



Henley Hockey Club
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Henley Hockey Club: Annual Report, 2018/19 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>
Men	79
Ladies	56
Juniors (under 16s not playing adult hockey)	179
Social members	5

Club activity summary

- Five **men's teams** played 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 2018/19
- Three **ladies' teams** compete in leagues between South Clubs' Women's Hockey League Division 3A and Trysports Hockey League Division 3
- 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, offers taster sessions during the Henley Youth Festival
- There are over **30 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, a Christmas Party and an annual dinner
- The club gratefully acknowledges the support of **local sponsors** including Invesco Perpetual and Simmons & Sons; regular hirers of the club room include Slimming World and Café Scientifique.

Club highlights

- The **men's 1st team** narrowly lost Premier 1 status in 2019/19 but looks forward to bouncing back in season 2019/20.
- Men's 2nd, 3rd and 4th teams had solid seasons in SHL's MBBO Divisions 1, 3 and 8 respectively in 2017/18, with the 2nd and 4th teams narrowly missing promotion
- Ladies' 1st team finished top of South League Division 3 and gained promotion, and the Ladies' 2nd team won promotion for the second season in succession
- Playing numbers on the Men's section were pretty much stable year-on-year and a 5th team played in MBBO Division 9
- Numbers in the **junior section** are roughly the same **year on year** and the club continues to operate at the limits of its capacity in terms of coaching and pitch availability
- The club has the biggest cohort of U16 and U14 players representing the club for a generation
- The club continues to have **junior members competing at county level** for Oxfordshire or Berkshire this season across U14, U15, U16 and U17

Investments and facilities

- The club continues to thrive financially, investing in several members gaining umpiring qualifications to be compliant with new league rules
- Invesco Perpetual continues to support the club and their generous sponsorship contribution was used for additional kit and goal-keeping kit for junior teams



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- The club received the maximum available volunteering grant from SODC to invest further in encouraging members to gain umpiring qualifications
- Discussion around relocating HHC's clubhouse to the area next to the astroturf pitch is ongoing, though a move is still not anticipated in the next 2 years