

HOCKEY WALES ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019



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CHAIRS MESSAGE



Fellow Hockey Lovers

Hockey in Wales has had an incredible year. Whilst it seems such a long time ago already that our senior players showed our ambition with a bout of fantastic performances on the Gold Coast. The progress of our performance squads leading up to, during and following the Commonwealth games has been great so see. Our results and performances have improved, and other federations are taking notice of our progress.

As always, this progress is only possible because of the support the squad and the organisation receive. We are hugely grateful to every volunteer, every organisation & every person connected with making hockey in Wales happen. Our stakeholders and partners do so much to make this journey possible. Thank you all for your continued support.

Whilst our performance squads lead our brand internationally, it is not our single core focus through the year. The majority of our full-time team focus on developing the game as a whole for Wales. We have worked on a number of initiatives that introduce new formats of the game across the country, offering the joy of hockey to new (and former) players and providing more opportunities for more people to be involved. We are very excited to be working with new partners in delivering these great initiatives.

In times when participation in sport seems to be shrinking, we continue to believe hockey is unique in terms of its offering for all age groups. It encourages and improves well-being within our communities as well as contributing to well-being goals of Wales. As someone who is involved in Welsh Masters Hockey, it is great to see the love of the game stretch on from senior team through to O75 teams; it really shows that anyone can get involved in the game.

With the progress being made in terms of bringing the game to more audiences, in Wales & beyond through more streaming & TV coverage, we must now look forward to increasing participation and engagement in the run up to the Birmingham Commonwealth Games in 2022.

Our members are key to our success and we have run a series of membership engagement programmes over the past months. We recognise the #HockeyFamily has a huge amount to bring to the game and our aim was to listen and understand, so that we can better shape our strategic intent with input from members, stakeholders and partners.

Over the coming months you will see us evolve and share our ambitions and goals. We plan to bring deeper levels of engagement with our members and stakeholders, bring the game to wider and more diverse groups and stay true to the core by supporting our clubs, members and volunteers to be as successful as possible.

As a final comment I would like to express my thanks to David Phenis who led the organisation as CEO and stepped down earlier this year. He drove tremendous progress during his tenure and should be recognised for his contribution to hockey in Wales. Mahola Dave!

Our new journey starts here and I am looking forward to working with you all to make it happen.

Thankyou
Conrad Funnell
Hockey Wales Chair

CHIEF EXECUTIVE MESSAGE



To our Hockey Family,

2018/19 has been a fantastic year for Hockey Wales. As I reflect on the previous 12 months, I am incredibly proud of the tremendous progress we continue to make.

This summary report allows us all to showcase the fantastic achievements we have made and thank our brilliant hockey family – without whom our successes would not be possible. The dedication and commitment that our International athletes, players, umpires, volunteers, staff, officials and fans give to our sport is inspiring and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued devotion.

In a year that started on the wave of excitement from the Commonwealth Games 2018, we have continued to grow and develop our performance pathway as we look to supply our senior squads with a pool of International-ready players.

We have seen several organisational changes including our Chair and CEO moving on within the past year, I would like to extend my gratitude to them for their commitment to Hockey Wales and their friendship and mentorship to me personally.

It was with great excitement and enthusiasm that I took over the role as CEO in March 2019, it has proved to be one of the most challenging and rewarding roles of my career and one I don't see as a job but an honour to represent my sport once again and steer this National Governing Body in to the future. I see the ability in our senior squads as our Men's squad embark on their toughest challenge, yet this August and I see the huge potential in showcasing our sport on TV following the streaming of the women's game vs France.

Leah Wilkinson achieving the most capped International player of all sports people in Wales was a humbling achievement to watch. I was overwhelmed to see the generations of hockey players come together to celebrate with Leah and join us to contribute to our archives, as we aim to document our history.

We have committed to ensure we continually engage with our members; create thriving environments; provide opportunities for all to participate and ensure all involved in hockey achieve their potential. Whilst the clubs are at the heart of what we do, we are also driven to ensure there are no barriers to participating in our sport, the launch and growth of our excellent initiatives: Flyerz, SMASH and Walking Hockey, ensuring *Hockey is for All!*

Whilst we have achieved several successes, I recognise we can be better. We are driven to learn in this ever-changing environment, in our ambition to deliver world class hockey experiences in Wales.

The passion for hockey in Wales is inspiring, and I am excited for our future. I would like to offer my thanks to you, our Hockey Family!

Ria Male
Chief Executive Officer



ENGAGEMENT



36 PARTICIPANTS
ENGAGED
IN
WALKING HOCKEY



668
VOLUNTEER HOURS



HOOKED ON HOCI
SCHOOLS
173



HOW MANY
YOUNG AMBASSADORS?
86



WALKING HOCKEY
AGE RANGE
52-92



5
SUMMER 7s SITES



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SMASH Hockey

2018 has been a year of growth and learning for SMASH Hockey. A pilot programme conducted with outstanding support from our partners at Street Games

has given us the platform to create something exciting. SMASH Hockey is Hockey Wales' initiative for children and young people living in areas of deprivation.

SMASH

Throughout 2018, we have delivered a range of sessions, workshops and orientations all designed to provide us with the insight and feedback required to create something that genuinely appeals to people within these communities.

The working relationship we have developed with Street Games throughout this whole process has been pivotal to the success of it so far- and this is even before it's officially launched! Keep your eyes peeled over the Summer for information about SMASH Hockey, what it is and how your community group can get involved with this empowering, exciting initiative.



Summer 7s

A year of resounding success for Hockey Wales Summer 7s with over 3360 minutes of hockey taking place in 5 sites across Wales from May to September, a period that would usually see a distinct decrease in hockey activity.

Summer7's

After the success of the solitary site at Eirias Park in 2017, the Hockey Wales team wanted to branch out and bring the participation focussed, festival feel to all 4 regions of Wales, which we managed with great success. We held the South West Mixed Summer 7s in Swansea, Mid Wales Womens in Llandrindod Wells, South Wales Womens in Pontypridd, South Wales Mens in Cardiff and continued to run the North Wales Mens in Colwyn Bay.



From engaging 8 clubs in 2017, the new branding, extra venues and increased frequency of events meant that we had 25 clubs take part in the programme throughout the Summer, with the programme crucially supported by the Welsh Hockey Umpiring Association.

We are even more excited about what 2019 has to offer, with 7 sites and a brand-new event targeted at businesses this really could be our biggest and best Summer ever!



Player Development Centres

Hockey Wales Development Centres have gone from strength to strength over the past 12 months. Initially, development centres were designed to increase hockey participation at Eirias Park during the week, we have now developed a programme of 8 Development centres nationwide. These centres provide young hockey players (aged 9-16) with the opportunity to play and train outside the club and school environment., as the sessions are timetabled to compliment club training sessions, so those who want to do extra can do so without conflicting any of their other commitments.



Walking Hockey

Walking Hockey has been a year of learning and growth. A pilot programme conducted with several partners including Carmarthenshire County Council and Age Cymru Gwent has given us the platform to create something exciting. This low impact alternate of hockey ensures all ages and abilities can play the sport they love!

We have been collating insight to create a product that can be delivered by a variety of organisations. So far, participant feedback has shown that walking hockey is having a significant impact on participant health and wellbeing and is improving social inclusion, community cohesion, reducing loneliness and improving mobility in participants over the age of 50 years.



Hockey Young Ambassador Programme

The Hockey Young Ambassador (HYA) Programme commenced in 2012 as Hockey Wales' flagship young volunteer programme. The aim of the programme is to "inspire the next generation of volunteers through hockey" and develop them into rounded, confident, skilled, work ready individuals. Now in its seventh year, the programme continues to grow and develop with new opportunities being presented to the young people, including our new mentoring programme in partnership with USW and the use of Vol Hours which is a new platform for volunteers to log their hours and gain rewards.



Hooked on Hoci

Hooked on Hoci commenced in September 2018 as Hockey Wales' new flagship primary school programme. The aim of the programme was "more active and physically literate young people through an affinity with field hockey". Running for an initial period, the following package was offered to schools across Wales in 2018/19:



- 6 weeks of coached sessions in school
- Entry to a local primary school Festival
- A 4689 qualification for a teacher
- Support from Hockey Wales to form a club link

So far, we've had....

- 12 Local Authorities Engaged - (Anglesey, Bridgend, Caerphilly, Cardiff, Conwy, Flintshire, Gwynedd, Pembrokeshire, Powys, RCT, Swansea, Wrexham)
- 11 Festivals coordinated - (Brecon, Llandrindod, Welshpool, Newtown, Ystradgynlais, Swansea, Pembrokeshire, Caerphilly, Anglesey, Flintshire, Conwy)



4689

Hockey Wales are currently in the process of reviewing the 4689 programme in line with new developments from the sport and physical activity sector. Since 2012, the programme has been a key element for developing hockey in Wales encouraging small sided games and a focus on enjoyable sessions for young people.





The new 4689 programme, due to be launched in August 2019, will feature a refreshed version of what it will be like to play hockey in Wales for the benefit of players new and old in years to come. Changes comprise of the new Talent Development Framework devised in partnership with GB Hockey; inclusion of how physical literacy can be incorporated in sessions; focus on the 'Golden Thread' and 'CHANGE IT' models covering how to run effective and fun sessions. Promotion of the refreshed courses will start in August 2019 and we encourage the whole hockey family to get engage with the revised programme.

Flyerz Hockey

2018 has seen the launch of Flyerz Hockey, an inclusive route into our wonderful sport, opening opportunities for individuals with learning and physical disabilities to become part of the Hockey Family.



After working closely with Access Sport, who strive to improve access to sport and its benefits for vulnerable children and young people, and taking a learning journey of 18 months, we launched our first Flyerz Hockey session at Penarth Ladies Hockey Club. Penarth Ladies embraced the opportunity to host the first ever Flyerz section and wanted to open its doors to this community.

With the support of Disability Sport Wales and Access Sport, we have welcomed 10 new Flyerz players into the Hockey Family, who have been supported fantastically by 11 club volunteers, ensuring they have the best possible hockey experience at the weekly sessions.

Following this success, we look to take Flyerz Hockey across Wales, and will offer our support to any other clubs who wish to open their doors to the Flyerz community throughout the 2019-20 season. Additionally, we will be working towards developing our first ever National ParaHockey squad to compete in future European competitions.





ACHIEVING YOUR POTENTIAL

341

PLAYERS ENGAGED
IN 360



5

360 CENTRES



50

PLAYERS PROMOTED
FROM 360 TO ASPIRE



2

ASPIRE CENTRES



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9TH

PLACE FINISH IN GOLD
COAST FOR SENIOR WOMEN



10TH

PLACE FINISH IN GOLD
COAST FOR SENIOR MEN



SARAH JONES

REPRESENTS GB DURING
FIH PRO LEAGUE



4TH

PLACE FINISH IN HOME U18 BOYS
EUROHOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS



7

NATIONS WELCOMED TO
CARDIFF FOR U18 BOYS
EUROHOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS



7

WELSH ATHLETES REPRESENTED IN
GREAT BRITAIN HOCKEY PROGRAMMES



360 Performance Centres

The 360-performance pathway ensures our talented youth, develop in a performance environment and continue to achieve their potential .

Entering the 360° pathway is the first step within the performance system. Individuals playing at clubs and schools can enter the system via self-nomination. Once within 360° pathway players are developed holistically within the programme ensuring they are assisted with technical, tactical, physical and psychological development on a regular basis.

Over 300 players engaged with the programme over the course of the 2018/19 season. 5 thriving centres being delivered at, Colwyn Bay, Wrexham, Cwmbran, Treforest and Swansea being coordinated by over 25 coaches with Aspire centres running in Cardiff and Wrexham.



National Age Group Programme

April 2018

Easter weekend saw the Welsh NAGs in action against Scotland. Boys and Girls squads at U16 and U18 age groups took on their Scottish counterparts in Glasgow.

June 2018

The NAG boys travelled to play Belfast in Ulster, whilst Ulster girls travelled to Wrexham to play the U18 NAG girls.

July 2018

U18 Girls squad headed to Rakovník, in the Czech Republic for the European U18 Championships II and faced Scotland, Russia and Lithuania in their group. The squad finished 6th after a win in the pool versus Lithuania and a win against Italy and a draw with Poland in the classification matches.

Cardiff hosted the U18 Boys Euro Hockey Championships II. The Welsh boys started the tournament with a thrilling 3-3 draw with Scotland, having been 3 nil down. Winning the other two pool matches versus Switzerland and the Czech Republic put Wales in the semi-finals. Defeat to Russia in the semis and then Austria for the bronze gave Wales a creditable 4th place finish on home soil.

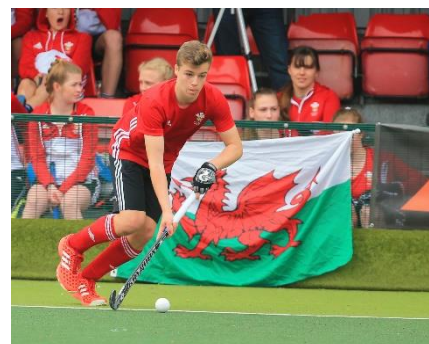
August 2018

Futures Cup – Wales were represented as the Celtic Jaguars, at the EH futures cup event, in both the U15 and U17 girls and boys' categories.

Men's and Women's development squads took on Scotland at Wrexham. The men taking the series 1-0, after 3 very tight and competitive matches. Meanwhile the young Welsh ladies gained some valuable experience against a strong Scotland squad.

January 2019

U21 Men and Women competed at the European Indoor Championships.



Senior International Programme

Senior Men following the 2018 Commonwealth Games have been making significant progress towards their upcoming Europeans where they will be competing in the top Division for the first time in 20 years.

This preparation has included trips to Poland, where the men secured a series win, followed by a successful trip to Croatia for Open Series Round 1 where they got promoted to the next round and most recently Malaysia for the FIH Series Finals in which Wales ended the tournament in 5th. A tournament that started brightly with an emphatic win against Canada who are ranked 10th in the world to ending the tournament with arguably their best performance against China, earning themselves a 3-2 win. Combined with this were a few defeats in the middle, where Wales came out the wrong side of some tight matches, halted their chances of achieving a higher final position, but this tournament put the squad in good stead ahead of the Summer Europeans.



Senior Women Entered the 2018/19 season with an initial aim to create depth, due to several experienced athletes stepping away from the programme post Commonwealth Games. An exciting opportunity to engage our talented young athletes into the senior programme.

Within a few months after concluding a 9th place finish at the Commonwealth Games, the women headed into a test series against Poland with the named squad boasted young talent with five new players receiving their first senior international caps during the opening game. Following a series win, focus shifted towards Open Series Round 1 in Lithuania later that month which was the first international tournament for this newly formed squad. The tournament saw wins against Turkey and Czech Republic and defeats to Ukraine and Lithuania, which meant the squad successfully secured 3rd place to progress to Series Finals in Valencia, June 2019.



Gold Coast Commonwealth Games 2018



In an explosive opening game against hockey giants, India, Wales' women electrified the crowd with an astounding 3-2 win! An inspired Wales delivered the blow to the international heavyweights just three minutes from time, thanks to a well-placed backhanded goal from Natasha Marke-Jones. This win was only the third win from 16 games at the Commonwealth for the women and their first Pool match win since beating Malaysia 2-1 in Delhi 2010.



Wales were keen to round off their tournament on a high after winning admiration for their style of play and memorable victory against India, backed up by strong performances against England and Malaysia. Against a relentless Ghana side, Wales closed their tournament with a win and with that secured 9th position.

Wales' men came into the competition on a high after securing 2nd place in the 2017 Europeans and with that a place in the European top division in 2019. Clearly in the most competitive group of the games Wales were keen to make their mark and play their part for Team Wales by delivering inspirational performances, and they did just that.

They opened the week with a nail biting draw against international heavyweights Pakistan. This was backed up by a thriller against home nation rivals England that saw Wales lead at the break by 2 goals to nil to the delight of the partisan crowd, however they were edged out 3-2 after some Sam Ward magic.



The group also saw a thriller against India, where Wales lost out by 4 goals to 3 with defender Gareth Furlong taking the plaudits and a hat trick.

Going into the classification games Wales were keen to make history and get a win over perennial tournament big guns South Africa and they did with a solid 3-2 win, James Carson slotting 2 penalty corners to the delight of the crowd and his team mates.

Great Britain Hockey

The **GB Elite Development Programme** (EDP) was launched as part of a strategic objective during the Tokyo 2020 cycle with the aim of developing medal winning Olympians of the future, with the selected athletes having shown their potential to achieve that during a comprehensive selection process. Welsh internationals Eloise Laity, Izzie Howell, Beth Bingham, Jacob Draper, Ioan Wall and Rhys Bradshaw have been involved in the EDP programme.

The **FIH Pro League** is the ground-breaking, new, global hockey competition that started this year.

Two leagues, one men's and one women's, each comprising the greatest hockey nations, battle it out for glory. 128 matches are taking place around the world this season culminating in a Grand Final in June in the Netherlands. It's action-packed, international rivalries at their fiercest and hockey of the highest calibre.



Competing as part of Great Britain's women's squad, Wales' Sarah Jones has been a regular feature of the team, playing against Germany, Australia and other top teams across the world.





PARTNERSHIPS



University of
South Wales
Prifysgol
De Cymru



SPECIALIST
SPORTS



WELSH HOCKEY



sportwales
chwaraeon cymru



THRIVING ENVIRONMENTS



HOCKEY WALES
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87

NEW LEVEL 1 UMPIRES
ATTENDED COURSE

26

EUROPEAN APPOINTMENTS

8

LEVEL 1 UMPIRES
DELIVERED

3

UMPIRES PROGRESS ONTO
NPUA PANEL

257

COACHES AFFILIATED ACROSS WALES

546

UMPIRES AFFILIATED ACROSS WALES

184

TRAINED 4689 LEADERS

11

GB COACHING COURSES
WERE DELIVERED

Coach Development

May 2018

Cardiff hosted a GB Hockey Talent Development Framework workshop.

Hockey Wales coaches working within the Talent Pathway attended the GB Hockey Coaching Conference at Lilleshall. Taking part in workshop and discussions with likeminded coaches from across the UK.

Tutor training was held to orientate Hockey Wales tutors in the new GB Coaching offer for courses and workshops, so these courses could be delivered within Wales.

June 2018

NAG coaches attended GB EDP training session at Lilleshall to watch the women's programme train and chat to coaches as part of their ongoing CPD.

August 2018

Engaging Games for Children workshops were run across Wales. Over 70 coaches accessed these workshops, held in Colwyn Bay, Newtown and Carmarthen.

September 2018

Sessional Coach course delivered at Sport Wales for our club Coaches and Cardiff Metropolitan for our University students

September 2018 – March 2019

Bangor University, Rhondda Ladies, Bridgend, Pembroke and Penarth all received coach development support from Hockey Wales coach developers. This included visits to observe and support coaching sessions and remote support throughout the season.

November 2018 – Feb 2019

The first GB Coaching 'What to Coach: Attacking' workshops ran in Wales, where coaches were exposed to the principles of the game and how to bring these to life in their training sessions.

Three 'Integrating Goalkeepers' workshops were delivered to 19 coaches, who are now equipped with new and fun ideas to integrate GKs into their club sessions.



Welsh Hockey Umpires Association

Umpiring in Europe is a great opportunity for our welsh umpires. 26 European appointees were accepted by members of the WHUA.

	Technical	Umpire Manager	Neutral Umpire	National Umpire
Outdoor Men	3	1		5
Outdoor Women	2	2	1	5
Indoor Men	2			2
Indoor Women		1		2

It is pleasing to see that our umpires are progressing up the ladder with Toni-Lee Lambert, Christian Phillips Adams and Chloe McCall joining the existing Welsh umpires, Cathy Wright, Kevin Roberts, Steve Cox & Jon McCall on the NPUA panel.

The development panel is thriving, with a new cohort of male and female umpires progressing through the system.



From an officials perspective, it is also pleasing to report that we have several young officials who are also making headway through the system, Harri Evans, Vicki Allen and Alice Gregory are all making great strides with their officiating and have the potential to go far.



We have slightly restructured our appointments committee following the departure of Jen Barton as women's performance lead. Mark Staunton has taken over responsibility for both men's and women's outdoor panels, while Karen Evans will look after both men's and women's indoor panels. We are also delighted that Cathy Wright came onboard as Welfare officer.

Support Staff

Staff Member	Squad
Kevin Johnson	Senior Women Head Coach
Rebecca Daniels	Senior Women Manager
Gareth Weaver-Tyler	Senior Women Assistant Coach
Jonny Harper	Senior Women Physiotherapist
Henry Davies	Senior Women S&C Coach
Walid Abdo	Senior Women U21s Head Coach
Theo Dowse	Senior Women Goalkeeping Coach
Will Packer	Senior Men Manager
Zak Jones	Senior Men Head Coach
Danny Newcombe	Senior Men Assistant Coach/U21s Coach
Tom Jenkins	Senior Men Physiotherapist
Alistair Eustace	Senior Men S&C Coach
Chris Gittins	Senior Men Analyst
Shelley Robinson	NAG Girls Programme Manager
Gwyn Williams	NAG Girls Head Coach
Dafydd Tomos	NAG Girls Coach
Nick Fackrell	NAG Girls Coach
Rob Sorrell	NAG Girls Coach
Chris Preziotti	NAG Girls S&C Coach
Joe Rooney	NAG Girls Coach
Joe Gleeson	NAG Boys Programme Manager
Lee Ible	NAG Boys Head Coach
Lee Marshall	NAG Boys Coach
Andrew Gibson	NAG Boys Coach
Andrew Roberts	NAG Boys S&C Coach
Harry Jones	NAG Boys Coach
Ian Haley	NAG Boys Coach



PARTICIPATION

27

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS DELIVERED



246

CLUB COMPETITION ENTRIES



7

DIFFERENT SCHOOLS WINNING THE
AGE GROUP COMPETITIONS



12

MASTERS AGE GROUPS COMPETING



1

BRONZE MEDAL FOR MENS O65's
AT WORLD CUP



216

MASTERS PLAYERS



Wales Masters - Women

The Welsh Women's Masters competed in two International tournaments and various games in 2018, teams were selected in February for the o40's o45's o50's and o55's.



The first International tournament was the Home Nations which Wales hosted in Swansea 7th - 10th June all four nations England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales entered with age groups ranging from o40's to o65's.

The tournament was a great success and Lesley Bayne as Technical Delegate also did us proud with her organising and running of the tournament with some great Umpires and officials volunteering their time many compliments were received from the other Nations.

In August all four squads represented Wales at the Exin Masters 2018 World Cup in Barcelona with 143 teams entered across Womens and Mens it was the biggest tournament of its kind organised by the IMHA, Jackie Whiller represented Wales in her Board member capacity working alongside the TD to help ensure the smooth running of the tournament, which was held over five venues. This was the last tournament organised by the IMHA as the World Masters Hockey Association take over from 2019.



It was an excellent tournament, with tremendous support shown for each squad participating. The result of this tournament places several the age groups in mid world ranking position for the 2019/20 season.

2019 will see the introduction of an over 35s and over 60s squad. With tournaments held: Home Nations: Southgate, England, Europeans: Antwerp o60s, Europeans Rotterdam o35's, o40's and o45's and Europeans Krefeld o50's and o55'

Wales Masters – Men

The Men's Masters now run 8 international age group teams from O35 to O70 and are aspiring to an O75 side in 2021 as well as attending several international tournaments as Dragons sides. 2018 was a World Cup year with all age groups playing in Barcelona.

Grand Masters – pride of place must go to the O65s who achieved an outstanding 3rd place in the World Cup.

- **The O65s** came 3rd out of 14 countries – their first World Cup medal as 60s or 65s since the O60s were first formed just over 10 years ago. The 65s have been knocking on the door of the top four for the last two World Cups with 6th places – this time, thanks to the tireless efforts of Captain Richard Chapman, Coach Andy Mitchell, Vice Captain Pete Martineau, Team Manager Richard Evans and all the players, the preparation was excellent, the build up through the tournament perfect and the performances in the critical play-off matches exactly met requirements. In the quarter finals, Wales beat the Netherlands 3-1 (a rare victory by a senior Welsh side over them). The semi-finals brought a desperately close 2-1 defeat by England (the eventual gold medallists) before a triumphant and emphatic 2-0 victory over Spain won Wales the bronze medal. Leading goal scorers were Ian Johnson and Steve Sparkes with 4 apiece.

The additional highlight for the 65s was victory in the Celtic Cup in Lille against France, Ireland and Scotland – a third consecutive victory since it became a 4 nation event. In the Four Nations in Ireland, Wales came a disappointing 3rd.

- **The O70s** came 5th out of 11 countries following their 3rd place out of 4 countries in their first World Cup in Australia 2 years ago. The 70s had a seriously difficult group with England and the Netherlands their first two opponents, although a very close 2-1 defeat to England (the eventual winners) held promise for subsequent games. Inspired by the leadership of Chris Hills' and Andy Mitchell's coaching, they then went on a run of 4 successive victories culminating in a 1-0 victory over South Africa to claim a really excellent 5th place, especially given that a number of the squad are already qualified for the future first Wales O75 team! In the Four Nations in Ireland, Wales came second out of 3 nations.



- **The O60s** came 7th out of 18 countries. The 60s were badly hit by last minute injury and unavoidable withdrawals but a convincing 3-0 win over Japan saw them come into form at a crucial stage and reach the quarter finals. However,

England and then Australia awaited them but again they found excellent form at the end of a gruelling tournament to beat New Zealand 3-2 to reach 7th place. All credit to Captain Sean Sutton and Team Manager John O'Reilly for sterling work in this significant improvement for the 60s, and to Zahid Arain for again being leading scorer with 4 goals. In the Four Nations in Ireland, Wales came a disappointing 4th.

- **The scratch O60s Dragons** side, containing a significant number of O65s, came 9th out of 10 countries in the World Cup Tournament Trophy. In the pool matches the Dragons lost close matches to England LX and the Netherlands but beat South Africa 1-0. They were deprived of a place in the 5-8 play-off at the very last by an unlikely South Africa draw against LX. There followed 2 play-off matches against Germany, both ending 1-1, but 9th place went to Wales on pool results

Masters

- **The O55s** came 3rd in the Four Nations with England, Ireland and Scotland in Lisnagarvey. The World Cup in Terrassa was a fantastic event but with the first two games against England and Australia resulting in losses they were always up against it with France and New Zealand also in the group. They played Ireland and South Africa in the play offs for 13th to 15th places and won both these matches to finish 13th.
- **The O50s** came 3rd in the Four Nations with England, Ireland and Scotland. At the World Cup, Wales lost to England and France but had an excellent 4-0 win over Argentina in their pool matches. In the 9th to 12th place playoffs they lost to South Africa and drew with USA and Scotland to end in 12th place.
- **The O40s** came 4th in the Four Nations with England, Ireland and Scotland. Two relatively small pools of players meant that the O40s combined with the O35s as an O35 side for the World Cup.

There were notable success stories for Dragons teams at other tournaments:

21st Tournoi Super Veterans Jacques Levy in Lille

Wales Men's Grandmasters 60+ Dragons won this event for the first time since 2011 with a squad including 7 x O60s, 5 x O65s, 1 x O70 and 1 x O75! They beat England LX 2-0 in the final and, remarkably, their 77-year-old goalkeeper Glyn Thomas, kept a clean sheet in all 6 matches!

Le Touquet – a 60+ Dragons side also won this event.

Kath Cup, Lilleshall – a 50+ Dragons side including players from all age groups from O50 to O75 won this event for the second year running.

Competitions

Winners

Women's Indoor	Swansea HC
Men's Indoor	Cardiff & Met

Women's Championship	Gwent
Men's Championship	Cardiff & Met
Women's Trophy	Newcastle Emlyn
Men's Trophy	Swansea
Women's Challenge	Whitchurch Saints 5ths
Men's Challenge	Cardiff & Met E

Women's Masters	Saggy Baggies
Men's Masters	Whitchurch

Youth & Schools

U18 Girls (Clubs)	Whitchurch Saints
U18 Boys (Clubs)	Swansea
U15 Girls (Clubs)	Whitchurch Saints
U15 Boys (Clubs)	Swansea
U13 Girls (Clubs)	Whitchurch
U13 Boys (Clubs)	Whitchurch
U11 Girls (Clubs)	Whitchurch
U11 Boys (Clubs)	Whitchurch



U18 Schoolgirls	Ysgol Glantaf (Cardiff & Vale)
U16 Schoolgirls	Howell's School (Cardiff & Vale)
U14 Schoolgirls	Ysgol Glantaf (Cardiff & Vale)
U12 Schoolgirls (Cup)	Ysgol Bro Morgannwg
U12 Schoolgirls (Plate)	Rydal Penrhos
U18 Schoolboys	Ysgol Gyfun Gwyr
U16 Schoolboys	Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn
U14 Schoolboys	Ysgol Glantaf
U12 Schoolboys	Christ College Brecon



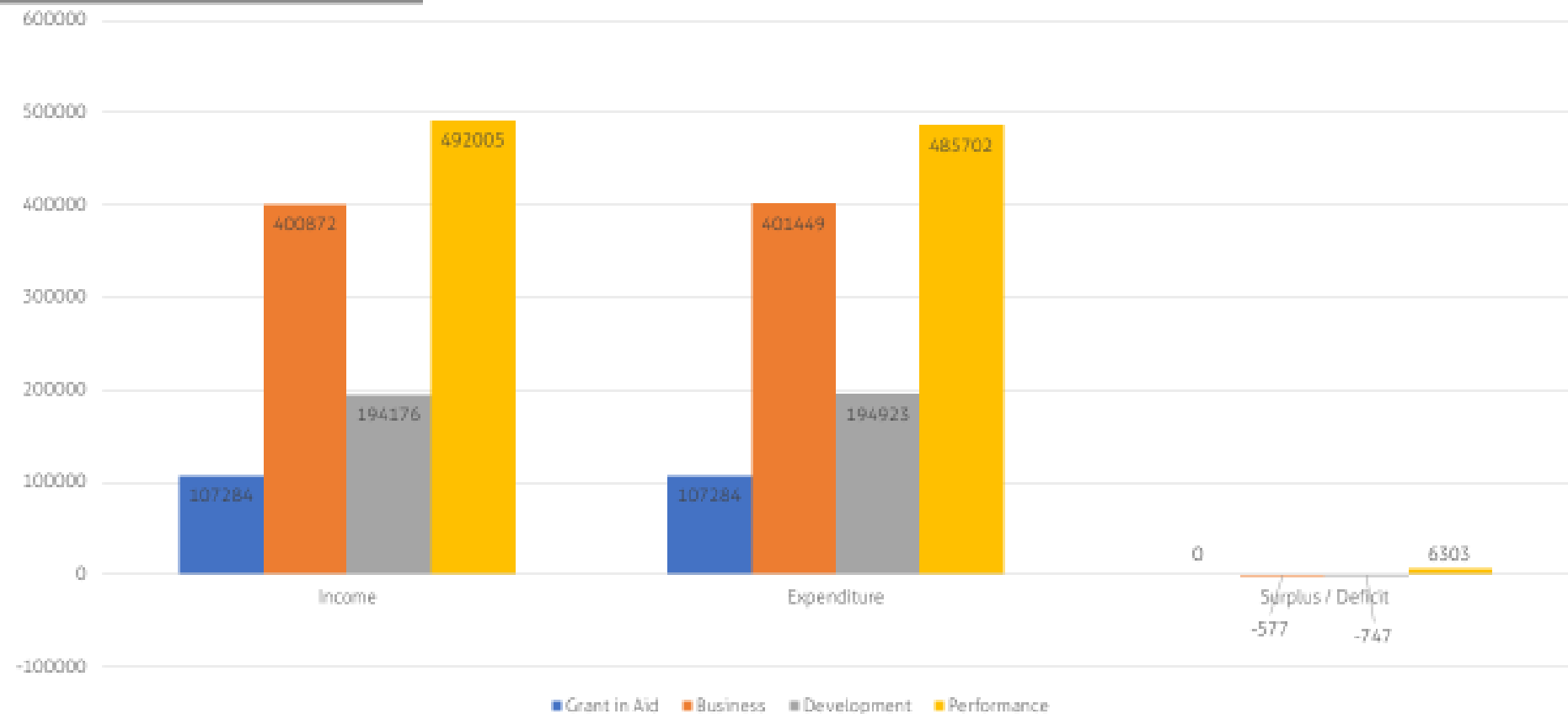
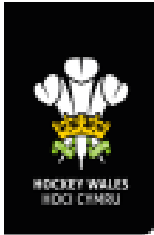
FINANCES

2018/19



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