



Henley Hockey Club
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Henley Hockey Club: Annual Report, 2015/16 Season

HHC is a thriving club run by volunteers, comprising five men's, three ladies' and several junior teams at under 12, under 14 and under 16. The junior section continues to grow

Membership overview

| <u>Section</u> | <u>#</u> |
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| Men | 64 |
| Ladies | 28 |
| Juniors (ages 11-16) | 182 |
| Juniors (ages 4-10) | 84 |
| Social members | 12 |

Club activity summary

- Four **men's teams** play in the South League, between South Premier 1 and MBBO Division 9
- The **Men's Veterans** entered the EHA National Over 40s Trophy Competition in 2015/16
- Four **ladies' teams** compete in leagues between South Clubs' Women's Hockey League Division 2 and Trysports Hockey League Division 5 (though the Development side was withdrawn in January)
- The **Ladies' 1st team** entered the EHA National Trophy Competition in 2015/16
- 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 holds a summer hockey academy and offers taster sessions during the Henley Youth Festival and organises and hosts annual primary schools tournaments for school years 3 & 4 and 5 & 6
- There are **44 junior members (boys and girls)** over the age of 13 playing occasional or regular adult hockey
- The club holds regular **social events** for members and guests including a quiz night and an annual dinner
- The club gratefully acknowledges the support of **local sponsors** including Invesco Perpetual, Physiologic and Shiplake College; regular hirers of the club room include Slimming World and Café Scientifique.

Club highlights

- The **men's 1st team won promotion** in successive seasons (2013/14 and 2014/15) and now plays in South Premier 1, two below National Premier – the highest level ever attained by a Henley side
- The **men's veterans won the EHA National Over 40s Trophy** in 2013/14 and were runners up in the **final** played at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on 3rd May 2015
- Numbers in the **junior section** are the same **year on year** and have doubled over the past 5 years
- The club has had **more junior members competing at county level** for Oxfordshire or Berkshire this season than for a generation – eight boys and three girls at U14, U15, U16 and U17; 20 juniors have been nominated for county development centres (JDC) in 2015/16; two boys were selected for JRPC (regional squad) at under 14 and under 16 in 2015

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, a **new bar-top** and a **new gas boiler**
- The club is grateful that the **Town Council** was able to make a **considerable investment** to replace the problematic **lighting** around the All Weather Pitch; work was completed in April 2015
- The **Town Council** has also agreed to repaint the lines in the carpark and the work is expected to be completed in April or May 2016
- To comply with food standards' legislation, enforceable by SODC, **HHC's kitchen** was registered with FSA/SODC in May 2015 and received 5 stars after the inspection in September 2015
- It is not anticipated that HHC will be moving premises in the next 2 years