



# SBHC Newsletter

## A new season, a new Birch Hill!

It's here! SBHC's first Newsletter of the 2018 / 2019 season, and there's plenty to talk about...

Birch Hill's pitch resurfacing is due at the end of October!

Following your feedback on the poor pitch condition at Birch Hill, the committee has been working tirelessly with Bracknell Town Council to replace the surface for you...and it's finally paid off!

We know that the experience off the pitch is just as important on it. Games will be spread evenly across our 2 sites, with same sex matches scheduled together to enable members to socialise more easily with those from other teams on a Saturday.

This is just one approach to managing the games across our 2 sites so feedback is welcomed!

### Your new Welfare Officer

We are delighted to announce **Jess Morgan** has been appointed as the Club's new Welfare Officer – a critical role in ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for juniors.

Jess takes over from **Matt Wakefield**.



A big thank you to Matt for his support in the role.

### Thank You from the committee...

The committee would like to thank all those members who attended the recent AGM.

We appreciated the support you showed the club and took on board all of your feedback.

We will continue to act on this feedback throughout the 2018/2019 season to make SBHC the best it can be!



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### England Hockey: Facemasks are a must!

We are proud to have so many beautiful members in our club and we have all seen the effects of a hockey ball in the face - ouch!

England Hockey recommends that facemasks are worn during penalty corners, and SBHC agrees it is important to keep us safe.

Players are responsible for purchasing their own facemasks and wearing them – SBHC cannot be held responsible if you are injured!

Buy a mask, stay beautiful. Simple.

### It pays to umpire...

Did you know that if you umpire 5 matches or more this season you save **£40** on your annual subs!

Umpire 10, you save **£80!**

If you are able to help please contact your captain or our umpire coordinator Graham Lee [iglee246@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:iglee246@hotmail.co.uk)



### Become a Buddy!

The future of the club is dependent on the development of our juniors and their transition into adult hockey.

We are looking for adult members to 'buddy up' with junior members to support them throughout the season. This could involve mentoring, helping with coaching, umpiring, organising games or even tournaments.

SBHC provides hockey for juniors from U8s to U16s on Sunday mornings at Wellington and are indebted to our dedicated team of volunteer coaches and parent helpers / team managers.

If you would like to be involved, contact Nigel at [juniors@southberkshirehockeyclub.org.uk](mailto:juniors@southberkshirehockeyclub.org.uk)

### Member of the month!

This month's unsung hero is Richard Wallace or "**Richie**", known for his signature one-handed dribbling skills.

Richie has done a great job captaining the Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> XI for 3 years, he organizes summer hockey at Bisham and regularly helps with umpiring – what a guy!



Richie has and continues to do a superb job supporting SBHC – a big thank you to Richie from SBHC!

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