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HOCKEY CLUB



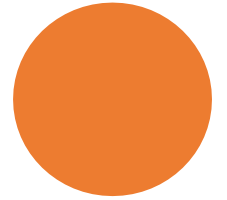
Junior Talent Centre
Community Schools
Outreach Programme
2025/26

Community Outreach.

Within our immediate catchment are two universities, The University of Bath (over 22,000 students and staff) and Bath Spa University (over 8,000 students and staff); over 80 primary schools; over 20 secondary schools; and around 10 fee-paying schools.

Bath's population is around 105,000 with 66.9% of it's residents aged between 18-64, a third of whom are educated to university level or above. 62% of Bath's residents are in the ABC1 demographic.

In contrast, there are many families who aren't as privileged who may not have access or the means to afford extracurricular activities. This is where TBBHC has been helping for almost three years with their School Outreach Programme





Community Outreach. Why do we engage?

England Hockey states that, "Hockey is one of the most gender-equitable team sports and is fun, fast, safe and exciting. Multiple skills are developed whilst playing – physical competence (such as balance, coordination, agility and dexterity) and also wider personal skills (such as teamwork, communication, respect, discipline, fairness and pride)."

As a club we are wholly committed to sharing our skill and experience with the wider community and doing our part in inspiring and developing the next generation of hockey players.

By supporting schools with experienced coaches and equipment, we can encourage greater participation in the sport, upskill teachers and invest further in our community and future sportsmen and sportswomen.

Ultimately, the aim is for every child to have fun whilst learning and developing core skills



Community Outreach. How do we achieve?



The programme was started in September 2023 following a trial period and interaction with local state primary schools Trust, 'The Palladian Trust'.



A three year plan was conceived to enter primary schools and target year groups 4 & 5 with a view to increase participation and retention of young players as they enter secondary school at year 7.



The programme is supported by local entrepreneur David Medlock (ProFin) and Rob Moore (John Moore Sports).



Financially the targets in the original plan are being met and all schools are financially engaged to support the programme. Assuming that the schools continue with their engagement in the next academic year they will for 2026/27 be contributing almost 80% of the cost with some costs being fully funded by a couple of schools.



JOHN MOORE SPORTS



Community Outreach. Who is your Coach?

• Well established within the TBBHC community we are very lucky to have Louise Stossich. Louise is passionate about sport and as a qualified hockey coach believes strongly in the opportunities TBBHC are offering children from a state school background. Louise is proving to be everything needed and has all the qualities, drive and determination to ensure this programme continues to be a huge success.



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In 2025/26 the Community Outreach Key Achievements during Year 3 are

Over 2500 school children coached within curriculum or clubs.

The programme expansion led to the inclusion of Year 2 children at some schools.

There are now 13 state primary schools engaged that include for the first time in 2026 , Oldfield Park Infants, Swainswick Primary and Bathford Primary school

Children from engaged schools joining TBBHC from U8 to U14.

Community coach supplied with all equipment.

Hayesfield School requested coaching from the community programme and attendance at the National State Schools Finals with U14 girls.

Primary schools taster day run at University of Bath (Supported by John Fry) with all children receiving medals and club flyers.

A Taster Day planned for a future date with the four primary schools near Bradford on Avon to be held at St Lawrence Secondary School – There are obstacles to this project but we are hopeful for a successful outcome.

Engaged with BANES schools hockey tournaments with 14 schools taking part in the May 2026 primary school festival. This is in comparison to 2 schools in 2024.

Securing a further financial 'buy in' from the Palladian Trust for year 4. This means we are on track to increase the programme and potentially operate a self-sufficient TBBHC role within the community by July 2027.





Community Outreach Key Challenges for Year 4. 2026/27

Keeping

- Keeping the momentum whilst on a limiting budget – the demand for the programme is high yet the financial restrictions placed upon the schools is an ever present challenge

Ensuring

- Ensuring the coach equipment supply is maintained. We never have enough sticks or balls of differing sizes.

Resourcing

- Resourcing volunteers for taster events at TBB. Once again finance restricts what we can do.

Supporting

- Ensuring the community coach has constant support from TBB. The resourcing of a second coach is now a possibility and an area to be explored with the right funding.

Increasing

- Increasing our social media presence – TBB must establish a way to promote this programme – It is an incredible achievement and hidden from view.

Establishing

- Establishing a pathway into Beechen Cliff and potentially Ralph Allen school to expand the programme into the year 7 – 11 arena.



Community Outreach Thanks

- David Medlock and ProFin
 - Rob Moore and John Moore Sports
 - John Fry and Elite Financial Consulting
 - Louise Stossich, community outreach coach
 - Mark Gunning, Palladian Trust.
 - All of our engaged schools, staff and pupils
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- We look forward to 2026/27 academic year and welcome any interest to support or engage with the programme. Contact Keith Walters, Director of Hockey TBBHC via www.teambathbuccaneers.co.uk