



Sharing Good Practice Issue 18, 25th October 2009

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the e-newsletter of High Peak Disability Sports Group. Through this newsletter we hope to keep people informed, share good practice and promote sport and physical activity opportunities for disabled people in the High Peak.

Please support our efforts by forwarding it on to your colleagues and friends or print off a copy of the attached word version for those without access to e-mail. For a hard copy of this newsletter contact Helen Ashworth <mailto:HelenA@highpeak.gov.uk>

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In September's issue:

1. HPDSG Special General Meeting;
2. Free swimming lessons for disabled people;
3. Regional Pan-Disability Boccia Tournament;
4. Stamp it with Boccia;
5. Derbyshire Disability Sports Directory;
6. Contributions please!

1. HPDSG Special General Meeting

Paul Evans was appointed new chair of the Disability Sport Group at the Special Meeting on Wednesday 21st October. Paul has many years of experience of working and volunteering in the High Peak. He is a sports coach, walk leader, community sport co-ordinator, tutor, lifesaving instructor and swimming instructor and is known by many groups and organisations in the High Peak. Also elected were Alice Wright (secretary) and Dawn Richardson and EJ Eaton (joint treasurers). Those present at the meeting agreed to update and slim down the objectives of the group which will now form an umbrella organisation to support the development of disability sport in the area through local sports clubs in the form of funding, publicity, advice and guidance. The new group will provide an opportunity for local clubs to network, share good practice and work collaboratively to raise funds and promote disability sport.

Paul can be contacted on:
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2. Free swimming lessons for disabled people

As part of a structured programme, New Mills Swimming Pool will be offering free 30 minute swimming lessons to people with a disability over a 12 week period commencing January 8th 2010. This is a joint venture between DC Leisure and High Peak Borough Council who are looking at the possibility of providing community

transport to and from the pool.

Bookings will be taken directly through New Mills Leisure Centre: 6 Union Rd
New Mills, High Peak, SK22 3ES
01663 748840

3. High Peak Sharks

High Peak Sharks swimming team will be making their way to the Europa Pools, Birkenhead on Sunday 15th November to take part in the Nationwide North West Regional Swimming Gala organised by DSE (disability sports events). This regional gala is a stepping stone towards qualifying for the Short Course National Championships next year.

4. High Peak Sports Awards Results

Congratulations to all the winners at the awards ceremony held at Pavilion Gardens Buxton on 1st October:

Junior Disabled Sports Person	Maddy Thompson
Senior Disabled Sports Person	Vicky Leigh Marsh
Disabled Sports Team	High Peak Sharks

5. Derbyshire Disability Sports Directory

You can now find information about disability sport across Derbyshire and Derby City from the new Derbyshire Disability Sports Directory.

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 is available from Catherine Slater at Derbyshire Sport on 01773 571231 or online at www.derbyshiresport.co.uk/disability_sport.

6. Contributions please!

If you are organising a sports club or event in the High Peak which is suitable for disabled people please e-mail details to hpdsg@btinternet.com and you can let more people know!!

7. High Peak Disability Sport Group next meeting

The next meeting of High Peak Disability Sports Group will be as follows:

Wednesday 13th January 2010 at 5.30pm
Room DO/GO5,
University of Derby Buxton,
1 Devonshire Road,
Buxton, SK17 6RY.

Chair: Paul Evans, 0845 129 77 77

Minutes of our meetings and earlier issues of this newsletter can be accessed through a

link on St. Philip Howard Sports College website:

<http://www.st-philiphoward.derbyshire.sch.uk/index.php?id=494>