

RFU Area 2

Hampshire RFU Quarterly Report - Quarter 3

March 2017

RDO(s) – Ivan Torpey & Kieran Spencer

Completed:

1. Retaining & Developing Current Players:

- Completion of South East University Merit League – good completion rate for university merit fixtures, more university players getting more game time. As a result UoW 2's have applied for BUCS status next season.
- Women's Touch Series – is now being run by key club volunteers with support from CB PFR. Same level of interest from players and new clubs entering the competition.
- 2 x Friday Night Lights Festivals hosted by Millbrook RFC – engagement from 5-6 local clubs, approx. 70 players per event, positive feedback and ambition to continue 2017/18.

2. Recruiting New Players:

- Spring term school festival programme complete – 4 festivals completed, programme continues to receive positive feedback from students and staff, vital part of day to day school engagement. Rosie Williams (Head of Local Rugby Delivery) attended girls event and reinforced as a positive use of PFR spend.
- College Central Venue Rugby programme completed – final event cancelled due to weather but more positive feedback from colleges and a focal point for day to day engagement with colleges.
- Women & Girls Local Rugby Partnership continues to develop – collaborative festivals have been introduced by the group to provide further playing opportunities at U13/U15/U18. Assists with focussing recruitment and transition work with individual clubs and schools.

3. Retaining & Recruiting High Quality Coaches, Volunteers & Referees:

- Hampshire Coaching committee organised a successful CPD event with Giselle Mather – 80 coaches attended.
- New selection process introduced for Hampshire Coach of the Year – nominations being sought.
- New venue identified for Hampshire Coaching Conference due to oversubscription of previous conferences – programme agreed and distributed.
- 100+ Young Leaders trained and deployed across various Local Authority TAG Festivals
- Coach Education Award Course programme for 2017/18 season agreed in principle with Area Training Manager
- Support of Hampshire Young Match Official Programme – 12 new Young Match Officials trained, mentored and regularly appointed to fixtures/festivals.

4. Effective & Efficient Facilities:

- HRFU Facilities review completed with focus on NatWest RugbyForce and 3G pitch provision
- E&R and Trojans selected for NWRP Keith Kent pitch projects
- Andover and Ventnor selected for NWRP Crowdfunding projects
- 11 NatWest RugbyForce projects selected and invited to attend workshop in April
- Remaining 6 projects identified to receive funding support from HRFU Facility Development grant
- IoW RFC commenced build on changing room project.
- Facility visits by Area Facility Manager to Trojans (facility development), Tottonians (pitch maintenance), New Milton (storage), Fawley (floodlights/facility development), Southsea Nomads (facility development), Havant (floodlights/facility development), Petersfield (floodlights), Winchester (changing rooms) and Basingstoke (changing rooms).

5. Effective & Efficient Management & Governance:

- New Club Accreditations – Lymington Mariners, New Milton
- Club Accreditation Health Checks – Eastleigh, Ventnor, Alton, A&F, Fareham Heathens, Winchester, Farnborough.
- Representation at HRFU Youth Forum, Hampshire Schools RFU, HRFU Coaching Committee, HRFU Club Development, HRFU Game Development
- Cluster/Competition Review meetings being held across all 5 clusters facilitated by Terry Burwell.

6. Integration with the Local Community:

- Strong representation from Hampshire schools and volunteers at the England Rugby open training session at Twickenham
- Applemore School and New Forest Academy attended CBRE All Schools Canterbury shirt presentation at England vs. Italy game.

Planned Activity:

1. Retaining & Developing Current Players:

- HRFU Summer Touch programme – roll out and support of programme to 20+ clubs across the county
- Area 2 Girls School Finals – Priestlands and Toynebee to represent Hampshire at U15 competition on 30th March.

2. Recruiting New Players:

- Review 2016/17 schools programme and plan for 2017/18
- Review 2016/17 college programme and plan for 2017/18
- Hampshire School Games – 29th June at Aldershot Garrison
- Finalise Targeted Work planning for 2017/18 season
- Delivery of after school Turn Up & Play touch rugby

3. Retaining & Recruiting High Quality Coaches, Volunteers & Referees:

- HRFU Coaching Conference – Sunday 9th July @ Oasis Academy
- Student Coach/Referee Reward and Recognition event – Wednesday 3rd May @ Millbrook RFC
- HRFU Volunteer Awards dinner – date TBC
- Continue to deliver CPD's as aligned to club needs

4. Effective & Efficient Facilities:

- NatWest RugbyForce Workshop for 11 successful clubs – Monday 24th April @ Winchester RFC
- Keith Kent visits to E&R and Trojans confirmed for 17th April
- NatWest RugbyForce Weekend on 24th/25th June around the county.

5. Effective & Efficient Management & Governance:

- Continued representation at Youth Forum, Clubs Meeting, Hampshire Schools, Coaching Committee, Community Rugby,
- Support university committees through elections and handover period
- Hampshire Students Forum – collaboration of all student committees scheduled for 3rd May
- Continue Club Accreditation work
- HRFU Leadership Academy – begin to identify candidates for 2017/18 programme.

6. Integration with the Local Community:

- Continue circulation of RDO Weekly Updates

Coaching, Refereeing & Medical – Clive Cashell

Completed:

• CPD courses

Course type	No of courses
Rugby Ready	9
Kids First U8 Tag	4
CPD: Maul & Ruck	1
CMOD - Tackle	1
Kids First U9 Rugby	1
CPD: Hampshire Coaching Evening- Giselle	1 (80 coaches)
Refereeing Children	3
EFARU	1
Scrum Factory	1

• Award Courses

Course type	No of courses
L2 Coaching	1
L1 Coaching	2
L2 Referee	2

Planned Activity:

- CPD Courses

Course type	No of courses
CPD: Managing Contact	1
Kids First U7 Tag	1
Rugby Ready	1
Scrum Factory	2

- **Award Courses**

Course type	No of courses
L2 Coaching	2
L1 Coaching	1
L2 Referee	1

Women & Girls – Clare Cooper

Completed:

- LRP meeting
- LRP Festival
- Andover hosting Girls National South Semi-Finals on 9th April
- Priestlands & Toynebee winning U15 Hants comp and taking part in Area Festival on 30th March
- Meeting attended with Southampton RFC
- IOW/Vectis have held a Women's kick-off event and had 30 take part

Planned Activity:

- Inner Warrior campaign in late May – more clubs should sign-up! Next one after May will be early September, after the Women's Rugby World Cup (August in Dublin/Belfast)
- Keen to link up Mark Newman (in his role as Girls Competition Support Officer) with appropriate CB committee member/s to work on future comps/activity for the girls clubs and include in PFR conversations

Universities Development – Jamie Traxon

Completed:

- Merit Festivals – UoP have attended 6 festivals c.20-40 students attending
- South Coast Merit League – **Nick Parker**
- Soton IM meeting to discuss support & courses
- UoS IM referees course, organised but didn't run!!
- Targeted work @ Soton Ladies – Pompy – Winc – Solent
- GameFinder at Pompy – **Nick Parker**

Planned Activity:

- Hants Student Forum
- Soton IM follow up meeting
- Planning for 2018

Player Development – Dan Whiteman

Completed:

- Southsea Nomads involved in Return to Rugby Phase 2 during 6 Nations
- Winchester selected as local qualifying venue for 24/7's programme
- Observation of London Irish DPP at Applemore School

Planned Activity:

- Planning for Regional 24/7's qualifier

Facilities – Jason Bowers

Completed:

- AGP consultations with Havant, Basingstoke and Winchester
- NatWest RugbyForce application and selection process – 2 clubs selected for pitch projects, 2 clubs selected for Crowdfunding projects, 11 clubs invited to workshop
- Facility meetings with Petersfield, Havant, Winchester, Basingstoke, Fawley, New Milton, Tottonians and Trojans
- Playing Pitch Strategies with Portsmouth, Havant, East Hants, Eastleigh and Southampton

Planned Activity:

- Further development of AGP strategy
- Planning for Winchester RFC changing room project
- Ongoing support for above Playing Pitch Strategies

- Delivery of NatWest RugbyForce including Keith Kent pitch visits to Trojans and Ellingham & Ringwood
- Hampshire Facility Coordinator end of season meeting
- Ongoing support for Hampshire club facility projects as required