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## Derbyshire Disability Sport E-Newsletter Issue Four

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

Welcome to the fourth 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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- Useful contacts

The next edition is planned for late November 2009, and future articles are welcomed.



### District news

#### Amber Valley

Ripley Leisure Centre and William Gregg VC Leisure Centre at Heanor are now operational with fully accessible facilities.

They have:

- Height adjustable changing couches
- X-Y ceiling hoists
- Shower chairs
- Floatation mats
- Sling attachment pool hoists

Anyone using the facilities will need to call ahead before they attend with their own carers and bring their own slings.

#### Bolsover

As part of the successful Community Investment Fund bid made by Bolsover District Sports Partnership, people with mental health issues have been given the chance to take part in a sport they may have enjoyed many years ago or try something new.

Bolsover Sports Development Team has formed a partnership with the Bolsover Community Mental Health Team and Chesterfield College (Clowne Campus) to provide sports sessions across the District of Bolsover.

The three-year Return to Sport project is currently starting its second year and has seen successful results; 17 participants have attended more than 20 sessions including boccia, kurling, table tennis, tri golf, football, badminton, hockey, table cricket, poly bat and fishing.

The sessions have also resulted in participants seeing improvements in their health, and so it is hoped to develop the programme further.

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

A new disability football club is to be launched in Chesterfield.

The Chesterfield PAN Disability Football Club will hold its first session on September 15, from 6pm until 7pm, and will then run weekly, every Tuesday evening.

Sessions will be held on the Outdoor Artificial Grass Pitch at Queens Park Sports Centre, with a charge of £1.50 per player. All sessions will be led by FA qualified coaches and are open to players aged 8 to 16.

They are designed for players to enjoy fun based football coaching adapted to the player's individual needs and ability/disability.

### **Derby**

[Derby Wheelblazers hosts event in memory of former team member](#)

Derby Wheelblazers hosted an action-packed weekend of wheelchair basketball in memory of one of the members of its junior team, who died last year.

The Josh Ginns Memorial Weekend charity fundraiser was held at Derby College, Mackworth, on Saturday, August 1 and Sunday, August 2.

Saturday saw teams of six from businesses go head to head in a round robin tournament, while on the Sunday, 12 teams from the Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball League competed in a round robin competition.

The event was organised in memory of Josh Ginns, one of the founding members of the Wheelblazers Youth Team, who was just ten years old when he died last year.

Josh had been diagnosed with an ependymoma and had to undergo a catalogue of intense treatment including surgery and chemotherapy, but doctors could not remove the brain tumour entirely.

More than £1,500 was raised from this year's event, and will be split between Bens Den, a charity that gives free holidays to sick children and their families, and the Josh Ginns Memorial Trust, which is raising money to purchase a family holiday home to offer holidays to sick and disabled children and families.

### [Midland Games](#)

The 2009 Midland Games were held at Moorways Sports Centre in Derby. The athletics event is specifically organised for adults with a learning disability and encourages all abilities of athletes to participate, with the emphasis on participation rather than performance. However, through such events elite athletes have been recognised and their talents have been taken further.

On the day 325 athletes took part, and events included track and field events using specially adapted equipment.

There were 11 teams from across the East Midlands, with the Derby City team coming out on top. Medals were presented by the Mayor of Derby.

#### Young disabled people enjoy sports festivals

Two school sport festivals have been held in Derby. A Kwik Cricket Festival was held at the Gateway Centre on May 19, with 43 young disabled people taking part from four special schools in the city. The event was organised with help and support from Derbyshire County Cricket Club.

More than 160 young disabled people also took part in an Athletics Festival at Moorways Sports Centre on July 2, with pupils aged eight to 18 years taking part from ten schools.

#### Derbyshire Dales

An alternative PE day was held at Highfields School in Matlock on July 17.

More than 60 students with special needs attended from various secondary schools, and activities were led by sports leaders from Highfields. Activities included running, throwing and golf.

The event was a huge success and students were presented with rosettes, certificates and medals for their efforts. The winners of the golf were presented with Tri Golf caps donated by the British Golf Foundation.

#### Erewash

Erewash Disability Sports Group has been in consultation with West Park Leisure Centre regarding planned refurbishments to its wet side changing rooms and reception area.

The group's thoughts and concerns have been listened to and it is planned that the changing areas at the Long Eaton centre will be fully accessible, with an adjustable and moveable changing bed and a tracking hoist in the disabled changing area. It is hoped that a tracking hoist from the changing room to the pool will also be put in place, and the group has also put forward suggestions to include pool steps that are of a less gradient than those currently built in.

The next meeting of the Erewash Disability Sport Network is due to be held on September 30 at the Outlook Centre, Briars Gate, Long Eaton, from 4.30pm. Contact Roland Harrison on [roland.harrison@erewash.gov.uk](mailto:roland.harrison@erewash.gov.uk)

#### High Peak

A pilot project which has been running in the High Peak to support sports clubs to become more inclusive is now being evaluated, and a report will be available in October.

The project was initiated by the High Peak Disability Sports Group in 2008 to support sports clubs. Through lengthy discussions there were several different points raised that led to the development of the project:

- Sports clubs are predominantly run by volunteers, many of whom have family and work commitments outside of their sporting role
- Being critical of volunteers is not going to improve opportunities
- Disability Sport is not the role of one person within a club
- Sports clubs, by law, have to provide access to all
- A sports club having the Club Mark (or equivalent) accreditation does not mean they are inclusive
- Providing clubs with an information booklet only, may not be enough support to clubs.

Through consultation the pilot project was offered to three clubs which put themselves forward and they were supported through the project with a Sport Development Officer in the Glossop area of High Peak.

Each club was provided with a booklet which included advice and information on disability and the law, publicity and access. There was also a self assessment access audit which helped clubs to identify a small number of actions to make their club more inclusive, and clubs were offered regular support meetings review their progress.

For more information contact Emma Champion on 01457 866612 or [CSDO@st-philiphoward.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:CSDO@st-philiphoward.derbyshire.sch.uk)

The next meeting of the High Peak Disability Sports Group will be on September 14 from 5pm. This will take place at: Room DOGO5, University of Derby, Buxton, Devonshire Campus. Contact Alice Wright on [hpdsq@btinternet.com](mailto:hpdsq@btinternet.com)

### South Derbyshire

The new Etwall Leisure Centre has opened its doors to the public, and its pool is one of 15 pools across the county where specialist New Age Floatation equipment is available for use by anybody with a disability or who has additional needs. Training for leisure centre staff has also been provided.



### County news

#### Free swim scheme extended to include disabled young people aged 17 and 18

Disabled young people aged 17 and 18 can now swim for free at Derbyshire leisure centres thanks to funding secured through Derbyshire County Council's Aiming High programme and a partnership with the District and Borough Councils.

The scheme is an extension of the free swim scheme which is available to all young people aged 16 or under, which sees all of Derbyshire's local authority run swimming pools offering access to public swimming sessions free of charge.

Derbyshire leisure centres have agreed to extend the free swimming to include disabled young people aged 17 and 18 as part of the Aiming High for Disabled Children initiative. In addition disabled 17 and 18 year-olds will be able to use local authority gyms for free.

As part of the free swimming initiative, specialist New Age Floatation equipment and training for leisure centre staff has been provided at 15 pools across the county funded by Derbyshire County Council's Aiming High programme, which will also fund the costs when a disabled child or young person needs a second carer with them.

#### Derbyshire Disability Sports Directory 2009 – 2010 is published

The first ever Derbyshire Disability Sports Directory has been published.

The directory provides information about disability sports clubs and clubs which run disability sessions or are open to people of all abilities, which are operating across Derbyshire and Derby City.

It is hoped that the new publication will help raise awareness of the opportunities available in Derbyshire, and encourage more people with a disability to get involved in sport.

The directory includes a variety of sports, including cricket, badminton, boccia, football, gymnastics, sailing, table tennis and wheelchair basketball.

Each club listing includes contact details, details of the sessions on offer, the level of inclusiveness and whether the club has achieved ClubMark status.

Hard copies of the directory are available by contacting Catherine Slater at Derbyshire Sport on 01773 571231. The directory will also be available to view online shortly at [www.derbyshiresport.co.uk/disability\\_sport](http://www.derbyshiresport.co.uk/disability_sport).

### **Derbyshire teams selected for Regional Pan-Disability Boccia Tournament**

Two Derbyshire teams have been selected to compete at the Regional Pan-Disability Boccia Tournament in Mansfield Woodhouse, following two events in the county.

The Regional Pan-Disability Boccia Tournament will be held at Manor Leisure Sports Complex, on September 27, and Derbyshire's U15 and U25 teams will be among those competing.

The U15 team was selected at the Derbyshire Special Schools Sports Association Boccia Festival, held at Alfreton Leisure Centre on July 16.

Included in the team will be Richard Jarvis from Stubbin Wood School, Matthew Rayson and Nicola Steele from Ashgate Croft School, and Joe Clayton and Jack Bointon from Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School.

The U25 team was selected at open-invitation community trials, held on July 19 – the first time such an event has been held in Derbyshire.

Selected for the team was Vicky Marsh and Katie Roberts from Buxton, Holly Wetherston from Derby and Nicola Wood and Sam Goodwin from Darley Dale.

In the lead up to the tournament all of the competitors have been invited to train at Swanwick Boccia Club.

### **Derbyshire pupils have fun at the East Midlands Airport Derbyshire Special Schools' Outdoor Athletics Festival**

Young people were given a taste of how fun athletics can be, when Shipley Country Park played host to the East Midlands Airport Derbyshire Special Schools' Outdoor Athletics Festival.

Around 25 pupils from schools across Derbyshire took part, and got the chance to try each of four events – a 75m sprint, 600m run, vortex javelin throw and standing long jump.

Among those who joined in the fun were pupils from Ashgate Croft School in Chesterfield, Callow Park College in Wirksworth and Brackenfield School in Long Eaton. [Read more](#)

### **Pupils enjoy Special Schools Sportshall Athletics Festival**

More than 70 pupils enjoyed a Special Schools Sportshall Athletics Festival held at Alfreton Leisure Centre.

Taking part included pupils from Stubbin Wood School, Ashgate Croft School, The Pingle School, Swanwick School and Sports College, Alfreton Park Community Special School and Bennerley Fields School. [Read more](#)

### **Disabled sailors go head to head at Duke of Devonshire Trophy Regatta**

Disabled sailors went head to head at the Duke of Devonshire Trophy Regatta, which was staged at Carsington Water in June.

The annual event was hosted by Carsington Sailability and saw disabled sailors take to the water in Access Dinghies, a class of boat which is used by sailors with disabilities all over the world as it is designed not to capsize.

The long-running event began when a trophy for disabled sailors was awarded by the 11th Duke of Devonshire, who was keen to see disabled people taking part in a variety of activities.

### **Funding secured to develop boccia in the county**

Derbyshire Sport has secured £30,000 from the Youth Opportunity Fund to develop boccia in the county.

Working with partners, the money will be used to set up a number of community clubs across the county and cover running costs for the first year.

It will also help towards the sustainability of the clubs by providing funding for young leader and teacher awards.



### **In Profile**

#### **Jon Hall**

Jon, last year's University of Derby Disabled Sportsman of the Year, has added to his medal collection after competing at this year's BT Paralympic World Cup in Manchester.

The 27-year-old, from Chesterfield, was part of the GB men's wheelchair basketball team which won bronze with a 20-point victory against Germany.

Jon contributed to the 69-49 final scoreline with nine points and two assists.

In the run-up to the bronze medal match Jon had also been the top scorer when GB faced both Australia and Germany.

Jon was one of seven players in the GB team for the Paralympic World Cup who last year competed at the Paralympics in Beijing, when the team also took bronze.

Having made his Paralympic debut in Beijing, Jon will now be keen to cement his place in the GB squad as they build up to the 2010 World Championships in Birmingham and London 2012.

He has also recently returned from a tour of Australia with the GB team. After the opening tournament in Sydney where they took bronze, GB went on to beat Canada and then beat Australia during the Canberra series – the first time in four years that the GB men had beaten the Australians.

As well as playing for Great Britain, Jon also played for Wolverhampton Rhinos last season, having previously been part of the Sheffield Steelers team.



### **Events**

**Regional Pan-Disability Boccia Tournament** – September 27, Manor Leisure Sports Complex, Mansfield Woodhouse.

**DSE National Snooker Championships** – October 10 and 11, Rileys Snooker Hall, Kirkmanshulume Lane, Gorton, Belle Vue, Manchester. For more details go to [www.disabilitysport.org.uk](http://www.disabilitysport.org.uk)

**DSE East Midlands Swimming Championships** – October 11, Braunstone Leisure Centre, Leicester. For more details go to [www.disabilitysport.org.uk](http://www.disabilitysport.org.uk)

**DSE National Short Course Swimming Championships** – November 21 and 22, Ponds Forge, Sheffield. For more details go to [www.disabilitysport.org.uk](http://www.disabilitysport.org.uk)

**DSE National Junior Boccia Championships** - November 28 and 29, EIS, Sheffield. For more details go to [www.disabilitysport.org.uk](http://www.disabilitysport.org.uk)



## Funding opportunities

**The Sport England Small Grants Programme** supports local community sport projects which seek to increase or sustain participation or develop opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport.

It is open to not-for-profit clubs and associations, statutory bodies and educational establishments. Applications are welcomed for any sum from £300 to £10,000 but the total project cost cannot exceed £50,000. For more information go to [www.sportengland.org/funding](http://www.sportengland.org/funding)

**The Caudwell Trust** is inviting applications for the Enable Sport Programme, which provides specifically designed sports equipment to enable disabled children and young people aged 18 or under to participate in sport. Applications must be made on behalf of a particular child, Caudwell Children cannot make donations to sporting organisations. For more information or an application form e-mail: [Ben.Sutcliffe@caudwellchildren.com](mailto:Ben.Sutcliffe@caudwellchildren.com)

## Equipment Loan Scheme

Derby City Council has been running an equipment loan scheme for groups in Derby for a few months, and from the end of September it will be available for everyone in Derby to access from the b-active mobile unit. Equipment available includes boccia sets, giant footballs, new age kurling sets, badminton rackets, basketballs and many more. For more information contact Mark Dolman on [mark.dolman@derby.gov.uk](mailto:mark.dolman@derby.gov.uk) or 01332 641236.



## Clubs

### Chesterfield PAN Disability Football Club

Every Tuesday, 6-7pm, from September 15 at Queens Park Sports Centre (Outdoor Artificial Grass Pitch). Sessions cost £1.50 (please pay at QPSC Reception)

All sessions open to players aged 8 to 16. The sessions are designed for players to enjoy fun based football coaching adapted to the player's individual needs and ability/disability. Sessions are led by FA qualified coaches.

For more information contact Scott Webster (Chesterfield Borough Council Sports Development Officer) on 01246 345569 or [scott.webster@chesterfield.gov.uk](mailto:scott.webster@chesterfield.gov.uk)

### Active Ability Sports Sessions

Chair Based Exercise and Fun Games, every Monday, 2.30pm-3.30pm, Killamarsh Sports Centre.

Badminton, bowls, boccia, football, golf and basketball, every Tuesday, 10am-12pm, Sharley Park Leisure Centre, Clay Cross.

Swimming and Chair Based Exercise, every Tuesday, 11am-2pm, Sharley Park Leisure Centre, Clay Cross.

Jog Eckington, every Tuesday, 6pm-7pm, Eckington Leisure Centre.

Table Tennis/Badminton, every Thursday, 1pm-2pm, Queens Park Leisure Centre, Chesterfield.

Short mat bowls, short tennis and badminton sessions, every Thursday,

5.15pm-6.15pm, Dronfield Sports Centre.

Swimming, every Friday, 2pm-3pm, Staveley Healthy Living Centre. For more information contact Shaun Marples on [shaun.marples@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:shaun.marples@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk) or 07854882123.

#### **Derby Sportsability Club**

Sessions run during term-time, including basketball, seated volleyball, boccia, cricket and dance. Every Tuesday at Derby Moor Community Sports College from 4pm to 5pm for young people aged 5 to 18 years old and The Royal School for the Deaf from 6.30pm to 7.30pm for those aged 11 to 21 years old. Also every Thursday at Lees Brook Community Sports College from 4pm to 5pm for young people aged 5 to 18 years old, and at Derby College Sports Centre from 5pm to 7pm for those aged 14 to 19 years old. Sessions will also be run every Saturday at Bemrose Community School from 10am to 12 noon for anyone aged 18+. For more information contact Mark Dolman on 01332 641236 or [mark.dolman@derby.gov.uk](mailto:mark.dolman@derby.gov.uk)

#### **High Peak Sharks**

Sharks is open to anyone aged 5 and above with any disability. The club meets from 5.30 to 6.30pm every Saturday at New Mills Leisure Centre. Teaching is provided on the pool side by swimming teachers who are also parents of disabled children. All staff have enhanced CRB clearance. Membership of the club is £9 per year which entitles swimmers to swim for the hour on Saturdays and to take part in other club activities, including swimming galas and social events. Galas usually require payment of an additional entry fee. For more information contact Alice Wright on [alice.wright11@btinternet.com](mailto:alice.wright11@btinternet.com) or 07962 020748.

#### **Swanwick Boccia Club**

Sessions are held every Monday from 6pm to 7pm at Swanwick School and Sports College and cost £1. The sessions are open to anyone aged eight to 25 and no previous experience is needed to join the club. For more information contact Nicola Green on 01332 204434 or [Nicola.green@umbrella.uk.net](mailto:Nicola.green@umbrella.uk.net)

#### **Derby Wheelblazers**

Wheelchair basketball sessions for juniors are held every Sunday, 1pm to 2pm, at Derby College, Mackworth. For more details contact Christine Eaton on 07530 530072 or [Christine@derbywheelblazers.com](mailto:Christine@derbywheelblazers.com)



### **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

### **Useful Contacts**

Derbyshire Sport Disability Sports Development Officer Catherine Slater - 01773 571231 or [catherine.slater@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:catherine.slater@derbyshire.gov.uk)

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If you have anything you would like to see featured in future editions of this e-newsletter please contact Catherine Slater or e-mail Derbyshire Sport Marketing and Communications Assistant Nikki Sargeson on [nikki.sargeson@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:nikki.sargeson@derbyshire.gov.uk)

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