

Treasurer Report – 2025/26 season – Charlotte Maxfield

Closing cash for the year has returned to more typical levels at £33,675. The accruals balance has also reduced, although there were again some late supplier invoices relating to court fees. Bursary expenditure for National Finals also increased this year, reflecting both rising costs and the attendance of four county teams at National Finals (compared to two previously).

As in prior years, there remains some timing mismatch between the season and the financial year, as they are not coterminous for the 2025/26 season. For example, all academy income is invoiced upfront, while the PDP programme runs through to May 2026. In addition, £4.8k of income relating to summer BJNL and the 2026/27 BJNL season was received in advance. Debtors at year end primarily represent outstanding academy athlete payments.

A total of 16 bursaries were awarded during the year. We continue to see increased demand for both coaching and athlete support, with bursaries paid upon receipt of completion certificates. As part of our commitment to reinvest in the community, applications are actively encouraged. For National Schools, financial support was also offered to state schools to increase accessibility and participation.

The PDP programme finished the year at a profit; however, it should be noted that activity continues through to May, including ongoing training and county play days.

BJNL reports a deficit for the year. This largely reflects income received in advance in the prior year, alongside our continued focus of subsidising grassroots netball. The previous year generated a small surplus of £3k, which has since been reinvested and was also reflected by the early fees received for the current years. Costs, particularly venue hire, have increased, although league entry fees have not been raised proportionately. During the year, we also invested in a paid League Republic membership, which has supported the smoother administration of competitions in the county.

Fee summaries for the 2026/27 BJNL season have already been issued. Thank you for the prompt payment of fees to date; the majority have been received. Any outstanding balances will be followed up ahead of the 30 September deadline by Kate.

We have agreed to waive the Berkshire membership fee again for 26/27 season and you should see this reflected in Engage, however please still ensure you affiliate with Berkshire on Engage. We do need to re-approve this at the AGM.

There were no issues with the 24/25 audit and accounts were approved. Propose to have the records audited again by Woodways for 25/26 season, to be agreed at AGM.