



Henley Hockey Club
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Henley Hockey Club: Annual Report, 2014/15 Season

HHC is a thriving club comprising five men's and four ladies' team, and a growing junior section

Membership overview

<i>Section</i>	<i>#</i>
Men	66
Ladies	51
Juniors (ages 11-16)	160
Juniors (ages 4-10)	110
Social members	20

Club activity summary

- Four **men's teams** play in the South League, between South Premier 2 and MBBO Division 9
- The **Men's Veterans** entered the EHA National Over 40s Trophy Competition in 2014/15
- Four **ladies' teams** compete in leagues between South Clubs' Women's Hockey League Division 2 and Trysports Hockey League Division 5
- The **ladies' 1st team** entered the EHA National Trophy Competition in 2014/15
- As well as attending coaching sessions every Sunday supported entirely by volunteers, **juniors** compete in the Thames Valley Minis Tournaments every month and in the Oxfordshire U14 and U16 leagues; safeguarding and promoting an inclusive and fun environment are paramount
- The **junior section hosts primary schools' hockey** tournaments for years 3/4 and 5/6 and taster sessions during the Henley Youth Festival
- The club holds regular **social events** for members and guests including a quiz night, an annual dinner dance, a race night and Christmas party
- The club gratefully acknowledges the support of **local sponsors** including Invesco Perpetual, Physiologic and Shiplake College; regular hirers of the club room include Café Scientifique and Slimming World

Club highlights

- The **men's 1st team won promotion** in successive seasons (2013/14 and 2014/15) and will play at the highest level (South Premier 1, two below National Premier) ever attained by a Henley side in 2015/16
- The **ladies' 1st team won the EHA National Trophy** in 2013/14 for the second, successive time; the team reached the **semi-final in season 2014/15**
- The **men's 1st team** squad has been bolstered this season by the addition of three players who have between them been capped over 250 times for England, Wales and Scotland
- The **men's veterans won the EHA National Over 40s Trophy** in 2013/14; the team has reached the **semi-final** (to be played on 19th April) **in season 2014/15**
- Numbers in the **junior section** are **up 10% year on year** and have doubled over the past 4 years
- The club has had **more junior members competing at county level** for Oxfordshire or Berkshire this season than for a generation – six boys and three girls at U14, U15, U16 and U17; 20 juniors have been nominated for county development centres (JDC) in 2015/16

Investments and facilities

- The club has self-funded improvements to the interior of the clubhouse including a **new kitchen, new flooring** in the toilet facilities and a **new gas boiler**
- The club is grateful that the **Town Council** has been able to make a **considerable investment** to replace the problematic **lighting** around the All Weather Pitch; work is expected to be complete by about 15th April
- We look forward to the building of new pavilion to accommodate both HHC and AFC Henley