

Vice President's Annual Report to WHSPAA AGM 2017

We have helped with the organisation and delivery of some 18 events and projects over the past year. At the beginning of each year we provide a list of events and projects and invite our clubs and organisations to participate. We then attend all events with a WHSPAA stall promoting all clubs and organisations that provide us with information, but frequently they decide to have a stall or activity themselves as well, or they use the WHSPAA stall to promote their interests.

Below is a list of most of these events since our last AGM, in May 2016. My heartfelt thanks to all our clubs and organisations who made them such a success.

WGC Healthfest, 21st May 2016 - a very enjoyable success



Lots of activities and stalls of Come-&-Try and information in the centre of Welwyn Garden City principally organised by WH BC. The list of stallholders and their websites is shown below.

Child UK's stadia and trampette provided lots of fun activities.

Thanks to everyone who attended and everyone who organised a very successful event!

More photos and video clips on Flickr link: <https://goo.gl/kLFtYq>



List of organisations present:

Age UK Hertfordshire www.ageuk.org.uk/hertfordshire/

Affinity Water www.affinitywater.co.uk

Awareness Mindfulness Meditation

<http://awarenessmindfulnessmeditation.co.uk>

BeeZee Bodies <http://beezeebodies.com>

Campus West Entertainment <http://cwentertainment.info/>

East & North Hertfordshire NHS Trust www.enherts-tr.nhs.uk

East & North Hertfordshire CCG www.enhertsccg.nhs.uk

Finesse Leisure www.finesseleisure.com

Fit4less www.f4l.com/hatfield

GKR Karate www.facebook.com/GKRkarateHatfield

Groundwork Hertfordshire www.groundwork-herts.org.uk

Healthwatch Hertfordshire www.healthwatchhertfordshire.co.uk

Herbalife Health Coach www.herbalife.co.uk/

Hertfordshire Health Walks <http://goo.gl/VAvruW>

Herts & Beds Chiropractic www.herts-beds-chiropractic.co.uk

Kinetic Cycles kineticcycles.co.uk

Mind in Mid Herts <https://mindinmidherts.org.uk>

Premier Sport & Performing Arts sport.premier-education.com

Public Health & Protection <http://goo.gl/W07SLI>

Purple Star <https://goo.gl/qExryx>

SFO Sports Centre www.sfosborn.herts.sch.uk/sportscentre

Spot The Signs, Save A Life www.enhertsccg.nhs.uk/news/201501/spot-signs-and-save-life

Talk-in-Herts Counselling Services CIC <https://talk-in-herts-counselling.co.uk>

University of Hertfordshire, Centre for Research in Primary & Community Care <http://goo.gl/JBHb5L>

Victim Support <https://goo.gl/6U84qD>
WGC Heritage Trust –Play Pit www.welwyngarden-heritage.org
WGC Library <https://goo.gl/pZXWua>
WelHatCycling www.welhatcycling.org.uk
WHSPAA www.welhatsports.org.uk
WH Youth Council www.welhat.gov.uk/youth-council
Wise Choice Solutions www.wcmarketingsolutions.com
Youth Connexions www.youthconnexions-hertfordshire.org

Woolmer Green Village Day – Amazing, 5TH June 2016

Woolmer Green Village Day was a great success - lots of stalls and activities outside, including pony rides - and inside..



Badminton in the village Hall

All ages enjoyed the badminton provided by local coaches and leaders from Welwyn Hatfield Community Badminton Network.

The event finished with the parents v children tug-of-war..

Great Fun at WG Fire Station, 11th June 2016

Coaches from Welwyn and Hatfield Volley Ball club, Spins Table Tennis and WH Community Badminton Network (WH CBN) provided lots of activities.



As part of 'This Girl Can' week WH CBN Provided a women's and girls' 1 minute hitting challenge. See all clubs in action on Youtube videoclip.



Casey, above right, from Hatfield was the winner of WH CBN women's and girls' 1 minute hitting challenge as part of 'This Girl Can' week. See more on WHSPAA Facebook.



Birchwood Leisure Centre at Birchwood Leisure Centre 11th June 2016

The field played host to stalls, e.g., for healthy walking, Child UK provided a variety of activities and WHSPAA club members manned the WHSPAA stall - with lots of visitors wanting information and taking leaflets. WH CBN coaches provided badminton taster sessions and a hitting challenge in the sports hall.

Welwyn 2K and 10K were a great success for all ages, 26th June 2017

The sun shone and hundreds of participants descended on Singlers Marsh on Sunday 26th June for either the 10k Run or 2k Fun Run.



The 2k had all ages and abilities - some needed a bit more help than others!

It was not too hot, but quite humid. After leaving the field the 10k runners faced the long gruelling Whitehill out of Welwyn.

Thanks to all the participants and the organisers, particularly Garden City Runners and Welwyn Parish Festival Committee.

More photos of the event are on [Flickr](#). And a [YouTube](#) clip.

The place WAS TRULY buzzing!!!!!! At Peartree Fun Day 9th July 2016

People had so much to do, inside and outside.



Face painting, drumming, fencing, badminton, Irish Dancing, stalls promoting your organisations and services, martial art, family games, various activities for all.

The WHSPAA stand had many people wanting information on our clubs and organisations.

Child UK provided a variety of sports in the stadia.

Fencing brought excitement inside Woodhall Hall: Gemma + Simon, Salle Hadalin Fencing Club.



The badminton 1 minute hitting challenge had racquet prizes for the winner and runner up. Thanks to coaches Nathan and Liam Scofield, Comets Junior Badminton Club and Ian Robinson (in Flickr photos), Hatfield Leisure Centre Badminton.

Ireneusz Zareba, provided an elegant I Liq Chuan demonstration.

There was zumba for children and parents and lots more... See more photos on Flickr.

Road to Rio for WH Primary schools, 15th July 2017

A simply massive event for 420 WH Year 5 primary school children from 14 schools took place at Gosling Sports Park on Friday 15th July. Some 20 different sports both inside and outside the stadium were tried with the help of school leaders and club volunteer coaches.

BMX World Champion Mike Mullen, and Welwyn Hatfield mayor, Pat Mabbott, provided inspiring speeches and Matt Rayner announced the start of the games to 420 primary school children.

Outside track and field, and rugby, football, lacrosse and BMX.



Inside Taikwondo, Badminton, Boxing, table tennis and indoor athletics.

The children took away leaflets of where they could continue the sports in our clubs.

Thanks to WHBC for sponsorship and to principal organiser, Rhian Walsh, WH School Sports Partnership teachers and leaders, Gosling Sports Park Management, and volunteer coaches from the many clubs involved the event was a great success. See 194 more photos on

Flickr: <https://goo.gl/BhPnTu>



Thousands Came and enjoyed Northaw and Cuffley Village Day 3rd September 2017

Gill Bartlett, Comets Junior Badminton Club, on the WHSPAA-HSP stall helped visitors find a club (from the 160 on the WHSPAA website) or an activity (e.g., that our sports facilities provide).

Davina Gutteridge, Health and Wellness coach, here with Gill was very interested in everything WHSPAA does.

Davina provided a Zumba session later in the day.



Child UK coaches provided a continual stream of different activities for all ages, including football, dodegball, volleyball and here, Ultimate frisbee.

The climbing wall was popular with those with a head for heights.

See more photos from the event on Flickr: <https://goo.gl/9ZfPdx> a videoclip on YouTube and

a list of all stalls is available on the website. Thanks to everyone who came, all stall-holders and organisers, particularly principle organiser, Sally Pollitt, who made the day such a success.

Hatfield Healthfest 24th September 2016

This sunny Saturday event in White Lion Square had 27 stalls and lots of activities provided in a relaxed environment where the public could speak with local specialists and have a go at the ever changing activities.



Child UK provided activities and Purple star danced and sang.



WHSPAA stall provided activity advice and WHBC stall promoted women and girls' activities.

See all photos on [Flickr](#). Youtube clip: <https://youtu.be/xv1HMHBidyQ> and list of stalls and their contacts via this [link](#).



Waitrose Community Matters Donated to WHSPAA's Projects
WHSPAA were very pleasantly surprised to receive a cheque from Waitrose Community Matters scheme of £428 towards WHSPAA projects.

WHSPAA Vice president Dave Bartlett received the cheque from Gill in Waitrose Customer Services, WGC,

Dave said the money will be put to good causes supporting sport and physical activity in the borough and thanked everyone who voted in the store for WHSPAA.

Badminton Olympians visit local schools and give demonstration matches with squads and clubs, 16th December 2016



The day's event included the Badminton Bronze Olympic Medalists Marcus Ellis and Chris Langridge to Stanborough School (photo by Mike Piggford) and St John's Lemsford (below), which as keen badminton players they were very excited about.

The Sun Shone on the Launch of the Simply Amazing WG Launch 2017 at Sir Frederic Osborn school 3rd April by Child UK and partners



Sports enjoyed by the many participants included Football, Speed Cage, Dodgeball, Dance, Combat and Badminton. Click [here](#) to see the current timetable of SAWH events this season.

The 36 stalls and several demonstrations drew large crowds to the fun at WG Healthfest, 13 May 2017



WHSPAA Treasurer, Doug King, on WHSPAA stall

A wide variety of stalls and activities



Football



Zumba

A list and websites of all stallholders is on our website. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Record Crowds Turn up for Woolmer Green Village Day, 4th June

The sun shone and there were lots of stalls and activities for all ages. Outside there were lots of activities including zumba on the grass.



Inside badminton by Woolmer Green SmashUp club lead by Activator Paul Woodley, table tennis with David Grant and WHSPAA stall promoting all 180 WHSPAA sports with Dave & Gill Bartlett.

WHSPAA at WG Fire Station Open Day Promotes 'This Girl Can'

The Fire Station hosted record crowds at their sunny Open Day, Saturday 10th June. There were many activities for all ages. WHSPAA with partners Child UK and WG Community Badminton Network (WHCBN) provided table tennis, ball-bounce and badminton.

WHSPAA and WHCBN promoted sport for women and girls in the 'This Girl Can' programme with a hitting challenge with prizes.



U12 winner
Megan
Comerford

18+ winner
Lottie
Prescott
with 68 hits
in a
minute!

Herts 'This Girl Can' programme 3-11th June was coordinated by [Herts Sports Partnership](#). The number of women and girls participating in hitting challenges is shown in the table below.

Organisation	Activity	Number of Participants	Number of new participants
WHSPAA and WH CBN	Badminton	30	29
WHSPAA and Child UK	Table tennis	20	18
Total		50	47

Sport Inspired Day for Five Hatfield Primary Schools at Herts Sports Village, 13th June

Two hundred and sixteen year four pupils from five Hatfield primary schools had a fun tournament at Hertfordshire Sports Village on Tuesday 13th June. The schools taking part were: Birchwood Avenue, Green Lanes, Howe Dell, Oak View, and St Mary's Welham Green.



The sports that the 24 teams played were: badminton, provided by WH Community Badminton Network clubs; dance by Living the Dream; football by Harvesters Football club and Onslow Sports Academy; and tennis by Gosling Tennis. The children also took part in Road Safety and Healthy Eating sessions.

The event was sponsored and managed by the national charitable trust, SportInspired, with local sponsors The Galleria and Ocado. It was clear that all the children had a great time. Kat Hodge, Senior Games Manager at SportInspired was very pleased at how the event went and said it would not have been possible without the well-mannered and very enthusiastic children, the help of the sponsors, the teachers, the sports coaches, Onslow St Audrey school leaders, 54 volunteers from Ocado and The Galleria.

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The trophies were presented by senior SportInspired, Ocado and Galleria staff with the help of WH mayor Lynne Sparks.

Funding for the event also provides the opportunity for schools to have after school sessions of the sport of their choice from the participating organisations: lead contacts are: Badminton at Hatfield Leisure Centre, [Ian Robinson](#); Dance, [Zoe Jackson](#); Gosling Tennis, [Phil Martin](#); Football, see www.harvestersfc.co.uk.

Northaw and Cuffley Village Day 8 July 2017

There were lots of things to do and see on this sunny Village Day.



Northaw and Cuffley Tennis club provided taster sessions for all ages.

Kumiko (previously from Child UK) managed the WHSPAA stall providing information on our 180 WHSPAA clubs and sports organisations



Thanks to all sports clubs and organisations and particularly organiser, Sally Pollitt, for making the day such a success.

There are lots more photos on [Flickr](#).

Primary Schools' 'Gold Coast Games' at Gosling Sports Park, 14th July 2017

420 Year 5 children from 18 Welwyn Hatfield primary schools had fun with some 16 sports all day at Gosling Sports Park.



Mayor, Councillor Lynne Sparks, launched the event and each school represented a country in the Gold Coast Games.

14 local sports clubs provided coaches to oversee the school leaders who did a great job ensuring the children learnt good skills and generally had fun.

At the end awards were given and each child had a leaflet on the local clubs where they could continue in these sports, click here for a copy: [Sports Clubs Leaflet for Gold Coast Games](#).

Thanks to the WH School Sports Partnership for organising the event, the teachers, school leaders, club coaches and the many helpers.

Photos will appear on Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council website: www.welhat.gov.uk.

Peartree Fun Day - Was Great Fun! 15th July



The sun shone and people of all ages had a great time with lots of stalls, including WHSPAA, and activities.

Deputy mayor councillor Barbara Fitzsimon opened the event. Organiser, Michal Siewniak wrote:

“Our huge efforts paid off! Our annual Peartree Fun Day was a huge success. Even though the weather wasn't great at times, our annual event was attended by 350-400 people. There was a real 'buzz' around the place. Our efforts paid off!!!! The outside area was busy, there were plenty of stalls and activities. Rain didn't stop us from having fun!



The Peartree Fun Day always brings the local community together, helps to raise the profile of the area, provides with many networking opportunities but most importantly, puts a lot of smiles on so many faces!

Our Fun Day would have not happened without a help and financial support from the Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council and local county cllr, Nigel Quinton. Monies raised will support our local charity, Resolve.”

Conclusion

This year has seen us involved in all of the above projects and events and a few others, for example, the preparations for WGC Centenary 2020 celebrations (which we hope WGC clubs and organisations will be involved with in due course). The added value we have brought to the community has not been calculated for all of these events, but for the short period between 3rd March and 12th June the amount of time delivered was in excess of 100 hours. The cost to WHSPAA was minimal (less than £100). This emphasises the effectiveness of WHSPAA networking.

I would like to thank all our clubs and organisations without whom none of this would have been possible.

David Bartlett
Vice President WHSPAA