



England Squash & Racketball West Midlands Regional Newsletter



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Welcome to the May edition of the West Midlands Regional Newsletter. An edition packed full of championship reports, funding updates and local news, the latest issue should give enough bite to keep you busy during your lunch break! The West Midlands Regional Newsletter is your one-stop information point to everything squash and racketball in the region, aiming to give our readers up to date information on all kinds of topics, as well as advanced notice on forthcoming tournaments, both national and regional. As always, the newsletter is flexible and aims to accommodate stories and news articles that will keep those pages turning, so if you have any stories or suggestions, please feel free to e-mail these to natalie.wilcox@englandsquashandracketball.com. May has been a marvellous month for the West Midlands! A special mention must be reserved for the West Midlands Regional Championship squad, who performed heroically in a challenging weekend, clutching a finishing position three places ahead of last season into 5th place. My massive thanks go out to everybody involved, and may I emphasise my congratulations to the Team on their success. For a full report, please turn to page two.

Another important point of mention is addressed to all clubs—THERE IS FUNDING FOR YOU OUT THERE! Sportivate is part of the Places People Play government initiative in conjunction with the legacy of the London 2012 Olympics. Please turn to page 4 for further funding information. Another promotion to get involved with is the Asda programme. Primarily for juniors, youngsters have the opportunity for a free sports session, and promoting activities as a family fun day could be successful. Please see web link www.asda-sportingchance.co.uk/partners.html for more details and contact jodi@inspireemail.co.uk for more information and to register your club.

Natalie Wilcox—Regional Administrator

FREE Activities!

Schools out Sports in!

ASDA Giving kids a Sporting Chance

Just a quick note to remind you that the next live dates for ASDA Sporting Chance are:

- Spring Half Term
21st May until 5th June 2011 (N Ireland, England & Wales)
- Summer holiday
18th June until 21st August 2011 (Scotland & N Ireland)
16th July until 4th September 2011 (England & Wales)

Please expect new customers and calls to your venue. Thanks again for your support and participation.

POW!

Please make sure all your staff are aware and ready to accept bookings.

ASDA

Regional Championships Report

Team West Midlands banished the painful misery of last season's 8th placed finish at the Regional Championships with a massive three place improvement, overcoming the form books and cementing an impressive 5th placed finish. As the host region, big things were expected from the West Midlands marvels, and an improvement on last season's disappointing campaign was expected by many. This pressure was enhanced by the struggle of other regions to nominate a full-strength team due to an untimely clash of events with examinations.

The atmosphere was fantastic at the Munrow Centre at the University of Birmingham, Edgbaston Priory and Solihull Arden Club, with every player, team manager and parents supporting their team and region in such a good spirit throughout the competition. With some of the top ranked players in the country taking part there was some top class squash being played. The West Midlands Under 11s narrowly missed out on second place by losing to the South West in 3/4 place play off. However, there were massive indications that the future is bright for squash in the West Midlands. Kiera Marshall was the stand-out performer in this category, and appears to have a very bright future in the game, along with Nathan Mead, Kieran Mullis and Lucy Green. The Girls Under 13s were led to a similar fate, losing out in the 3/4 placed play off against the very strong London & South East. The Boys Under 13s managed to go one better than their female counterparts. After demolishing the East Midlands team 4-0 in the opening game, the West Midlands team went on to win the 3/4 place play off against the North East. Daniel Cochrane was the star performer, ending the Championship unbeaten and losing only two games throughout. In the Under 15 category, the boys suffered a disappointing campaign, finishing the Championships in 8th place. However, there were positives to be taken, particularly the experience gained by the young Joshua Owen who competed superbly against boys older than himself. The girls impressed again, finishing in 4th place overall. Credit must be given to Olivia Hill who, at the last minute, stepped in as a replacement and worked tirelessly throughout, gaining some superb experience along the way.

The Under 17 Girls and Boys finished in 5th place alike. Notable absentee in this category for the West Midlands was Chloe Pearson, who was away on a very successful European campaign with the national team. However, for both teams to finish 5th in an age-group notoriously difficult was a pleasing result. The Mixed Under 19s rounded off a brilliant campaign for the West Midlands with a 3rd place finish. The team, consisting of Oliver Mapp, Oliver Palmer, Grace Talbot and Roxanna Keshavarz narrowly defeated the South in the 3/4 place play off, representing a successful Championships for Team West Midlands! Congratulations to all players involved, and a massive thanks to the parents for making every effort to bring the players along.



Edgbaston Priory seal Treble Win at the National Club Championship Finals

Nottingham SRC welcomed a host of Clubs through its doors on the 21-22 May as the National Clubs Championships got underway. The popular end of season event is the culmination of year long knockout draws and group stages of 8 different categories. Edgbaston Priory turned up to the finals in force as they seemed determined to land not only the Racketball event but the main Men's and Women's events also. Having tasted glory in the European Club Championships last year, they were keen to represent England once again and a double National Clubs Title is what they needed to make that happen. Edgbaston's Women's team faced Colets in the semi finals whilst current holders Pontefract took on Nottingham. Edgbaston started very well and took an early lead as their 5th and 4th strings were too strong for Pontefract, with Edgbaston running out 4-0 winners.

Edgbaston's Men also faced the current holders but this time in the semi finals as they were pitted against Colets. Colets are notoriously strong in the Club Championships and have held the Men's title for the past 4 years having won it 11 times in total since the conception in 1969! Edgbaston had strength in depth with a mixture of youth and experience that was too much for Colets to deal with. Edgbaston clinched the title for only the 2nd time in the competitions history and completed a double in the Men's and Women's game that hasn't been seen since Pontefract in 2002. Congratulations Edgbaston Priory Club!



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Surrey Health & Racquets Retain PSL Crown

In the first all-Surrey final in the history of the world's most prestigious squash league, defending champions **Surrey Health & Racquets** overwhelmed final newcomers **TWP St George's Hill** 4/1 to win the **Premier Squash League** title at the **Surrey Sports Park** in **Guildford** for the third time in four years.

The county rivals faced each other twice earlier in the season, with Weybridge-based St George's Hill claiming victory on both occasions before going on to top the Group B table by a significant margin after winning all but one of their ten ties.

It was a battle between two England internationals which sealed victory for the defending champions when Londoner **Adrian Grant**, who made his England debut in 2004, beat this year's England debutant **Tom Richards** 11-7, 11-8, 11-9.

"It's my first season for Surrey Health, and I was struggling with my injury in my games early in the season, so it's really a good feeling to win for the club tonight – particularly as it was the match which clinched the title," said the 30-year-old former world No9.

Swiss star **Nicolas Mueller** gave the St George's fans some consolation by beating Surrey Health's Scottish number one **Alan Clyne** in straight games – but in the best-of-three top string clash between England internationals and close Essex friends **Peter Barker** and **Daryl Selby**, left-hander Barker beat reigning British National champion Selby in two games to cement Surrey Health's title-winning victory.

St George's Hill team manager **Danny Lee** was full of praise for the new PSL champions. "Congratulations to Surrey Health – they thoroughly deserved their win. I thought Peter Nicol was amazing. His shot selection tonight was superb.

"But overall I am delighted with what we achieved this season – even though it's a bit of an anticlimax to finish like this tonight.

Surrey Health & Racquets now become one of four clubs which have won the PSL title three times – including **Duffield**, from Derbyshire; **Leekes Welsh Wizards** from Cardiff; and **Cannons** of London.

But the Croydon club will now set their sights on next year when they could make history by becoming the first to four.

RESULTS: Premier Squash League Final, Surrey Sports Park, Guildford

Surrey Health & Racquets 4	TWP St George's Hill 1
Peter Barker bt Daryl Selby	11-5, 13-11 (13m)
Adrian Grant bt Tom Richards	11-7, 11-8, 11-9 (53m)
Alan Clyne lost to Nicolas Mueller	8-11, 8-11, 9-11 (46m)
Peter Nicol bt Mark Krajcsak	11-7, 16-14, 11-13, 11-7 (75m)
Camille Serme bt Dom Lloyd-Walter	11-3, 9-11, 11-6, 11-5 (38m)

Interested in gaining your Squash Coaching Level 1?

England Squash & Racketball are looking to generate interest in the number of people gaining their squash coaching qualifications to ensure the next generation of talented squash players are coming through whilst engaging your own interest in the sport. There is the potential for a Level One course to be scheduled in the Shrewsbury area during the summer holidays. We are currently looking at the level of interest in this course before it is scheduled to run. If you are interested in the course, please e-mail me at natalie.wilcox@englandsquashandracketball.com and, should there be enough interest generated, further details will follow.



Warwickshire Wonders Shine at Senior Inter County Finals!



The Inter County road show rolled into Nottingham for the long Bank Holiday weekend for the Senior Finals. The top eight men's and women's county teams were all involved and played out for final positions. Flying the flag for the West Midlands was Warwickshire, consisting of West Midlands Regional Development Coach Vicky Hynes and young international starlet Chloe Pearson. Warwickshire emerged as worthy champions, defeating Yorkshire in the final 5-0, emphasising Warwickshire's dominance in the competition. Congratulations to Warwickshire on becoming Senior Inter County Champions!!

Terrific Trentham in Racketball Rally

Trentham Golf Club, home to over thirty racketball players following a surge in interest at the club, is set to compete in a challenge of extreme physical and mental durability—all in the name of charity. Rose Davies, a former ESR Development Coach, has organised a 24hour Squashathon to raise money for the Douglas Macmillan Hospice. This is home to patients suffering from palliative cancer, and provides much needed support for both patients, families and carers in their time of need. Rose commented 'Two years ago we decided to hold a 12hour Squashathon in aid of Whizz Kids Charity. We decided to take up the 24hour challenge and are thoroughly looking forward to it'. The hospice lies in close proximity to the Golf Club and is in total reliance of voluntary donations. It is hoped that, with the support of the squash world and others, money can be raised to help maintain the specialised care that these patients require. If you would like to donate, or for more information, please contact Rose Davies on 07971 000 850. The event is to take place on Thursday 30th June at 6pm, finishing at the same time on Friday 1st July. Please show your support for this great event and really help to make a difference to the lives of those who need it the most.



Shrewsbury School Squash Serves up Success



The Schools Squash club in Shrewsbury recently ran its annual club tournament, with the event proving as popular as ever amongst players of all ages and abilities. All competitors were guaranteed at least three matches and, with four final places at stake, players from a range of abilities have a opportunity to reach the semi finals and finals. This player-centred structure ensures a great weekend for all involved, with a real competitive edge evident in all games and real opportunity for plenty of court time. The competition was preceded by the "Summer junior coaching", with 16 juniors each receiving coaching from guest England Squash & Racketball Regional Coach Darren Lewis, who participated in an exhibition game with current club champion Steve Jenks. This tournament is typical of some fantastic work that is being done within schools and clubs alike, and encompasses everything that squash should be about—fun, competitive and a sociable event for all, drawing people from their sofas and away from the stresses of work into an environment that will, hopefully, be enjoyable and beneficial to their health! Oh, and the added bonus of earning bragging rights for the winner too! *Want your club or school to feature in the West Mid-*

lands Regional Newsletter? E-mail all stories and accompanying pictures to natalie.wilcox@englandsquashandracketball.com before the 20th of each month.

GREAT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DEADLINE APPROACHING

Sportivate



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The Sportivate programme will give young people aged between 14 and 25 the chance to receive six weeks of coaching in a sport of their choice.

It is aimed at young people who are not currently doing enough physical activity in their own time – and will support them to continue playing sport in their community after the six weeks is up. **Sportivate programmes will be highly affordable**, with a wide choice of sports on offer, right across the country at the time of life when many people drop out of sport.

The programme will be run through the County Sport Partnership network and your first step should be to contact your CSP and express your interest in holding a Sportivate programme. They will be able to advise further on exactly how the programme will be administered in their individual county.

Your CSP can be found at:

www.cspnetwork.org/en?t=/network/account/index&action=category&cid=1211974549069

If you aren't sure about how to approach your CSP, contact your England Squash & Racketball Regional Administrator on 0121 415 8354!

The benefits to your club could be huge, this is a great way to attract new members!

DON'T WASTE TIME THINKING ABOUT IT, JUST DO IT!!!!

Next Deadline = September *

*Please note deadlines may be slightly different from County to County so please check first.



Refuel

These days 'refueling' can cost an arm and a leg but, thanks to the fine people at Mars, there is a way to turn the tables and end up with **£500** for your club!

The idea is very simple, complete the incredibly straightforward application form on-line and sit back to see if you have won!

Money can go towards an

individual or a club and can pay for just about anything that will help people 'play longer'!

Everybody reading this Update should put an application in, this is too good an opportunity to miss! Go to www.marsrefuel.com for more information and to apply!

Lucoade Free 60

Fancy getting an influx of young, keen enthusiastic people through the doors of your club? Why not sign up to Lucoade's Free 60 campaign, which offers free coaching to those aged 16-34 with every bottle of Lucoade Sport purchased. You may wish to tie this into your club night, offering the consumer a fun, sociable and enjoyable squash experience whilst also portraying a bustling, vibrant image of your club? It may even lead to membership sign-ups! For more information, please contact ians@inspireemail.co.uk.



Sport England Inspired Facilities

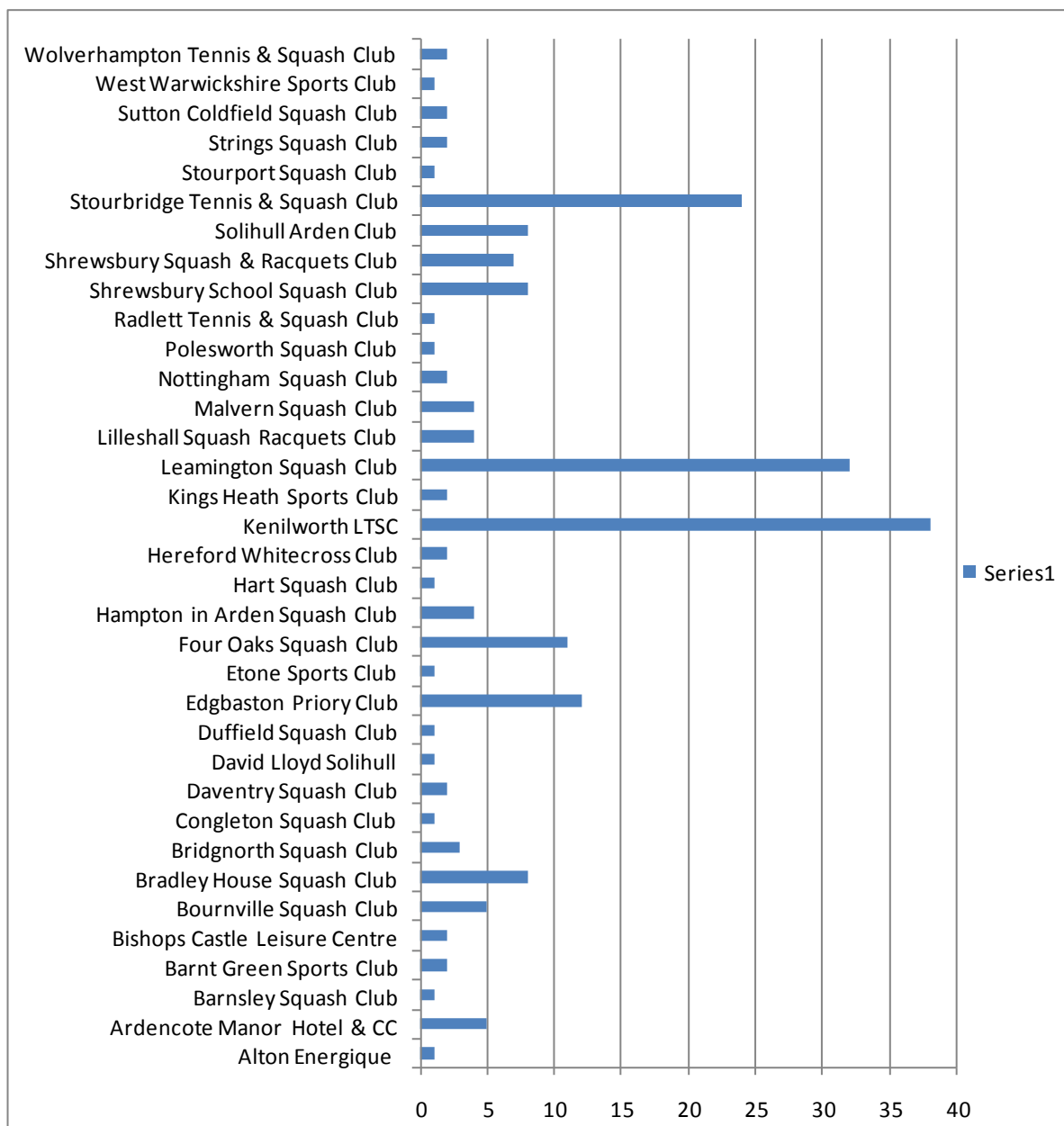
The **Inspired Facilities Fund** is still due to launch this summer. The fund will offer grants of between **£25,000** and **£150,000** towards projects that can prove a local need for a facility to be modernised, extended or modified to open up new sporting opportunities. Inspired Facilities aims to fund up to 1,000 local sports facilities. For more information, please go to:

http://www.sportengland.org/media_centre/press_releases/places_people_play/places.aspx?dm_i=AXF,AVAM,2C2RVI,U2H8,1



Clubs—Activate Your Memberships!

Calling all clubs! Do not be left behind with England Squash & Racketball's national drive to gain more activated memberships. The below Activation Graph shows the current level of activated memberships your club holds. Disappointingly, there has not been a great deal of change in the numbers seen from last month, so please push those activated memberships and be the first club to receive entry onto the membership 'Wall of Fame'!



Activate Your Membership!

1. Log on to www.englandsquashandracketball.com
2. Click 'Activate' on the right hand side of the page
3. Fill in your details
4. Congratulations! Your membership has been activated, and you will receive access to some fantastic exclusive offers as well as receive quarterly the Squash Player Magazine.

DUNLOP NATIONAL RACKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS SERVES UP A SUCCESS IN BIRMINGHAM!

Edgbaston Priory was the venue for the 2011 Dunlop National Racketball Championships and with the reigning champion Daryl Selby missing from the men's event the title was wide open.

From day one the venue was buzzing with excitement with players from all ages groups making the trip to Birmingham to compete in the sociable yearly event.

In the men's main event former champion **No.1 seed Tim Vail (Sussex)** made it through the first rounds reasonably comfortably before coming up against the in-form **Dominic Hamilton (Yorkshire)** in the semi-finals. It was a match that swung from player to player throughout, with Vail taking the first 11-6 and then winning a close second 13-11 it looked as if it might be all over but credit to Hamilton he kept battling and won the third 11-6, however Vail managed to keep his composure winning the fourth 11-6 and taking his place in the final.



Mark Fuller (Northamptonshire) secured his place in the final with a convincing 3-0 win against **Jonathan Harford (Gloucestershire)**. The 9/16 seed upset the 3/4 seed relatively comfortably 11-7, 11-4, 11-9 in 42 minutes.

A packed crowd watched the final which turned out to be **an epic 71 minute match**, Fuller took an unexpected 2-0 lead and it looked as if the title was going only one way, especially when Fuller raced to a 6-1 lead in the third. A resilient Vail battled back and after some marathon rallies took the third 11-9. Vail was playing with some real momentum going into the fourth taking it 11-3 before sealing the match in the fifth 11-4. The vole was once again crowned National Champion which he last won back in 2004 – a great achievement!

The women's final was a repeat of last years and **Derbyshire's Laura Hill** was once again favourite having held the title for an incredible six years. **Lauren Selby (Essex)** was unlucky not to sneak the first after having game ball but Hill battled back to take it 12-10. After that Hill looked in control and showed off some fantastic racket skills, taking the second 11-7 and the third 11-2. Congratulations Laura!

National Racketball Championship Winners

Category	Winner
Women's O35	Claire Walker
Men's O35	Matt Baker
Men's O40	Jim Lord
Women's O45	Julie Lawton
Men's O45	Neil Baldwin
Men's O50	Stephen Wall
Women's O55	Bett Dryhurst
Men's O60	Ian Graham
Men's O65	Bob Astbury

Birmingham Funding Bulletin—Get Involved!



SITA TRUST- Young Volunteering Fund – 13th June 2011

Grants of up to £10,000

Projects that lie within the SITA zone may be eligible to apply for the fund that supports volunteering opportunities for young people. The Young Person's Volunteering Fund has been created to assist young people aged 14-25 to volunteer their time to create or enhance facilities that can be enjoyed by the wider community.

BBC Children in Need – General Grants Programme – 15th July

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

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

Cash 4 Clubs Sports Fund- Next Decision Round July 2011

The Cash 4 Clubs sports club grant scheme provides funding to community sports clubs in the UK, with grants ranging for £250 to £1,000.

Heart Research- Healthy Hearts Grants – 31st August 2011 for Second Round in November

Heart Research UK Healthy Heart Grants, of up to £10,000, are available to support innovative projects that promote heart health and help prevent, or reduce, the risks of heart disease in specific groups or communities. Application materials available start of June 2011.

Heart Research UK- Healthy Heart UK Subway –1st August – 30th September 2011

A grant of up to £10,000 is available in different SUBWAY® regions at specific times throughout the year. Community groups, voluntary organisations and registered charities can apply for a grant which are awarded on a regional basis.

RBS Sport for All – 30th November 2011

The scheme aims to support those sports clubs that play a vital role in society, creating a place for social interaction and an environment where different generations come together to be active and share the joy of sporting participation. Maximum of £1000 available.

Live UnLtd

Level 1 Award £500-£5,000

Level 2 Award up to £15,000

The programme gives young people the opportunity to help themselves by helping others through their own entrepreneurial projects, by acting in a socially entrepreneurial way, young people can transform the way they are seen.

The Dickie Bird Foundation

Support for individuals to help disadvantaged young people (under the age of 18) to participate in sport, to the best of their ability, in the sport of their choice, irrespective of their social circumstances, culture or ethnicity. Funding is available between £50 and £5,000 and can be used for sports kit, coaching and training.

Mars Refuel Drink Fund

The Mars Refuel Drink Fund, which launched on 1 April 2011 and runs until September 30 2011, has £5,000 to donate each month to the most deserving applicants.

Applications can be made online at: www.marsrefuel.com offering support with anything from equipment and travel costs, to improving training grounds and club houses.

OTHER FUNDS

02- Think Big

ASDA Foundation

Awards For All

Barclays Community Sports Award

Big Lottery Fund- Reaching Communities England

Biffaward- Small Grants

Building On Overlooked Sporting Talent (BOOST)

The Co-operative Group-Small Grant Fund

The DickieBird Foundation

Lloyds TSB Foundation- Community Programme

Just Giving for Sports Clubs

Moto- Community Grants - New

The Prince's Trust Community Cash Awards

The Lord's Taverners Small Grants

The Tesco Charity Trust



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Shropshire Squash and Racketball

Website -

www.shropshiresquashandracketball.org

Warwickshire Squash Racquets Association

Website - www.warwickshiresquash.org

Worcestershire Squash and Racketball Association

Website - www.wsraonline.co.uk

County Sport Partnerships

Sport Across Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent (SASSOT)

Website - www.sportacrossstaffordshire.co.uk

Shropshire (Energize)

Website -

www.shropshiretelfordwrekinsportspartnership.org.uk

Sports Partnerships Herefordshire and Worcestershire

Website - www.morethansport.com

Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire

Website - www.cswsport.org.uk

The Black Country

Website - www.blackcountryconsortium.co.uk

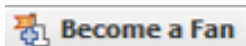
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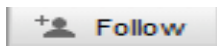
We hope you have enjoyed reading the West Midlands Regional Newsletter and would gladly welcome any feedback you may have.

Additionally if you have a story or an event that you need promoting in next months newsletter, feel free to send them to natalie.wilcox@englandsquashandracketball.com before the 22nd of each month

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