



6. Chairperson's closing statement

When considering my closing statement for this AGM I looked back at last year's, much of which remains the same. So, thank you for voting me to remain as the Club's Chairperson, it's a real honour to take on the role and be part of a brilliant team with Paul, TJ and the new addition of Trevor, with the support of Adrian.

I'd like to thank Martin for his involvement as Club Secretary over the last couple of seasons. Martin has been a valued member of the Executive Management Committee and has provided valued input into the management of the club, respectfully challenging decisions to achieve the best for the club's members. Thank you Martin.

Over the next season we will continue to work to achieve more growth within the club at junior and senior level. We hope to work with the Council, Ashdown and the local schools for more pitch time. We want this next season to be as good if not better and we all need to be pulling together to enable this. There are a few small things you can all do to help:

- Update Teamo with your availability a week in advance of matches.
- Pay your membership and match fees on time (anyone with outstanding debts from 2023/24 will not be invited to play any match, including summer league, until these are cleared. If this applies to you, please do speak to us so we can sort a plan together).
- Join your team for teas after matches, this is an important part of being part of the team.
- Attend coaching on a regular basis.
- Get involved and help the club where you can.
- Help promote and celebrate the club.
- Get social and join in with club and team events.
- Use [the EasyFundraising app](#) when you are buying online, the club receives a financial contribution.

Please remember this is your club and as a member of the club you can have just as much influence on the running of as anyone. So please, if you feel something is / isn't working then please do tell us and let us know if you have an idea for improvements.

Thank you to everyone who completed the annual senior coaching survey. We do this so we can measure where we are and see how we can improve so please do submit a response when asked.

Looking forward there are a few areas we hope to progress in over the next season:

- Actioning the [recommendations from season 2023/24 \(outlined above\)](#).
- Input from England Hockey to update and introduce new coaching ideas.
- Broaden the variety of hockey we offer e.g. walking hockey sessions.
- Increase junior numbers, more work in schools.
- More social events.
- Reaccreditation of our ClubMark.
- Umpire development.
- Increase number of advanced coaches (UKCC Hockey Coach Course, old level 2 equivalent).
- Improving our relationship with the Canford Heath community to strengthen and broaden our reach.

Going forward we need more help and input from our members so we will be asking you to get involved, starting with, we need as many as you can on the 13th October to help us marshal at Run Bournemouth. This is an excellent opportunity as we receive approx. £1,000 for our help which will be put back into the club to help keep membership and match fees as low as possible. Please do help, the more people involved the less demand on everyone, even if you're only able to offer an hour – this would be hugely welcomed!

The club is only as good as you make it so, please do get involved.