no sessions in January, but they will restart in February. For more details contact [ian@midwayfc.co.uk](mailto:ian@midwayfc.co.uk)

### Derby Wheelblazers

Training and casual sessions are delivered each week with players of all ages and abilities. Sessions are provided for juniors and developing players. A full training schedule and fixtures list can be found at [www.derbywheelblazers.com](http://www.derbywheelblazers.com)

### Disability Football Sessions

Etwall Leisure Centre, Indoor Sports Hall, every Thursday 6-7pm.

All players aged 8 – 16 are welcome and their individual needs will be catered

for. Sessions are designed to be adaptable to suit all players. All coaches are fully qualified and hold the relevant Emergency First Aid and Child Protection qualifications.

For more information contact Maxine Harlow on 01283 733396 or [maxine@harlows.org.uk](mailto:maxine@harlows.org.uk)

#### **New boccia club for the over 25s**

Swanwick Hall School. Every Monday, starting from January 11, from 7pm - 8pm. All welcome over the age of 25. Contact [Nicola.green@umbrella.uk.net](mailto:Nicola.green@umbrella.uk.net) or call 01332 204434

#### **Chesterfield Disability Football Club**

Disability Football sessions are being delivered at Queens Park Leisure Centre (3G Surface) on Tuesday evenings 6pm - 7pm. The sessions are run in partnership by Derby County in the Community, Chesterfield FC Football in the Community, Chesterfield Borough Council, and 4 local Charter Standard football clubs.

The sessions cost £1.50 per player, payable at the leisure centre main reception. Players aged from 8-16 years of age are welcome and all disabilities are catered for within the sessions. All sessions are adapted to suit the individual needs of all players who participate and are delivered by FA qualified coaches who hold the relevant Child Protection and Emergency Aid qualifications. For more information contact Pete Collins on 01332 648434 or [peter.collins@dffc.co.uk](mailto:peter.collins@dffc.co.uk)

#### **Active Ability**

The Active Ability Project gives more disabled people a chance to get involved in sport and activities at leisure centres in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire.

Activities include boccia, volleyball, chair exercises, basketball, swimming, bowls, tennis, cricket, handball, curling, walking, jogging, cycling and water aerobics. For more details contact Shaun Marples on 07854882123 or see [www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/activeability](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/activeability)

For details of all these clubs and more also check out our Sports Directory at [www.derbyshiresport.co.uk/disability\\_sport](http://www.derbyshiresport.co.uk/disability_sport)



### **Inclusive Fitness Initiative in Derbyshire**

Derbyshire's accredited IFI sites are:

#### **Alfreton Leisure Centre**

Tel: 01773 523325

#### **Fitness Centre Derby College Prince Avenue (Mackworth)**

Tel: 01332 757570

#### **Chesterfield College**

Tel: 01246 500579

#### **Buxton Community School**

Tel: 01298 23122

#### **William Gregg VC Leisure Centre (Provisional Level)**

Tel: 01773 537940

### **Useful Contacts**

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Disability Football Development Officer Pete Collins - 01332 648434 or [peter.collins@dcfc.co.uk](mailto:peter.collins@dcfc.co.uk)

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