



Chairperson's 2024/25 Season Report

Writing this report feels strange as it feels like the season only just began; where has this season gone?! I have always been told that time fly's when you're having fun. We are a small club who continues to grow and develop and stay with the times. This season has been our first season playing on our new pitch and we have had some amazingly positive feedback. We are not a big club but we are a hockey family, we hold our own against other clubs who may be bigger and have larger facilities but they do not have the spirit and mindset of our club. We are a supportive club with a nurturing environment for all abilities and ages. This is what makes Crowborough Hockey Club so special. As a committee we will continue to grow our facilities but we must all remember it is not about what we own as a club and it is about who we are as a club. We must continue to show everyone our values we uphold, as this attracts new members and maintains the ones we have. From my own perspective, Crowborough Hockey Club has always been a friendly, inviting club, where long-lasting friendships are made. Its been great watching some of these friendships form throughout the years of my time at CHC and seeing a few of these players this season returning to Crowborough Hockey Club. A pivotal moment this season was our pitch opening day. Where past and present

players from all over came back to Crowborough to celebrate the new pitch. It was great to see past players walk back to the pitch like they only just played there last game for Crowborough Hockey Club last month. This really demonstrates the values this club upholds. This season our Men's 1s and Women's 4's team have been promoted, well done to both teams for their hard work and commitment throughout the season. It is has also given me great pride that we were shortlisted for 'emerging club of the year' at the England Hockey Awards. Although we didn't win to just be shortlisted above other clubs across the country is a true honour to the club. This season we also gained a grant from the local council for new kit and equipment which we plan to spend on new umpire radios and goalie kit. Next year we aim to continue to grow our facilities and working relationships with the community, develop our junior players while continue to support our older players. I look forward to this time next year reflecting on the progress this club has achieved and being as proud as I am now to be part of this Club. Finally I would like to say a massive thanks to all those of you within the club, both club committee members, umpires and parents who work tirelessly to

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organise and run the fixtures, teams, kits, teas, training, umpiring and all the bits and pieces that without which, the club wouldn't be able to run.

Dani Newitt
Chairperson

Team Reports

2024/25 Season



WOMEN'S 1'S

CAPTAIN - SAM WILLIAMS
PLAYER OF THE SEASON -
TILLY RYDER-RICHARDSON



Our Women's 1's after a challenging season have managed to resecure their position in Martlet Division 1. They have had over 20 different people play for them this season including talented youngsters Jess Jolley, Grace Mercer and Hannah Walker, they also have had Tilly Ryder-Richardson and Alice Webb play who are now moving on from the club and leaving for university in September. Emma Christmas was welcomed back from university and featured across 1's and 2's this season and Millie Rymer-Gough who has been formidable in defense rejoined the club as well. Alongside Millie in defence they had the experienced Goalkeeper Sandra Hepple who has saved many penalty flicks this season and defenders Clare Bennett, Kati Innes and Dani Newitt who have all nurtured and supported the youngsters this season to create a well balanced fun and competitive team. Captain Sam Williams has brought a

positive energy to the team and makes a big impact on the game, constantly battling for the ball. She states "A common theme this season has been passion" which just shows how much this team love representing our club and are proud to wear orange. Notable performances this season were from Nicki Churchward for her awesome play in midfield and from Vice-Captain Amanda Catling for not missing a single game and always being in the right place at the right time. Sam Williams, Lucy Smith and Charlotte Richardson have never stopped running and have provided a strong backbone to the team this year alongside Sharron McGinely who has played in any and all positions and never complained. Their top goalscorers was Kate Baxter with some quality solo goals including tomahawks, she has also managed to hit the bar on many occasions. Her final tally was 14 goals and the teams total was 38 goals and 5 clean sheets.



MEN'S 1'S

CAPTAIN - MIKEY ORCHARD
PLAYER OF THE SEASON -
HARRY HOOK

The Men's 1's have had an amazing season with a completely new squad bar a few players. After being demoted last season their main goal was to achieve promotion back into Martlet Division 1, and they only went and did it! They started the season with a 9 match run of wins and draws which really gave the team the confidence they needed to get promotion. With the wealth of experience that players such as Captain Mikey Orchard and Hamish Marr hold they have really inspired the team to pull together and be the best they can meaning they have played some excellent hockey. Defender Harry Hook was voted by the team as Men's 1's Player of the season for his admirable display in defense, he has shown great skill and is a big presence in the team. Another big presence in the team is Greg Surridge who has been welcomed back with open arms this season, he gives the team an even stronger midfield as he is someone who can push the ball out wide to find the wingers allowing them opportunities on goal. This group of players is described

by many as the "dream team" and has done wonders for their morale meaning they only lost 3 games this season. Men's overall highest goal scorer was a close competition however ended up going to Olly Yeoman after an incredible display of 15 goals over the course of the season. In 2nd place for Men's 1's highest goalscorer was Sam Chick on 12 goals which is closely followed by Hamish Marr and James Partridge on 10 goals each in joint 3rd place. The team ended up placing 2nd in the league after leaving it to one of the last games of the season to secure promotion. It was a nail biting, narrow 1:0 victory over Brighton with a legendary drag flick short corner goal from Freddie Knott which sealed the deal for the Crows. Overall an impressive total of 79 goals were scored and 6 clean sheets were kept. As a club we cannot wait to see how the boys do once back in the league they are meant to be in.





The Women's 2's have had a really strong season showing real promise for the future. They have nurtured and helped to develop many young players. Some weeks they even had 10 under 18's on their team sheet! They welcomed a few players from our women's 3rd team such as Meg Shaw, Jess Ikeson and Sophia Dennett and they also gained from outside the club the skillful Caroline Cardozo who fitted in perfectly with the team. They also benefited from the

quick, young legs of the newly formed Women's 4's including Tabbi Cater, Poppy Cureton, Daisy Howels and GK Tilly Singleton really boosted the team's ability and the game play moved up to the next level. The few more experienced players on their team including Captain Josie Mitchell, Claire North, Vicky Dennett and Michelle Hulse have provided stability and a strong core to the constantly changing team around them. Whilst promotion

wasn't gained this season it is definitely a possibility in the upcoming seasons. As a whole the team had a great dynamic and played beautifully together scoring a total of 57 goals with Captain Josie Mitchell being their top goal scorer with 16 goals, despite suffering an injury late on in the season. Everyone at the club wishes her well in her recovery and cannot wait to see her back in action next season.

WOMEN'S 2'S

CAPTAIN - JOSIE MITCHELL
PLAYER OF THE SEASON -
SOPHIA DENNETT





MEN'S 2'S

**CAPTAIN - IAN EASTON
PLAYER OF THE SEASON -
JETHRO HOOK**

The Men's 2's have been a force to be reckoned with this season, they have kindly welcomed a handful of young players from the Men's 3's to play at a higher level and have supported them to develop into some incredible players. With new leadership from Club Legend Ian Easton they managed to place comfortably mid table in Martlets Division 3. They started out the season well with a 2:1 win versus Hailsham but soon went into a quiet patch of 5 games without a win before beating East Grinstead at the end of November in a close 3:2 victory. After a long Christmas break the boys started as they meant to go with a 4:1 win over promotion seeking Horsham which was described by the team as one of the highlights of the season. The rest of the season consisted of wins, losses and draws but each game was played in good spirits and showed promise for this team's future. The Men's 2nd overall highest goal scorer this season went to James Lee, he has

been a great addition to this team and scored a total of 14 goals. Not far behind for the Men's 2's was Captain Ian Easton with 10 goals and short corner extraordinaire Darren Pulman with 7 goals. In total the team scored 46 goals this season and had 1 clean sheet. Player of the season which was voted for by his peers went to Jethro Hook. He is such a positive presence on the pitch and is always creating opportunities for the forwards by passing the ball with confidence and skill. Unfortunately the team are losing a very important member of the team this season Will Sermon to university, he is such a great young talent and is just insane at wingback. We are also losing Phil Newington who is hanging up his hockey stick after 40 years. Both of them will be sorely missed and are welcome back anytime! Despite these big losses of players there is such great promise developing through the men's section and we can't wait to see what the Men's 2's have in store next season.



WOMEN'S 3'S

CAPTAIN - SARAH MERCER
PLAYER OF THE SEASON -
BETHANY BURNS



The Women's 3's have continued to develop this season. The existing players welcomed some players who were returning to hockey this season and some just starting now. These newcomers Charlie Owen, Holly Sharp and Amber Halstead have brought such a positivity to the team and a strength to the team. Some great friendships have been created and this team has created a fun and friendly environment which nurtures young girls into adult hockey. The team have had some incredible performances against some of the top teams in the league including a 1:1 draw against top of the league, this shows what this team can do. There have also been some frustrating games but the team has regrouped and always played with beaming smiles. Captain Sarah Mercer has worked hard all season to create a wonderful team with such a great dynamic and the club are so excited to have her again as Captain next season. They have given some of the girls development their first taste in adult hockey including Bethany Burns who was the team's top goalscorer and Amelia Turner who is becoming such a confident player. Next season the team looks forward to focusing on improving fitness and their set play to ensure they keep consistency across the season.





MEN'S 3'S

**CAPTAIN - STUART SMITH
PLAYER OF THE SEASON -
JUDE FULLER**

New players have joined this season being new to the sport and some boy's development have moved up into men's hockey for the first time. Alongside them are some more experienced players such as Matt Burns, Justin Singleton and Graham Clampin, they bring skill and leadership alongside new Captain Stuart Smith. He has brought passion and drive to the team and they have benefited from his direction and voice on the pitch. Although they started out a bit rocky with a few large scorelines against them this was because the team looked different from last season. From then on every game they just kept getting better and this meant players

like Ted Fulham got chances in Men's 2's as they proved they could take on higher level of hockey. The team supported this and knew it was imperative to encourage players to move up within the club at the right time. This has really contributed to the development of the young players in the men's side of the club. Each game they gelled together more and more due to the strong core to the side and soon were getting some great results. Wins, losses and draws were all part of there season but every player gave their all and enjoyed being part of the team which is the focus of the 3's team. It is an accessible side for all types of players in the club.





CAPTAIN - FIONA VON-HINTEN
PLAYER OF THE SEASON -
MEG JOHNSON



WOMEN'S 4'S

The Women's 4's have had an absolutely incredible first season ending in 2nd place in Martlet Division 4 gaining promotion for next season. The ladies fitted in perfectly into the step up to adult hockey and where lead by Captain Fiona von-Hinten. Herself, Meg Bissett and Caroline Webb provided a lovey environment for the girls to develop while not feeling to overwhelmed by the step up in ability from girl's development. In total the team scored 55 goals and got 9 clean

sheets. 22 out of the 55 goals where scored by Fiona von-Hinten and she was this seasons Women's section top goal scorer. Player of the season for the Women's 4's went to Meg Johnson for her noticable performaces all season, she plays anywhere she is asked to and is calm ans collected on the ball. She is a big asset to the team and is a really great player who will get even better the more time she plays at a higher level. Players such as Flo Fuller, Poppy Cureton and Tabbi Cater

have been given opportunities in the Women's 2's this season as well, they have coped at the higher level with ease and have played some beautiful hockey. All the girls should be very proud of the achievement of promotion and of there overall improvement over the season. The team have coped with the change from girl's to women's hockey very well and it is going to be an exciting few seasons for the ladies section as these talented girls move up through the teams.



BOY'S DEVELOPMENT



**COACH - FRASER MILNE
PLAYER OF THE SEASON -
HENRY STUBBINGS
MOST IMPROVED -
WILL RENDALL**

This season has been a transitional one for Boy's development with a number of players joining the squad to play their first 11-a-side games. This was reflected in our league position which didn't reflect how competitive the new group were in the majority of games. The group demonstrated significant improvement over the course of the season making big strides in their positional knowledge and discipline as well as their decision making. With this their hockey skills also advanced, their confidence in themselves and each other grew which was great to see. Despite most results going against them the boys remained positive and supported each other throughout the season setting a great example for our club.



GIRL'S DEVELOPMENT

COACH - FIONA VON-HINTEN

PLAYER OF THE SEASON -

OLIVIA SPRINGER

MOST IMPROVED -

HANNAH BECKETT



Girls development had a strong season this year and ended up finishing mid table which is a great achievement. They have welcomed 8 new players to the squad and they all have fitted in really well. The team have held their own against much bigger players and clubs getting some great results. For example the last game of the season the team beat Lewes 5:1 with an incredible hat trick from Matilda Whitney. Across the Girl's development and Women's 4's there are 36 girls aged 11-15 playing hockey each week and that is thanks to Fiona von-Hinten. The Girl's have done the club proud this season and we cannot wait to see how they do next season with some of them hopefully getting opportunities in adult hockey.

MIXED

CAPTAIN - VICKY DENNETT



With the drive from Vicky, Crowborough have fielded the first mixed team in years this season. Each month they played a team in a Sunday league, it was lots of fun and it brought the men's and women's section closer together. They came second in the league overall with only 1 loss and came home with 3rd place medals at the finals tournament day. Vicky has arranged lots of fun hockey for this side over the summer.





The Pitch Opening

What a day our official pitch opening of our and Beacon Academy's newly relayed astroturf. The spirit of our club is honestly amazing.

Thank you everyone for your donations and support to get the day up and running and so much fun.

A big thank you to. Calum Giles for opening the pitch and even making his Crowborough Hockey Club debut!

Thank you to the past and present players who came along to play as well. It was like you never stepped off the hockey pitch! We hope you all know you are welcome back anytime and we hope to see you all back up at the pitch again soon.

It was such a successful day and was such a great community event to bring the past and present together, uniting the club together with people throughout all of our history

New committee

Club President - Hilary Brown
 Club Captain - Lucy Smith
 Chairperson - Dani Newitt
 Club Secretary - **VACANT**
 Club Treasurer - Keren Loder
 Men's 1's Captain - Harry Hook
 Women's 1's Captain - Sam Williams
 Training, Welfare, Growth and Development Officer - Justin Singleton
 Fixtures Secretary - Amanda Catling
 Umpire Secretary - Amanda Catling
 Safeguarding Officer - Justin Singleton
 PR Officer - Vicky Dennett
 Sponsorship Officer - Sam Chick
 Social Secretary - Kate Baxter
 Membership Officer - Josie Mitchell
 Digital Officer - Bethany Catling

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered this season and welcome to the committee Harry Hook and Josie Mitchell.

Also big thank yous to Caroline Webb, Charlotte Richardson, Hamish Marr and Mike Orchard for your help over the past few seasons.

Award Winners

Club Person of the year - Amanda Catling
 Loyalty Cup - Nicki Churchward
 Non-Player Award - Brett Parish
 Umpire of the year - Bethy Catling
 Highest playing girl - Grace Mercer
 Highest playing boy - Freddie Lee
 Women's fair play - Michelle Hulse
 Men's fair play - Stuart Smith
 Girls Dev - Olivia Springer
 Most improved girl - Hannah Beckett
 Boys Dev - Henry Stubbings
 Most improved boy - Will Rendall
 Captain of the year - Josie Mitchell
 Women's 1's - Tilly Ryder-Richardson
 Women's 2's - Sophia Dennett
 Women's 3's - Bethany Burns
 Women's 4's - Meg Johnson
 Men's 1's - Harry Hook
 Men's 2's - Jethro Hook
 Men's 3's - Jude Fuller
 Team of year - Women's 4's
 Most improved women - Jess Ikeson
 Most improved man - Ethan Blake

Well done everyone who won awards at the 2025 Dinner Dance!!!

NEWS BULLETIN

AGM Summary

Starting in September Subs will be increased:

- Senior Women and Men - £32 per month.
- Student Women and Men - £27 per month.
- Under 16 Girl's and Boy's - 22 per month.
- Under 12 Girl's and Boy's - £5 per session or £15 per month.

Standing orders are to be continued ALL year round. Any issues please contact a committee member.

Please be responsible on Beacon Site. Remember it is a no drinking, no smoking/vaping and no dog site. Please respect this and leave it the way you found it.

Crowborough
Hockey Club

Vacant Committee ROLE

Club Secretary

DETAILS:

A club secretary is the organisational backbone, handling communication, managing records, and ensuring a smooth operation.



Send a message to Dani at 07771 805610 or an email to crowboroughhockey@gmail.com



**CROWBOROUGH
HOCKEY CLUB**



OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

**WOMEN'S - 10AM-11:30AM
DEVELOPMENT - 11:30AM-1PM
(AGED 11-16 GIRLS AND BOYS)
MEN'S - 1PM-2:30PM**

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**DON'T FORGET THAT THERE IS
A VACANT ROLE ON COMMITTEE. IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW THEN
USE THE CONTACT INFORMATION ABOVE TO
FIND OUT SOME MORE DETAILS.**

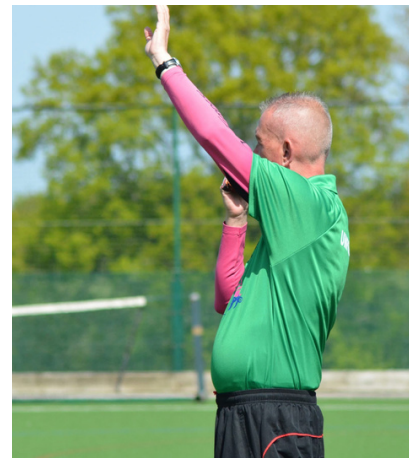
Captains

Captains for Adult Teams and Coaches
for Development Teams for the 2025/26
Season:

- Women's 1's - Sam Williams
- Men's 1's - Harry Hook
- Women's 2's - Josie Mitchell
- Men's 2's - Ian Easton
- Women's 3's - Fiona von-Hinten
- Men's 3's - Stuart Smith
- Women's 4's - Sarah Mercer
- Boy's Development - Fraser Milne
- Girl's Development - **VACANT**

For next season we have a new captain,
Harry Hook for Men's 1's. This is very
exciting for the club as he has played
for CHC for years and loves the club like
no other. Thank you to Mikey Orchard
who Captained the team last season.
We wish the captains well in the
coming season and can't wait to see
how well they can do with their teams.

Volunteer Appreciation



THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS SEASON. THERE ARE WAY MORE THAN THE PEOPLE PHOTOGRAPHED HERE AND TO MANY TO LIST BUT ON BEHLAF OF THE CLUB THANK YOU. WE COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU. SEE YOU ALL NEXT SEASON.
