

WNNL

Finally, a full year of netball here in the west.

We did not pick up where we left off, I am sure that is the case with other leagues too, but we have been competitive and it has been enjoyed by all.

In September we had eight teams and we played each other twice across the winter season. For the summer, we now have 10 teams and thanks to Andrea currently running Back to Netball at our venue, we may have more teams for next season. Just 2 more would allow us to have 2 divisions.

It was a relief to drop the covid restrictions and most of the protocols. We have had a few isolated cases but thankfully nothing transmitted through netball.

The usual problems still apply, getting enough umpires for one and as per usual, we all have to thank Jo Walton for steering us through the mire of umpiring fixtures.

Umpiring has had other challenges this year as the lines of the courts still have not been satisfactorily re-painted. Indeed with school use and that of the league, the situation is worsening. Credit has to be paid to the umpires and the players for having to guess whether there has been an infringement or not! However, we are led to believe the repainting will be carried out in August. Fingers crossed!

We are holding our own AGM next week. All members of the Committee are willing to stand again - which is reassuring as there have been no nominations from the players to offer themselves for any roles. We do have a Teams' Representative and as nothing has been fed back, we can only assume that everyone is happy with everything! It would be nice to have some fresh views and ideas. As I always point out, we are only the custodians of their league and via the AGM Pack that is sent out, we give every opportunity for all players to play an active role in both the meeting itself and the league. Watch this space.