

## County Chair

Can you believe how quickly this season has gone - for me it feels like one season runs straight into the next.

We started our year with lovely new courts - how good were they to play and umpire on? Much needed though!

We were one of the lucky counties that received a £10,000 Facility Funding Grant from England Netball. Matt Crane (Redbridge) Jane Kelloe, and myself worked together with England officers to make this happen.

We now need to work together to get more courts renewed in the future. Hopefully, we do not have to wait too long.

I would like to thank all the officers on the committee without whom our County would not run as smoothly as it does. The time that you give voluntarily is really appreciated.

I am sure that you will have read the reports from our officers but thought that I would mention a few.

Our Junior league has grown so quickly, and this is down to Kaye Cornwall and her commitment to young netball athletes. Kaye is hoping to start an U10 netball league starting from next season.

Player Development pathway has had a successful year and the girls attended two Pulse games at the Copperbox and received certificates in the main arena.

I attended their awards evening, and it was lovely to see so many smiling faces. I did get to speak to a few mums and dads before the event started and had some good positive feedback. Well, done to the coaches And of course Michelle Cox and Joan Bovell.

Overall umpiring results have increased with more C and B success rates than the previous year. Many thanks for the time you give Jane Kelloe.

[Congratulations](#) to Essex Open A team for winning the first Division this year and all other winners and runners up in their respective divisions.

Thank you to all the clubs, coaches, umpires and players for making our leagues such a success.

Have a lovely summer everyone.

'Reminder' that the Commonwealth games is being held in Glasgow 2026 for those interested in more netball or supporting teams etc.

Pat Meadows