



2019-20 Highlights

Welcome to review of the season as we bring together a snapshot of what all our teams have been up to in the 2019-20 season – the season couldn't have ended in a more dramatic way with the hockey ceasing as part of the national Covid-19 lockdown. Whilst much hockey, celebrating and summer hockey has been sadly missed its also been a time when what hockey and the club means to so many has shone through.

The spirit of club hockey and our hockey family shone through across the THC in the 2019-20 season, we welcomed our newest league team the men's 7's, saw more academy players transitioning to senior hockey, and 15 sides out each Saturday (12 senior and 3 academy) and lots of hockey Sunday's too for the oldies (aka Masters) and all our academy teams. We started them even younger this year with the new EH Hockey Heroes programme for 5 years up.

As we say every year with a large club and so many players, teams and volunteers it's impossible to do justice in this short review of everything that's gone on this season but we hope it gives a real feel for the diversity of our Timperley #hockeyfamily and how our sport truly span all ages, genders and abilities. The end of season video capturing far more moments in photo's will be released on 15th July after the AGM so take a look and savour the memory of another great club season. Don't forget to make www.timperleyhockeyclub.com one of your favourites and sign up the website and receive our weekly roundup emails to keep in touch with THC, or follow us on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram @timperleyhockey

- Ladies 1's finish 3rd and Men's 1's 4th in the EH North Conference with one game un-played – to mark the Club's highest overall ever finish in league hockey
- Men's Over 30's England Hockey 2019 Summer Championships Winners and Women's Over 50's 3rd in EH Summer 7's
- Men's 5s promoted and Men's 6s champions and promoted and Women's 3's finishing 2nd but missing out on promotion spot
- Ladies' 1s Cheshire Cup Winners
- U10 Boys England Hockey In2Hockey Cheshire Runners Up
- GMJHL - Under 13 Girls Winners, Under 13 Boys Runners Up and Under 11 Girls 3rd

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Making Hockey Happen !

Behind every game, every team and every hockey ball that is hit – home or away - sits a army of volunteers who make it all happen and without whom none of our players, supporters or officials would be able to enjoy or play the sport.

A heart felt **thank you** to everyone who has made hockey happen at Timperley this season for both the Academy and Seniors. Your time, your being bothered and your making a difference makes it all happen and the committee wish to thank everyone for their contribution big and small.

A special mention to our #GrowOurOwn next generation volunteers – our Young Leaders who not only do a great job supporting the younger academy players but are also working hard to get their YL accredited awards too.

Want to make THC even better next season ? Get involved and help make the difference !



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Senior Club Awards will be presented once we're all back together

Coaches and Managers

Thanks to all our coaches, and volunteer coaches and team coaches and managers and to Caroline Small who's continued to develop our coaching framework for all ages and abilities.

Albert Marcano (Head Coach & M1/L1)
Mark Talbot (L1)
Ed Stroppek (M2)
Paul Lewis (L2 and Club Coach)
Mark Worsley (Club Coach)
Carwyn Nash (Club Coach)
Dane Bethany (Club Coach)
The GK coaches (Mark Andrews, Rach Small and Pat Jones) and all our academy volunteer coaches.

Ladies 1's

EH IWLH Conference North – 3rd

The most successful season in the club's history. Finished 3rd with 33 points in 17 games.



We began by welcoming juniors and new players to the squad, marking a great start to the season in several friendlies, notably the Plum tournament, and the Cheshire cup, beating Bowdon in the semis and Wilmslow to win the final. The league started with a big event: the opening ceremony for the new lights allowing evening games. Winning that first match gave the team belief and momentum, and despite several injuries we won the first 5 games, conceding only 1 goal and having the best defensive record of every national league team, men and women.

Up to Christmas we held strong, but lost games to the other top 4 teams. The second half of the year saw us maintain good, constant results beating Pendle Forest in an 11 goal thriller and dominating Sutton Coldfield with our

best team performance in years. Leonie Molloy lead the season's goal scoring charge with 8 and Chloe Tyler on 6. However, a further 15 individuals scored goals over the season, demonstrating a dynamic and flexible squad.

Next season's looking bright. The dominant University of Nottingham are promoted leaving everything for the taking. Thank you to everyone involved this season for all their time and hard work

Mark Talbot (Coach)

Big thanks to our Ladies 1 Team Sponsor – Kitchens of Altrincham



Mens 1's

EH MHL Conference North- 4th



Our first season in EH Conference was expected to be tough, brought into focus with a 6-0 drumming in the first game at the hands of Alderley Edge, and it was 4 games in before we chalked up our first win with a battling 3-2 victory needing a last-minute winner.

The team really kicked on after this, with a great run of 6 victories. At the halfway point we were second with a real chance of winning the league. Sadly, that was not to be with our run-in hampered by injuries, finally finishing the season in 4th place, with a game unplayed due to Corona. Could have sneaked 3rd with a final win.

A great finish in our first season in the England Hockey League. Real testament to the hard work and commitment from the squad throughout the season which started back in July. Thank you to all who've played 1's this season and those in the wider training squad for stepping up to the challenge. Particular thanks to Albert Marcano our head coach and

Phil "Junior" Taylor for their efforts in making sure we get the best out of ourselves.

Season highlights: beating undefeated top of table Belper away from home and drumming eventual champions Deeside Ramblers at home 7-2- the only side to beat them. Investment in new floodlights, enabling evening games, created a great club occasion which gave us an edge over travelling sides.

In summary a positive first season at this level with much promise and things to work on for next season to have an improved challenge at the top of the table.

Player of the Year – Carwyn Nash

Most improved-Ben Jackson

Dave Halkyard (Captain)

Big thanks to our Men's 1's Team Sponsor – Coolair



Remembering #KE25



Men's Yorkshire 3 Peaks Walk raising £4183 for BHF in memory of #KE25

Ladies 2's

North – Div.2 (South West) – 7th (on goal difference)

Played 22 won 9 drew 4 and lost 9. We scored 50 goals but let 42 in which I'm sure we will improve on next season. A few thank yous. To every player that has played for the 2s this season. Can't thank you enough, you have been fantastic throughout. To Paul for his coaching/managing us, Amy my amazing accountant, Eileen Bass for being home Match Delegate. Same again please next season! We say goodbye to Tali who is moving back to Birmingham. We have asked her to commute on a Saturday, but I guess it's too far. We wish her all the very best for her bright future.

Team spirit on and off the pitch was the best! Even through 'lockdown' we kept in touch with zoom and had weekly team challenges raising money for Captain Tom and NHS charities.

Lots of positives to take from this season. We have already had a pre season zoom and set our goals out. There are so many 'things' I could mention in the review/report that have been brilliant. We have all pulled together and have an awesome team ethos. So many different players got MOM I'd have to nominate the whole squad. Looking forward to next season with 'Timps 2s'



Top goal scorer Lucy Potts
Players player Carys Rawson

Sarah Impey (Captain)

Men's 2's

North – Div.3 (West) 3rd

22 Played 15 Wins 3 Draws 4 Losses
92 Scored 35 Conceded

Entering the new season on the wave of back to back promotions in the last two years we came hopeful to continue that progress. Retaining the whole squad from the previous season the team pushed forward continuing our high scoring form against our new opponents, with a 10-game unbeaten run before Christmas. Encountering fellow newly promoted rivals Fylde just before Christmas we came out on the wrong side of a 3-1 loss down at Stockport Road. An unfortunate number of injuries to key players and several regulars leaving for work abroad led to a few key games not falling our way which meant that the gap between us in 2nd and City of Manchester had closed. A tough loss away at Prescott and a draw away at Fylde meant we had just slipped out of the promotion spots by a mere 4 points. We finished strong with 19 goals in the final two games of the season. Ready and motivated to clinch that promotion again next year.

Top Goal Scorer – Stu Heywood
(also top goalscorer in the league,

beating last year's haul by 4 goals to score 26)

Ross Small (Captain)

Ladies 3s

Cheshire Division 2 – 2nd



In a season that went to the wire, there was disappointment in its early conclusion and promotion protocol amongst the 3s ladies. Our most successful campaign of recent years, Timperley showed time and again we were best in the league beating teams across the table, including eventual champions Bowdon, with dazzling displays of hockey and unwavering team spirit.

Gathering momentum week on week, cementing ourselves as serious title contenders, our desire to win and push for promotion really came to the fore. The mix of youth and experience saw exceptional performances, solid seasoned pros and up and coming juniors working cohesively and positively to get those results and enjoy ourselves doing so.

A team spirit to be proud of and best defensive record in the league made it exceptionally difficult for teams to walk away with a result from us. At times guilty of making mistakes, we refocused, regrouped and pushed on. Every person that has pulled on a blue shirt for us has been an asset and played a part in an excellent season. Having progressed massively and gelled through 19/20 and hungry for the title we look forward to September to go and get our crown

Top goal scorer Cath Weymms
Most MOMs Emily Clarke

Jo Nicholson – Captain

Men's 3's

North West Div. 3 (South)

A difficult season to rate particularly highly- a measly 3 wins out of 24- but nevertheless, a team in transition. A much altered make-up compared to

last year, with a far higher number of youngsters who put in sterling efforts week after week – honourable mentions to Oli Burton, Tarun Sathi, Wilf Roberts, and Callum Brown (Dave)

Specific highlights of the season include our towering 2:1 demolition of Wrexham Glyndwr (at their place) where Rob Judd played an authoritative cameo at the heart of defence, inspiring us to victory with a delicious no-nonsense approach and "robust" tackling. Also, a 2:3 loss to Brooklands 4XI in hurricane-like conditions where the whole team put in a massive shift that only narrowly faltered against a team that finished firmly at the other end of the table.

The Brooklands defeat is a fitting summary of the entire season – some fantastic hockey played most weeks, just with an unfortunate inability to string together enough minutes of good stuff to get over the line and still be in a winning position when the final whistle blows.

With the average age of the team plummeting last year, Timps 3XI has a bright future and can look forward to providing a place where rising stars are able to progress through the club and take their places in higher teams

Simon Meir (captain)

Most improved player Callum Brown

Ladies 4s

Cheshire Division 3 – 5th

93 goals, 21 games, 13 **epic** wins, 4 cards (well done Sue Emms for the double!), 1 snapped Achilles, a season of laughs, fun and amazing hockey!!



When we asked the team for their thoughts, three words came back from everyone: 'positive, strong and fun' It has been an amazing season and we would like to thank everyone who has played, whether 1 game or 21 games - everyone contributed to our success Mighty Fours players span almost four decades! Our younger players have improved immeasurably this year and it's been fantastic to watch their confidence grow - special well done to

Aneesa and Tully who have both played almost every game and become central members of the team. Our 'more experienced' players have as ever been crucial to helping us improve as a team, provided guidance, support and some constructive criticism. We have worked really hard and played with an amazingly positive and strong mindset with teamwork at its heart. Whether we won or lost, we gave it our all and were proud of our performances.

One amusing tale -Hannah Garrett is our most versatile player, playing every position except goal this season. So, when she left her shin pads at home, no problem- she improvised with a pair of flip flops down her socks!

We are all excited to start the 2020/21 season, play some great hockey, see our mates again and enjoy a few post-match pints in the club....bring it on!

Top goal scorer Frankie Isherwood
Most MOMs Anna Mawby
Players' player Aneesa Chaudhry.

Anna Mawby (captain)

Mens 4's

North West Div. 5 (South) –

played 20 won 8, drew 3 and lost 9. Scoring 59, conceding 54 (not bad for a team of umpires!!)

Once again the Men's 4th XI fulfilled their perennial target of accepting nothing less than mid table mediocrity

Although just after Christmas we found ourselves only 3 points from a promotion spot, that was quickly resolved by the 3rd team and several younger members of the 4th team picking up some injuries (notably Owen Walsham who is out until Jan 21) and the 5th team continuing to sniff out their promotion.

On the whole the season had a number of positives. Several members of the 5th team are ready to step up namely Ben, Ollie, Ed, Zach, Mihir, Jake. All more mature members of the side are still able to walk and probably eek out another season.

Next year's expectation is more of the same but with more legs to help the brawn and the brain. Old duffers in the team note we are playing for our places next year. The enemy (aka Youth) are keener, fresher and faster than us and have not discovered wine and women yet!!!

Finally some thank you's. Thankyou regular players. Week in week out availability makes picking the spine of the side easy. To 3rd and 5th teamers who receive the Friday call from Simon or Stephen, thank you for still turning out and not stopping and finally thank you umpires. One of you has the pleasure of Whitchurch (Shropshire) away next year.

Special mentions: Keeler (brilliant rounding of the keeper when given centre forward responsibility): Dom (putting one in the roof of the net)

Richard Hodgson (Captain)

Ladies 5's

Cheshire Division 4 –

On paper, the L5's season was quite a mixed bag with seven wins, five matches with a point apiece, and nine losses.

To all those who played 5s this season whether it was one match or the whole season; thank you for your grit, determination and perseverance including during game-play and team talks, all of which made things so much easier for me. My thanks to players includes those coming up through the academy who showed real on- and off-pitch confidence and team spirit. From this, I believe there is a new generation of Timperley players to be very excited about. As a result, I want to do a shout out to those who are involved in the academy including James Lloyd-Williams who was key in transitioning players to their first senior games. Other personal thanks go to Paul, Shelagh, Will and all those who commit to umpiring, and everyone involved behind the scenes who keeps us playing, fed and watered. Also, a huge thank you to Jo Robinson for assistance and advice, whether pre-work discussions on negotiating rearranged fixtures or post-10pm tactics chats. And to Cuey for everything over the past five years, including her and Rob's tireless efforts.

Finally an apology ... I am sorry for thrice stopping at two goals in a match. Don't listen to my dad. He is incorrect in suggesting this was merely jug avoidance. High 5s all-round

Holly Barton (Captain)

Mens 5's

North West Div 7 (South East) -2nd – Promoted



Timperley Men's 5th team enjoyed a fabulous season and at times played hockey of exceptional quality. The club's new policy of feeding the best 13-year-olds into the sixes and fives paid instant dividends. From the team's talented 'keeper – Ben "the cat" Hurlestone – through to the likes of Ed Lord, Zack Bangee and Will McBride, the team's youngest recruits lifted the standard (and athleticism...) considerably. The team was also augmented by hyper-talented newbies to the club, former Gibraltar international Timur Asar and Mike "Welsh wizard" Thelwell.

A particular highlight was the 4-3 drubbing we handed out to Sandbach 2s, after falling two nil down within 20-minutes. As we reached the heady heights of third by the New Year, the fact we were joined by Robert Judd and the shy and retiring Phil Boyd was more than off-set by the return of former Men's 1's talisman Jon Mawby – who had received new knees for Christmas

The final leg of the season saw the talented team hit full stride. A succession of crushing victories were meted out including demolition of second placed Triton 2s. A sumptuous aerial delivered by Timur, plucked with poise out of the air by Will, who slapped it merrily passed their 'keeper, opened up the spectre of promotion.

As we entered the final game of the season, we knew that if we won and Triton 2s lost, then we would clinch it. In spite of our last performance not being our finest, we nailed the win and secured promotion.

Stephen Hallmark (Captain)

Men's 6's

North West Div. 7 (South East)–1st – Champions / Promoted



The highlights: Niall awesome runs, smashed shots through his legs while pirouetting to argue with umpires. Zac's terrifying speed, uprooted by agricultural players, bouncing up to skin them again. Parth's gradual want of the ball on the right of defence, Gary's long boundary bending that back with the subtlety of a 15-year-old.

Allun's first season as keeper defying his experience to keep many clean sheets. Mihir's silky skills, Williams McBride's pure determination in his best performance against Brooklands, JD's guiding experience when called upon. Dave (late) and Tom in central midfield, composure and engine mixed the perfect storm for all opposition. Hamish and Kai doing all the running for the fat man at the back. Simon and Col's crucial goals and steadying influence when we needed to close out the league. Anthony, Darren and Ian tirelessly up and down flanks shouted at to push on and return in equal measure. Goughie battling and winning, while scoring the goals, Will's end of season cameo (14 years old..brilliant).

Andy Ent for great hockey and steadying support for my inaugural season, Richards ability to umpire and play in 3 different places at once. Our resident vet making sure animals in Cheshire never fell poorly past 12pm on a Saturday....

We brought through the youth, I hope they enjoyed it and learnt a thing or two. A big thank you to the most amazing Ahmed, 7th team captain who managed to honour every fixture. We enjoyed it all immensely. Smiles on everyone's face. Did I mention we won the league. Champions... Truly great.

Rory Gibson (Captain)

Men's 7's North West Div. 7 (South East)

The '7s' was created this season to provide pitch time for our increasing pool of players. Although we struggled at the start to find 11 players—

sometimes borrowing from opposition—the club can be proud that we fulfilled our commitment to the league and appeared for every fixture.

The players entered the field with determination for every match, giving their best & displaying some fine skills of hockey. In certain games we had an upper hand in the first half, and in 40% of the games we lost by just 1 goal. The emphatic 5-1 win in the final game of the season was a true reflection of our persistence.

My gratitude to all the 46 fighters who gave their best to 7s. However, I would like to name those who formed the core, and appeared at more than 45% of the games: Malcolm Tucker, Darren Cooper, Andy Entwisle, George Evans-Murrie, Simon Frampton, Myles Harrison-Stirling, Alistair Hollows & Dave Orpet.

Also the budding talent of some Badgers, ready for senior hockey: Myles H-S, Will Evans, George E-M, Ben Hayward, Thomas Hodgson, Luke Salter, Nathan Williams. They are the future of the club!

I thank the club's management for full support, as well as captains of other teams (specially Steve & Rory), who helped in player availability. True teamwork.

7s look forward to next season, hoping for better results for the club. Go Blues!!



Ahmed Saeed (Captain)

Mixed

EH Tier 1 – sadly an earlyish exit this year but we'll be back !

Masters

Men's Over 30's

EH Summer Championships - Winners

Matt Horan leads the Men's Over 30's to silverware in their first dabble in the EH Summer Championships ! Well done to all involved – although still seems very young to be called Masters!

Ladies Over 35's

EH Cup – waiting to play QF

The Vets, dusting off sticks and oiling joints, begun their pursuit of silverware back in November. The O35s lining up to face a side from the IoM was a blend of experience and "youthful exuberance" with some newly appointed vets and a debutante in goal, Woody! The home side resolved to keep the goal mouth quiet and set about putting on a show with a free-flowing, high scoring game!!

Considering this was the side's first outing...what a prospect for the season ahead! Didsbury Northern provided a sterner test, a few teething problems, but the class shone through! The next fixture early in the new year saw local rivals Bowdon running scared, a bye saw the side advance to the quarter-finals. Cue season ending global pandemic. To be continued...

Leonnie Molloy (captain)

Ladies Over 45's EH Cup – waiting to play Semi Final !



The O45s not to be outdone by their slightly younger counterparts have had an equally strong season. Cruising through early rounds with a bye and an comfortable victory, they made the trip to Chester in January. The away side went behind to an early goal, this wasn't on the script!?! True to form and with class throughout the side, Storm Ciara (or one of the other storms we began the year with!) was throwing rain, gales and hail at the players...but they stuck to their task and started to claw it back! An early goal to even things up, before hail stopped play. Quick chance to regroup...and with the rainbow framing the attacking goal, out came the skills! Some excellent link ups and clinical finishing saw the O45s victorious over a historically tricky opponent. Lining up a semi-final with St Alban's Cue Covid19! March saw the premature end of the hockey season for 2020. A global pandemic clearly helping us all realign our priorities.

Lou Hutchinson (captain)

As lockdown begins to ease EH are making plans for these competitions to

be finalised. We are still unsure of exact details, but we are optimistic both competitions will be concluded early in September.

Womens Over 50's

EH Summer 7's – Bronze medal

A day trip to Nottingham, mastering the art of 7's and a set of great performances saw the Over 50's pick up 3rd place having only narrowly missed out on a place in the final.



Mens Over 50's

EH Cup- last 16

Having recruited three midfield 'youngsters', there was quite a lot of optimism for the season ahead of the first game, away to our perennial rivals, Formby HC. Although a 3-2 win sounds close, it wasn't. A fast – relatively speaking!! – and skilful Timperley team outclassed Formby throughout with their second goal coming in the last second of the game. Second round away at Belper was a breeze, a 6-1 victory.

Into the third round and Alderley Edge away, who after combining squads with Brooklands, suggested it would be a much harder match and for a while it was. But the longer it went on, Timperley's stronger midfield gained more control, gradually stretching away to a 4-0 win.

So to the last 16 and yet another road trip – this time to Stockton. Although the better team for large parts of the match, the home team were surprisingly resilient and Timperley's 1-0 lead never felt enough. Two scrappy late goals for Stockton condemned Timperley to one of those long 'how-did-we-lose-that?' journeys back down the A1M/M62. An unsatisfying end to what had seemed a very promising season.

Looking ahead to 20-21, a new supremo in Nigel Stanhope and three more new faces have joined Timperley, all having played at North regional level. Once again, reasons to be confident.... We just need some Hockey now.

Col Taylor (Captain)

Women's Club Captain Review

Jo Robinson

My first season as Ladies Club Captain has been an interesting one with lots of success to celebrate on the pitch but a lack of final celebration opportunity due to Covid-19! Huge thanks from me to all the captains and vice captains who have done an amazing job all season – your support and team work was fantastic and we couldn't have achieved so much without working together so collaboratively. We have some learns to take into next season but there is always room for improvement so that's no bad thing. I personally enjoyed my first season playing in the 5th team where the work we do to transition our academy players through to senior hockey is very apparent. It was a pleasure to be part of a team with young players I have coached since they joined the academy at a very young age and those of us with more experience (an understatement for sure!). Thanks to everyone at Timperley who work so hard to make hockey happen and particularly those who are working now relentlessly behind the scenes to make sure we come back next season in an even stronger position than we prematurely ended the last.

Academy Review

Beavers (mixed)

MANAGER: J.Lloyd-Williams, COACH: Helen Judd

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We have a large cohort of Beavers players so there was quite a rotation each Saturday to ensure as many as possible got pitch time. This meant we didn't have a particularly settled 'team' but it is credit to our young players that we won more games than we lost! However, Beavers hockey is about much more than winning. For some, it was their first experience of 11-a-side hockey, for others it was about taking a leadership role and using their experience to help the newer players or making the step up to Badgers. Two stand-out memories of the 2019-20 season. First an away win at Chester. Half term meant we travelled with a 'cobbled together' team, but each player contributed to a great team performance that the opposition just couldn't match. Second, another away fixture, this time at Bowdon, weather appalling, freezing cold,

driving rain. Our Beavers were thrashed, struggling to get the ball out of our own third for most of the game. But, despite what opposition and weather threw at us, most of the Timperley Beavers stayed for teas and enjoyed some post-match banter amongst themselves. It's that team spirit and enthusiasm that demonstrates we'll have an even better 2020-21 season.

Badgers and Blue Badgers (mixed)

MANAGERS: Adam Roberts, Jon Evans, COACHES: Andrew Foster, Ryan Guest, Dan Higgin

It was a season for transition as many of last years Badgers going up and playing senior hockey. With quite a young Badgers squad this year all players involved played with maturity beyond their years. There was a lot of fast exciting hockey on show and 90% of the time played with a smile on their faces.

Danny Higgins (Manager Badgers)

Proud. Of the club for being able to field two Badger teams (most clubs couldn't), but also to have done this every Saturday while other clubs couldn't even field one at times. Mostly though, I was proud of the Blue Badger Players. While Badgers is meant to be mixed, and our Blue Badgers' squad was about 50:50 female to male players, we faced mainly All Boy U15/16 teams. This meant far too many tough games with a lot of defending, but despite this and the initial scorelines, the players kept running for each other, and as the season progressed and the team started to gel, some lovely passing started, the attacking skills started getting a chance to appear, and finally goals and then some wins. Lastly, proud of the seven Blue Badgers that started the transition into senior hockey regularly representing the Mens/Ladies teams and making a real impact at this level.

The 51 players that played for the two Badgers' teams would not have been able to get the games they did without the support provided by the Coaches - Danny and Foz - so thanks guys for your efforts, to the parents/players that umpired for us, but also thanks to Louise, Pete, Martin, Michelle and Gary for your support collecting subs/lending a hand with match-day managerial tasks.

James Lloyd Williams (Manager Blue badgers)

Under 14s Boys **EH Tier 1 – Regional Finalists**

MANAGER: Jon Evans
COACH: Dan Higgins

Well done to the team this season. Again we made the brave choice to enter the T1 tournament and came up against some very tough competition. We didn't quite qualify for the regional finals, but the boys gave it everything. Thanks again to Dan Higgins for his tireless coaching and keeping the boys honest. Well done too, to those boys from this squad who have graduated to the Senior teams and are already making an impact in the Men's Teams.

Under 14s Girls **EH Tier 2**

MANAGER: Anna Guest
COACH: Helen Judd

This was going to be our season! A talented bunch of girls who dominated the round matches coached by Craig Burgess. Winning against local rivals, the girls were sitting top of the table when COVID hit. Although disappointing that we will never know what the competition would bring, one thing is for certain, the friendships forged in this team will last longer than one season. What a pleasure it's been! Thank you team!

Under 13s Girls A & B **GMJHL – 1st (A) & 5th (B)**

MANAGERS : W Van Tonder & D Codd
COACHES: C Burgess, Niall Scott

The Girls were extremely well represented this year. Their dedication and commitment saw us going into each weekend with two really strong sides in what is a very competitive league. Coached by the equally committed Craig Burgess and Niall Scott, the girls put in winning performances every time they turned up. Timperley B finished in a magnificent 5th place, having played fewer games than the teams above them.

Timperley A team took it to the wire and in the last weekend needed to win every game and at least draw with their closest rivals Bowdon A - of course, they did just that and came away with the title. The Timperley parents, having bravely fought off the icy claws of the Armitage Centre,

seriously couldn't be prouder of all our girls - amazing achievements for both teams.

Under 13s Boys **GMJHL – 2nd**

MANAGER: Jackie Heaven
COACH: David Riley

A great year for the U13 development team at the Armitage Centre! The boys came second in the league only 6 points behind the winners and 15 points ahead of third place! What a fantastic achievement! With such a large group of boys we tried to rotate players giving everyone an opportunity to play, hopefully they all enjoyed it and embraced the lovely weather the Armitage Centre gave us! It was clear to see from all the boys the development from the start of the season to the end, everybody became more confident, came together as a team and got a better understanding of match play with an opportunity to try various positions in the team - hopefully they enjoyed themselves. We were lucky once again to have 3 goalies who got the opportunity to play for other teams - sometimes even against their own team!! A huge thank you to all our young Umpires - we could not have done it without you!

Under 12s Boys **Cheshire Minis : semi final**

MANAGER: Jackie Heaven
COACH: Neil Hornby

Our Cheshire Cup U12 boys were ready to take on Cheshire's finest. They played brilliantly throughout the first round scoring and saving goals left right and centre. The boys played really well as a team and worked hard for their success and won all of their matches but one, they drew with Brooklands. This meant that they finished top of their group. Well done boys! Unfortunately the semi final against Alderley Edge didn't go their way and were knocked out - Alderley went on to win the tournament. The boys should be so proud of themselves and are all winners in our eyes!

Under 12s Girls **Cheshire Minis**

MANAGER: Vicky Simms
COACH: Anna Mawby, Niall Scott

At the end of the season came the Cheshire Cup (it's basically the Champions League final for girl's hockey) and we managed to field two teams.... The A team got to the semi-finals and just lost out to 1 goal by a

very strong team from Chester. The B team did really well considering for most of them it was their first competitive tournament.....It was never going to be easy coming up against some very strong teams, but they did us proud and what a great grounding for future years with this amazing group of talented girls.

We've missed all the girls and can't wait to get back as soon as safe to do so!

Under 11s Boys **GMJHL**

MANAGER: Katie Evans
COACH: Neil Hornby

Due to the number of teams the tournament was split into two leagues (competitive and development) and rightly or wrongly Timperley started out in higher league meaning we only played the other 4 strongest teams in the first three tournaments, notching up 5 draws and 10 losses. Despite this all the boys showed huge resilience and character - they were disheartened but still enjoyed playing and looking for areas to grow. In the last two tournaments, with team entries dropping, we got the opportunity to play some of the other teams and finally secured some wins which boosted morale as we closed the season. Thanks to Neil Hornby for his coaching, Katy Guest, Kai Simpson and Stephen Hallmark for umpiring, and Leila Williamson for being stand-in parent manager when I couldn't attend.

Under 11s Girls / Under 10 Girls **GMJHL – GMJHL 2nd & 7th**



U10 MANAGER: Vicky Simms,
COACH: Anna Mawby
U11 MANAGER: Vicky Simms,
COACH: Anna Mawby, Niall Scott

What a brilliant season! Obviously frustrating and abrupt end to the season due to covid-19, but the girls have performed staggeringly well and it's time to summarise just how well they have done...



We started the season with two competitions in mind: Greater Manchester Junior Hockey League (GMJHL) and the Cheshire Cup.

Under the expert guidance of our fabulous coaches Anna, Nat & Niall, the girls have been nurtured superbly well and this has shown throughout the GMJHL league.

We have welcomed some completely new girls to our teams and managed to put two teams together for the GMJHL and kept them within their age groups. The year 6 team performed superbly well and despite an abrupt ending to the season finished 2nd! (5 points clear of 3rd place and only Bowdon U11 ahead of them).

The year 5 girls did remarkably well. They finished 7th out of 14 teams, which is impressive when you consider they were performing against girls one year older, and at that age, that's a noticeable difference.....! They improved at each event and grew stronger collectively, which is very impressive if you consider some of them are completely new to hockey.

The stand out moment was seeing how the girls gelled as a team and became great friends along the way. This will make them a strong unit going forward.

Under 10s Boys

MANAGER: Katie Evans

COACH: Stephen Hallmark

Another successful year for the under 10 boys coached by Stephen Hallmark. With grit, determination and team work they won all their games in the group against Bowdon, Deeside and Neston keeping a clean sheet. Excited, they faced Brooklands in the semi finals. A nail biting 0-0 they boys had to play extra time.....finally GOAL! Timperley 1 – 0 Brooklands. The boys were in the final! This was it, no goals conceded the boys were against Chester in the final. A close battle between the teams ended in a very close match. The boys

played but Chester just had the edge on the day. A 1-0 defeat, but an amazing day! Thanks to Stephen and all the young umpires supporting the boys on the day.



REPRESENTATIVE HOCKEY

England Masters

David Hans (O40)

Col Taylor (O60)

Lou Hutchinson (O50)

Kiery Horne (O35)

Leonnice Molloy (O35)

Wales

Eluned (Lenni) Smith (O45)

John Donnelly (Grand Masters)

North Masters

Shelagh Everett

Sarah Impey

Jo Nicholson

Lou Hutchinson

Eluned Smith

Colin Taylor

Nigel Stanhope

Lancashire (Senior)

Léonnice Molloy

England Hockey Single System and other representative honours

The cancellation of all hockey due to Covid-19 meant many of our Academy players missed the opportunity to play in regional single system matches and Futures Cup was also cancelled. Well done to all players who were selected for JAC and Performance Centres. Good luck to all in the 2020-21 season.

Stay connected !

Make sure you keep up to date with all the action, news and updates over the summer by following us on social media, or the website.

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Blue Pitch Floodlights

This season we raised £6,000 from hockey members plus a £6,000

donation from the hockey section to help fund the new floodlights on the Blue Pitch. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

With the option to crank the lights up to 500LUX we can now play league matches later in the day and the introduction of Saturday Night Hockey has been a real success with great crowds, atmosphere, social crack and usually lots of goals too ! Gate donations and Janet's Cake sales made a real difference to the Floodlight Fund.



Huge thanks to all our floodlight donor's and we'll have the board up ready for the new season.

LOCKDOWN 2020

After such a significant global event and living through unprecedented times it would be amiss not to give this season's review a short postscript reflecting on the recent events.

At one level so much has had to be cancelled or lost, the final league games, North U10's Finals for the boys, EH Masters games (although they are scheduled), the Hockey Dinner and Awards, our four senior annual tournaments, our U10's tournaments, the next Hockey Heroes programme, the Academy end of season games and presentations planned walking hockey sessions, Masters Hockey and JAC / Single System games and of course summer league when we host 30 teams a week.

But we've also gained maybe a new insight to what hockey, our hockey family and the club means to many – it is more than just the hockey it's the people and what being part of community with a shared interest really means.

It also brought out the best in people – from our own NHS front line and key worker heroes who have worked tirelessly to help fight covid-19 and those affected and support our

communities at this most challenging of times. Thank you from THC.



TSC tribute to NHS and Key Workers

We've also seen some amazing creativity from across the clubs, with video's, tricks and skills shared and the Men's Marathon a Day in the Month of May runs that raised £2557 for NHS Together Charities. Along with other teams and groups players raised funds for Charity.

A special thanks to Albert and Mark who run twice weekly Bite Size Hockey Sessions online and for all the academy players who shared their video, tricks and skills they were great to see! Albert and Mark have also managed our Return to Hockey sessions to help get player back on the pitch.

Let's carry the positive spirit and feelings lockdown has shone a light on through to next season. Hockey will be back, it may not be quite the same to start but we will bounce back as a club and sport.



Skills Zones come to Timperley!

2019 – 2020 THC Committee #OneClub

Chair – Shelagh Everett

Vice Chair – Kieran Jeffery

Secretary – Rob Judd

Treasurer – Malcolm Tucker

Men's Club Captain – Col Taylor

Women's Club Captain – Jo Robinson

Academy Co-Ordinator – Nisha Sathi

Fund-raising Co-Ordinator – Jackie Lord

Other roles

- **Child Welfare Officer – Steph Ashworth**
- **Umpire Co-ordinator – Will Reynolds**
- **Umpire Developer – Nick Burnett**
- **Fixture Secretary – Kieran Jeffery**
- **Kit liaison – Sarah Williams**

Get involved in helping make hockey happen at THC in 2020 - 21 season and join our team of volunteers – get in touch if you fancy getting involved as

- **Academy coaches**
- **Umpiring**
- **Captains / Vice Captains**
- **Team managers (senior & academy teams)**
- **Communications**
- **Matchday Stewards**
- **Running events / socials**
- **Fundraising**
- **Young Leaders**

Thanks to all the businesses and individual supporters who have contributed financially to THC this season:

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Janet Wood's Cake Stall
and

all our Match Day and Player Sponsors



FAREWELL GREEN PITCH

The TSC Board made the decision in January 2020 that the Green Pitch was sadly after 14 years at the end of its playing life ! Thanks to everyone whose swept it, cleared water off it, held de-ice it this season – we kept the games on !

In less than 6 month we applied for grants, social investment finance and asked you our members to support raising money to fund the last £20,000 of this £240,000 project and you've responded in the most incredible way.

Thank you to everyone who has been buying 300 Club numbers, donate lots to the auction, had winning bids in the auction, has bought green pitch squares and items from our Pop Up fundraising shop. It's made a huge difference and we are nearly there so, if you've not round to supporting one of the ways of raising funds please do if you can. Everyone will benefit directly (playing or training on it) or indirectly(through the income the pitch brings into the club and helps run the club).

We are still the only 'club based' two pitch hockey club in the North West and once of only three in the North. Having our own pitches is key to our long term success and having access to them during lockdown has shown hopefully the importance of running a club than can run and invest in our own pitches.



Roll on the 2020-21 season!