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Derbyshire Disability Sport E-Newsletter Issue Six

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

Welcome to the sixth 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 June 2010, and future articles are welcomed.



District news

Amber Valley

Mick Potter to stand down

After many many years at the helm Mick Potter has decided to stand down from his role as Chair of the Amber Valley Sports and Leisure Disability Development Group. Mick has been a key activist for developing disability sport in Amber Valley over the years and his work has had a major impact on many peoples' lives. His driving force will be badly missed and he will be difficult to replace.

Kirk Monk of Amber Valley Borough Council said: "Whilst giving up the Chair, Mick has indicated that he still intends to participate in disability issues and will continue to be the same pain in the side as he has been for the last few years - we all look forward to that!! We would like to thank Mick for all his hard work and professionalism and wish him well in his new business adventure."

The future of the Group is currently under review and details will be announced shortly. Anyone wishing to get involved in disability sport in Amber Valley should contact Donna Rollinson at Amber Valley Borough Council on 01773

841428.

Bolsover

Leadership awards

February half-term saw Bolsover District Council's Sports Development Team, Sports Leaders UK and Chesterfield College join forces to deliver three Day Certificates awards at Clowne and Chesterfield Campuses.

53 students with various learning difficulties and disabilities took part in the award.

The students worked hard throughout the day, working on communication skills, taking control of a group and safety in sport to name just three of the eight units, and by the last session they were putting it all together and organising their own activities.

It is now hoped that the students will use their new skills to run lunchtime sports and activities at the College.

Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire

Active Ability

Active Ability is continuing to prove popular across Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire, with around 140 participants attending weekly sessions.

The project, which is designed to give disabled people easier access to local leisure facilities, is currently in its second year and activities can be found at all leisure centre sites.

A workshop for participants, current user groups, volunteers, coaches and people who could potentially be involved in the scheme is due to be held later this month to consider how the project can continue to operate after the two years of secured funding provided by Sport England.

For more details contact Shaun Marples on 01246 217477 or 07854 882123 or email shaun.marples@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk

Active Ability is always looking for volunteers and coaches to help support these sessions. Anyone who would like to volunteer should contact Shaun.

For more information about the sessions on offer go to www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/active-ability

Derby

Disabled young people enjoy Kwik Cricket and Volleyball

A Schools Kwik Cricket Festival was held at Derbyshire Cricket Ground on March 9, with 53 young people from five Derby schools taking part.

A Seated Volleyball competition was also held on February 2 at Shaftesbury Sports Centre, with 39 young people from four Derby schools taking part.

Golf lessons

The new 'GO-LD' Drop-In Service in Derby will be offering golf lessons from Morley Hayes over the Easter period.

Funded by Derby City Council and run by Oaklands Community Care, the 'GO-LD' Drop-In Service for adults with learning disabilities runs every Saturday from 10am to 4pm at the Revive Healthy Living Centre in Chaddesden, Derby.

Loan Scheme

The improved Loan Scheme will start after Easter with new equipment from the Aiming Higher Funding. It will be available for individuals and Groups. A list will be available soon. For more details contact Mark Dolman on 01332 641236 or mark.dolman@derby.gov.uk

Derbyshire Dales

New disability football sessions

New disability football sessions are soon to be launched in Wirksworth.

Wirksworth Colts, Derby County in the Community, Derbyshire FA and Derbyshire Dales District Council are working together to set up the sessions, and funding has been secured from Derbyshire County Council's Aiming High programme to purchase kit and equipment.

Details of the sessions will be advertised shortly. For more information contact Rob Wilks at Rob.Wilks@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

Weekly fencing sessions

Weekly fencing coaching sessions for people with a disability have been launched at Callow Park Special School in Wirksworth, and will soon be launched at venues in Ashbourne and Matlock.

The sessions will be run by experienced national fencing coach Floyd Thomas and will link to the 3 Blades Fencing Club based at Ashbourne Leisure Centre, which already runs weekly coaching sessions for young people and adults.

For more details contact Rob Wilks at Rob.Wilks@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

Erewash

Erewash Disability Sport Group awarded £9,000

Erewash Disability Sport Group has been awarded £9,030 from Sport England to help local sports clubs become more inclusive.

The money will be used to help three clubs, Riverside Football Club, Long Eaton Judo Club and Church Wilne Water Sports Club, to offer coaching sessions for people with a disability.

Coaches and volunteers at each of the clubs will receive training to help them become more aware of the issues faced when coaching disabled people, and cash will also be used to buy specialist equipment to allow the clubs to be able to meet the needs of people with a disability.

The project will allow disabled people to take part in football, judo and water skiing.

Erewash Disability Sport Group applied for the cash from Sport England's Small Grants Programme after feedback from local clubs showed that they would like help to become more inclusive.

The funding will be drawn down in April and all projects within the clubs will begin shortly after.

High Peak

High Peak Boccia Club

High Peak Boccia Club was launched on February 27 and five people attended the first session at St. Philip Howard Sports Centre in Glossop. The club is being held on a three-weekly cycle at St. Philip Howard Sports Centre, New Mills Youth Centre and St Nicholas Hall, Buxton. On March 13 the club will be at St Nicholas Hall, on March 20 it will be at St. Philip Howard Sports Centre and the next session at New Mills Youth Centre is on March 27. Sessions run from 10am to 12noon at a cost of £3.

To ensure the project can continue organisers are looking to train additional coaches and volunteers. If anyone is interested in becoming a boccia leader/coach please contact Emma Champion on CSDO@st-philiphoward.derbyshire.sch.uk or Paul Evans on Paul.Evans@highpeak.gov.uk for more information.

Sport Relief Mile

23 members of the High Peak Sport for All activity group are to take part in the Sport Relief Mile on March 21.

High Peak Disability Group

The High Peak Disability Group will meet at the University of Derby, Buxton, on March 17 at 5.30pm. All inclusive groups are welcome.

South Derbyshire

Sports Minister visits Derbyshire

Sports Minister Gerry Sutcliffe has paid a visit to Derbyshire to find out more about some of the sporting successes in the county.

The Minister visited Scropton Equestrian Centre in South Derbyshire, home of Scropton Riding for the Disabled.

During the visit he saw a para-equestrian dressage display by Regional Foundation Squad rider Matthew Dalley, and a paraplegic carriage driving display by GBR member Terry Kirby, who also invited the Minister to have a go himself. [Read more](#)



County news

Boccia project awarded the Inspire Mark

'Go Boccia!', a new project to develop the sport in Derbyshire, has been

granted the Inspire Mark – the badge of the London 2012 Inspire Programme.

[Read more](#)

Derbyshire Talented Athlete Fund

More than 100 promising sports performers will receive a bursary from the Derbyshire Talented Athlete Fund this year.

Among those to receive a bursary are 35-year-old Leon Taylor from Chaddesden, who is a member of the England Cerebral Palsy Football Team, and 14-year-old Maddie Thompson from Hope, who is a member of the GB Women wheelchair basketball squad. [Read more](#)

Inclusive football clubs

Derby County in the Community have been working closely with local FA Charter Standard clubs to develop inclusive football clubs that can cater for players with a range of disabilities as part of their Disability programme led by Pete Collins.

The premise of the project is to provide a local opportunity for players aged 8 years of age upwards with a disability to engage and participate in high quality football provision.

At present there are a number of clubs that are delivering or looking to deliver disability football within the county. Currently delivering on a weekly basis are Codnor Boys FC, Midway FC, Hilton Harriers FC and Chesterfield FC. Pete is working closely with Wirksworth Colts FC and Belper Town FC to develop new inclusive clubs in their local area.

The sessions are designed to develop players' potential within football as well as promoting the key elements of enjoyment, team work and social interaction.

These inclusive charter standard clubs add value to the existing Ability Counts and Derby Shooters initiatives of Derby County in the Community that also run on a weekly basis and cater for ambulant disabled players. The future of disability football in Derbyshire is starting to look bright with the number of key partners that have given backing and number of delivery agents now on board around the county.

Any FA charter standard clubs that feel they have the capacity to deliver disability football or see it as a future development within their club can contact Pete Collins, Disability Football Development Officer, on 01332 667575 or peter.collins@dcfc.co.uk

CBE for Derbyshire athletics official Chris Cohen

Derbyshire's Chris Cohen, who was chairman of the Jury of Appeal at the 2008 Paralympic Games, has been awarded a CBE in the New Year Honours List.

Chris, who has been involved in athletics for most of his life as an athlete, coach and official, received the honour for services to sport.

Chris has worked in disability athletics since 1979, when he was asked to help at an event at Stoke Mandeville and gradually got more involved. [Read more](#)

Sporting feats recognised at Young Achiever Awards

The sporting feats of young people living in Derbyshire were among the accomplishments recognised at this year's Derbyshire County Council Young Achiever Awards.

The awards recognise talented young people in a variety of fields, including sport, and were presented during a ceremony at Highfields School in Matlock.

Among the winners was Jack Shepard, from Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School, who won 10 gold medals and two silver medals at the 2009 World Dwarf Games. Jack won gold in events including 60m and 40m sprint, 60m relay, shot putt, javelin, swimming relay, badminton doubles, football, hockey and basketball. [Read more](#)



In Profile

16-year-old Ryan Taylor, from Belper, represented England Football Development squad at the Cerebral Palsy Home Nations tournament last July.

He played football with Derby Shooters Football Club for four years and now plays for Aston Villa in the CP Sport League.

Ryan has also represented Derbyshire on a regular basis in the East Midlands PAN Disability festivals, playing and competing at league level.

In addition, he represented Derby County Disability Squad at Grassroots Football Live and is a regular volunteer on the Derby County in the Community Holiday Initiatives, assisting with coaching.

He is now developing his football skills by training weekly with Belper Town and Allestree Juniors abled bodied teams.

Ryan is also a talented swimmer and a member of Belper Marlins Swimming club. He swims at county and national level and is a East Midlands Disability squad member.

Last year his talents were recognised when he won the Swanwick School & Sports College Junior Disabled Sports person of the Year award at the Amber Valley Active Sports Awards, and also made the final shortlist for the Young Disabled Performer of the Year award at the BBC East Midlands Sports Awards.



Events

Wheelchair Tennis Camps

2010 Wheelchair Tennis Camps at Loughborough University.

- Junior One Day Camp – Saturday 4 September
- Adult and Junior One Day Camp – Sunday 5 September
- Adult and Junior Two Day Camps – Saturday 11 December and Sunday 12 December

Inclusive Fitness Week

Inclusive Fitness Week 2010 will be held from May 3 to 9.

Events and activities will be held at IFI Mark Accredited facilities throughout the country enabling more people to get active.

Visit www.inclusivefitness.org to find out how to get involved with this national

awareness and participation event.



Funding opportunities

Mars Refuel

Mars Refuel is inviting clubs to apply for £500 for any project which helps members 'play longer'. An online application form can be found at www.marsrefuel.com/refuel-fund/

The Hilton Foundation

The Hilton Foundation makes grants to a wide range of charities and organisations. Its focus areas include young people's health and disabled children. www.hilton-foundation.org.uk



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. For more details contact 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

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

Boccia club for the over 25s

Swanwick Hall School. Every Monday from 7pm - 8pm. All welcome over the age of 25. Contact 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 four 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

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



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

Derby City Council Sport and Physical Activity Equity Officer Mark Dolman - 01332 641236 or mark.dolman@derby.gov.uk

Disability Football Development Officer Pete Collins - 01332 667575 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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