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## Chairman's Report

Last year, I reported that whilst we had secured a four year award to support talent and elite development, the future of funding for participation was less secure, and so it proved. The Sport England Active People Survey figures for squash and racketball fell again, leading to a reduction in our participation funding by approximately £350,000 (-20%). In the subsequent period, Nick Rider took the decision to leave England Squash & Racketball (ESR) after serving as CEO for more than 10 years, and Jim Lord also decided to leave to pursue other avenues, after serving ESR for 6 years.

In February, the Board appointed Susan Meadows, at that time a Non Executive Director, as Interim CEO while a replacement CEO search was undertaken. Susan led ESR through a very difficult phase and I am grateful for the progress made over the last 8 months. Keir Worth, previously Head of Coaching & Performance, was recently appointed our new Chief Executive following his move to British Shooting in 2013 and I am sure he will be a great success.

Over the past year, we hosted the Men's World Championship in Manchester, with the BBC providing television coverage which reached a peak of 500,000 viewers. We were delighted to see Nick Matthew win his third World title. Later in the year, we were equally delighted to see Laura Massaro win the Women's World Championship, in Malaysia, defeating Egypt's Nour El Sherbini in a 5-game thriller. We are so proud to have both World Champions simultaneously.

In May, we staged the British Open in Hull. We are indebted to Dr Assem Allam for his continued and generous support over the last 3 years. It has been encouraging to see the British Open return to its status as a truly world leading event over the past 3 years.

Although formally outside the period of this report we congratulate a range of people who made the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow such a magnificent event. The athletes, our squash team, won 9 medals (1 gold, 5 silver and 3 bronze) supported ably by the sports medicine team. The mostly Scottish crowds that packed the venue gave equally enthusiastic support to the players of all countries to give the matches real atmosphere. The BBC surpassed themselves with production and coverage on BBC1 and BBC2 that made non players across the UK understand and appreciate the sport and gave existing players a greater insight into what the top players endure physically and their highly developed technical racket skills.

Returning to our current situation, a new business model for the organisation is being progressed following several meetings involving our major stakeholders in the development of a new participation strategy. This will embrace the need for the organisation to look at things differently and to meet the challenge that change brings with it. We are having to work within reduced budgets, which brings additional challenges. The participation strategy and our plan for delivery will be presented to Sport England, for their approval within the coming weeks.

Our sports are great sports to play, but the number of new players is not yet sufficient to sustain our well-being and we urge all those involved in squash and racketball to focus on introducing new players to the sport to widen our base of participation. This has to be our principal focus in the coming months and we look forward to working closely with our partners and stakeholders to help us to achieve this.

**Peter Goldson**  
Chairman



## **CEO's Introduction**

Squash has benefited from increased exposure this year and this has given the game and our best athletes the exposure they deserve. The achievement of medals by our players at the Commonwealth Games and success in major competitions attracted unprecedented media coverage and interest which has continued and led to the recent nomination of Laura Massaro for female sports personality of the year award.

During the last twelve months we are pleased to report that ESR has engaged much more actively with volunteers working throughout our regions, with County Association representatives and with squash and racketball facility providers operating within the public and private sector. We have listened to what our stakeholders have had to say about developing and growing our sports and have continued to develop deeper insight and understanding about what players of squash and racketball want from their sport and what they expect from their National Governing Body.

We have reflected on what we have heard and have begun the process of establishing a new operating model to ensure that ESR operates as a lean and efficient organisation, is better focused on activities to improving grassroots participation, junior and coach development, elite player support and performance. We have begun to look at how we can become more commercially orientated and better at 'selling' the benefits of our great sports and at ways to increase our membership.

Squash and racketball are fun, fast, great for fitness, quick to pick up, sociable, inexpensive, don't require a lot of equipment and are not weather dependent. Given the advantages and benefits of our sports we are proud to say that going forward a concerted effort will be made to ensure that our new ways of working will deliver real growth in the numbers of people participating in our sports alongside our work to support, maintain and strengthening our successes as a high performing sport.

It has also been a year of major operational change within the National Governing Body as former employees left the organisation, temporary management arrangements put in place and more permanent ones established. In addition the sickness absence of key staff and need for efficiency measures to meet the budget cuts from Sport England along with work to develop a clearer strategy for increasing participation in our games led to a year of unprecedented activity



**Susan Meadows**  
**Director/Interim CEO**



**Keir Worth**  
**Permanent CEO**

## 1. Who we are

As the National Governing Body, ESR are responsible for the stewardship and development of squash and racketball in England and for running the organisation in line with our constitution and legal obligations. Our main areas of work involve overseeing an increase in participation in line with targets set by Sport England and for achieving and maintaining high levels of elite performance and success.

The Squash Rackets Association was founded in 1928 to take over the administration of the game in Britain from the Tennis and Rackets Association. It was the world authority for squash until the formation in 1967 of the International Squash Rackets Federation (which later became the World Squash Federation). In 1934 the Women's Squash Rackets Association was created. Both Associations looked after squash in Great Britain until 1980 when the responsibility for Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales was devolved to autonomous national associations. The men's and women's associations amalgamated in 1989 under the title of the Squash Rackets Association – in 2001 the Association was re-launched as England Squash. At the turn of the century the National Squash Centre was built as part of the facilities for the 2002 Manchester Commonwealth Games – England Squash moved north to its new home in Manchester in 2000.

England Squash was re-branded to England Squash & Racketball in February 2009.

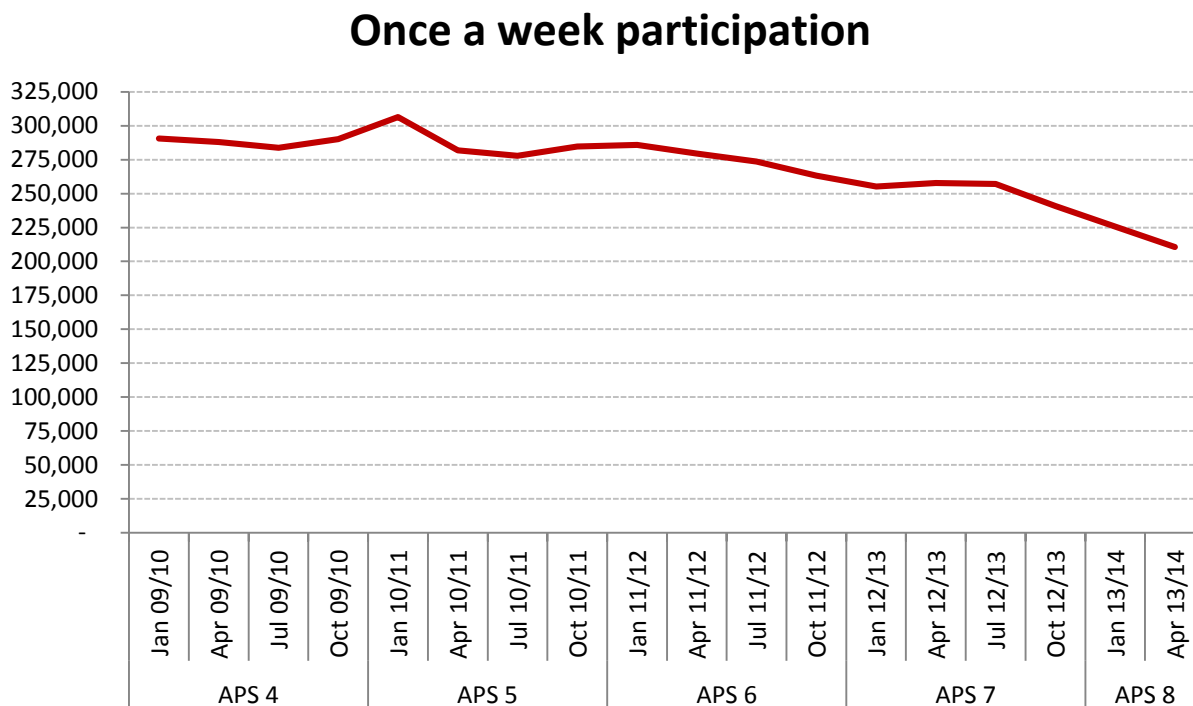
Between 2009 and the present day ESR has continued to evolve. An emphasis has been placed on creating strong and lasting relationships across a number of sectors and these continue to grow. New partnerships have been secured with major leisure providers and with local authorities in the public sector as well as with over 60 universities. We also continue to work with and support the 38 county associations in England and have reinforced our commitment to our county partners by introducing a grassroots funding programme supporting developmental activity. We have invested in 40 capital projects and supported 80 independent applications for lottery funds from squash clubs. In total 120 facilities have been involved in improvement projects which has seen more than £10 million invested directly into squash facilities.

As we continue to modernise, so does our approach to understanding the needs of our customers and ways of working. We have developed a far deeper knowledge about the people who play our sports and a better understanding of where and how often they play. As we continue to refine this understanding we are developing relevant service offers to support individuals and organisations providing the facilities in which children and adults play our games.

## 2. How we have worked and what we have done

### 2.1. Developing a new participation strategy

#### 2.1.1. Regular weekly participation in our sports has declined steadily over the last 5 years



This is not good news for anyone associated with our games and particularly for our major funder, Sport England. We have consistently failed to meet Sport England's annual targets for regular weekly participation and this led to a decision in January 2014 to reduce investment in ESR by approximately £350k from the 1st April to the 31st March 2015.

#### 2.1.2. The challenges

Despite the fact that squash is a hugely successful sport in terms of winning medals at major events there are many challenges facing us. We have to compete with other sports for funding from Sport England and meet targets for increasing participation as well as elite success. We also have to compete with other sports for people's sport and fitness activity time and disposable income spending. Many squash facilities and playing environments are neither user- nor family-friendly and many are not operated on a high growth, financially viable business model.

Gaps in our junior talent pathway are emerging due to inconsistent development of juniors over the last ten years, and with over 80% of squash and racketball now played on a pay-as-you go basis this change in trend is a significant reason for the year on year decline in ESR membership and associated loss of revenue.

These are some of the significant challenges facing us that need to be addressed if we wish to see our sport flourish and benefit from future growth.

### 2.1.3. Partnership working

Following a review of our strategy for increasing participation during the winter of 2013 we began a process of widespread stakeholder engagement. The inclusive process for developing a new participation strategy involved a series of workshops and conversations with Council members, County Associations, club owners, education and university representatives, coaches, local authority and private sector venue providers, CEOs from other national governing bodies, board members, regional development managers and senior managers from Sport England.

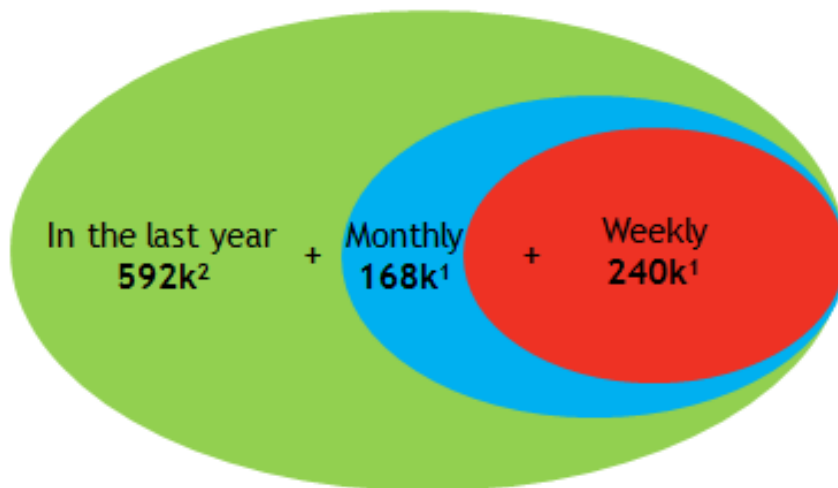
The aim of the exercise was to listen to the many good ideas, thoughts and opinions about what we could and should do to reverse the current downward trend in participation of our sports and also to learn from clubs that have been successful in increasing participation in their area. The messages we heard have been reviewed and consolidated and the key themes incorporated into our new participation strategy which will be considered by Sport England before funding decisions are made for 2015-16.

### 2.1.4. The market for squash and racketball

In addition to the stakeholder engagement exercise, we reviewed the market research data on who is actually playing our sports, when they play and why. This has provided us with much deeper insight about the demand side of the market and enabled ESR to identify where the greatest opportunities to increase participation lie. Research showing the proportion of squash and racketball played outside of traditional environments has challenged existing assumptions about where the mass market for squash and racketball sits. Work has also been undertaken with court operators to look at booking patterns and review market trends.

The insight work is continuing and will inform the implementation of our strategy going forward.

#### How big is the market for squash and racketball?



**= 1 million<sup>3</sup> players in the past year**

Source: <sup>1</sup>Active People 7; <sup>2</sup>ESR market sizing survey + Active People 7; <sup>3</sup>ESR market sizing survey + cross-referenced with DCMS Taking Part survey 106



### 2.1.5. Working differently

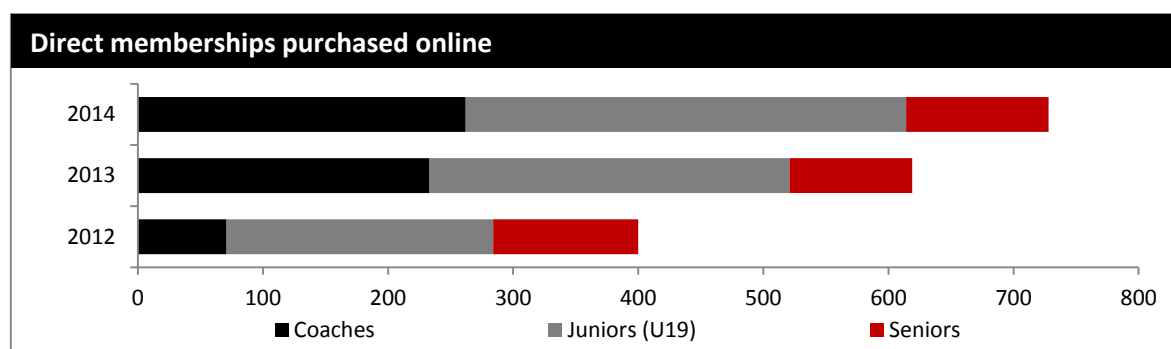
What has become clear from the collaborative stakeholder engagement work undertaken to date is that we need to work differently. It has become evident that more business support type services are needed to support individuals and organisations who provide facilities and coaching services at both club/venue and player level. It has also become evident that volunteers and County Associations need support to strengthen and develop their roles and that different ‘offers’ will need to be created for the different segments of the market for squash and racketball.

### 2.1.6. Working groups

During 2014 the ESR Board established two working groups. The first group led the development of an option appraisal for increasing revenue from membership and club affiliation with the second leading the development of our participation strategy.

Income from ESR membership and affiliation schemes has continued to decline with a £10,000 fall in income each year over the last 3 years (£410,000 in 2012; £400,000 in 2013 and £390,000 in 2014).

With regard to members that join ESR directly online, the popularity of the online method of paying for a coach membership continues to rise significantly. Numbers of adult individuals joining online remains static whilst online junior memberships continues to significantly increase year on year with a 52% increase in those paying with auto renew.



### 2.1.7. Marketing campaigns

Marketing campaigns continue to be driven through the Big Hit web site and through Twitter and Facebook social media channels. A marketing plan built around the British Open and the Commonwealth Games led to the development of the “Get Back on Court with the Sunday Social” campaign. This was designed to support clubs and public facility providers to promote the campaign by targeting lapsed and infrequent adult players. Evaluation data shows that over 120 venues promoted the campaign and ran Sunday Social sessions, many of which continue to run.

The Big Hit web site continues to play a central role in how ESR delivers recreational programmes to adults. The number of recreational “Play It” social sessions run by partners is in excess of 350 and over 175 Court Challenge Box leagues are being promoted.

### 2.1.8. Public relations and promotion

The last 12 months have seen the highest levels of print, radio, TV and online coverage seen in recent years. The successes of Nick Matthew and Laura Massaro attracted widespread media attention and high levels of publicity for squash, consequently strengthening ESRs relationship with the BBC both nationally and regionally.

## 2.2. Supporting our people

### 2.2.1. Supporting regional development activity

Regional Managers have continued to work in priority areas with a range of local partners including local authorities, Sport England, County Sports Partnerships, County Associations and a variety of local coaches, clubs and other facilities. Each Regional Manager has been working to their local delivery plan. The work of Regional Managers was reviewed over the early parts of the year and a number of high impact projects developed and implemented. The structure of regional teams was also reviewed and changed with administrative support now provided centrally from ESR Head Office in Manchester.

### 2.2.2. Supporting County level development activity

£50,000 match funding has been awarded across 18 counties via grants from the Grassroots Development Fund. This has been used to support a range of projects aiming at increase junior and adult participation, with a net effect of over £100,000 invested in the development of grassroots squash.

### 2.2.3. Supporting Universities and further education

The higher education (HE) sector remains a successful area of participation growth across the country. The national HE offer remains strong in engaging new players with the sport. This year we have been working with 61 universities. The University Sports Activation Fund (USAF) was launched earlier in the year to replace the Active Universities Fund. It has recently been announced that of the 54 successful university awards from the fund, 22 include squash. This is an increase of 4 squash projects from the previous Active Universities round which is an extremely positive outcome for squash in the sector and highlights a real appetite for the sport with more opportunities to grow over the next 3 years.

### 2.2.4. Supporting volunteers

The Volunteer Recognition Award (VRA) was launched at the AJ Bell World Championships in Manchester with one outstanding contributor selected from each of the eight regions across the country. The event was used as the launch of the bi-monthly award. In addition to our VRA award, we have also taken steps to engage with our event volunteers. Post-event letters have now been formalised and are received by each volunteer, signed by our President, Peter Nicol and our current World Champion, Laura Massaro. The aim of this was to make sure that these key volunteers were made to feel a part of 'Team England Squash & Racketball'.

### 2.2.5. Supporting club link programme

We have met the Sport England target of establishing 50 Satellite Clubs<sup>1</sup> and this has facilitated new weekly participation opportunities for over 850 participants in its first year. The Satellite Club venues have feeder programmes at 51 established squash clubs.

The Satellite Club support package, developed by ESR has been appreciated and used by all Satellite Club venues.



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<sup>1</sup> pay and play clubs aimed at 11 to 25 year olds which run at public facility or education sites

### **2.2.6. Increasing opportunities for disabled participants**

We have continued to progress this area of work, running a series of deaf squash roadshows across the country in conjunction with the English Deaf Squash Association. Additionally our elite coaches have been supporting the Deaf Squash National team running squad training in preparation for the World Championships taking place towards the end of 2014. Our partnership with Mencap has been beneficial and racketball sessions are being run as part of the programme.

### **2.2.7. Increasing female participation**

With historically lower levels of participation in squash and racketball, we have continued to create, promote and support targeted participation opportunities for female players of all ages. Increasing female participation in sport is a high priority area for Sport England, who are leading a national campaign.

By directly working with local communities through partners, ESR have created programmes specifically targeting women, and have seen successes in a number of pilot projects. The latest APS results, which saw a 12% increase in female participation, are an early indication of the success of these programmes.

### **2.2.8. Development of ESR main web site**

Whilst it has not been possible to provide a significant overhaul of the main ESR web site, a number of changes have been made to improve the quality and relevance of information. ESR will continue to develop effective and relevant forms of communication to support our members and volunteers interest in squash and racketball.

### **3. Nurturing and developing talent and improving performance**

#### **3.1 Supporting and developing coaches**

We have continued to support and offer development opportunities to coaches wishing to enhance their skills and competencies. Skilled coaching is fundamental to developing player's interest, skill and enjoyment of our sports across all ages and levels and we continue to support and develop this area of the business.

The annual coaching conference continues to grow and was attended by the highest number of coaches so far. Workshops have been introduced to support the development of knowledge and skills with qualifications awarded for primarily Level 1 coaches and a new Level 2 coaching qualification was launched in the new year. The new Level 2 coaching qualification has been well received by candidates and tutors alike.

The restructured Level 3 qualification attracted a number of candidates from counties who had been beneficiaries of the Talent Investment Fund and the course is moving towards the integrated award being delivered as part of the High Performance Award.

The development of the High Performance Award has continued, led by the Elite Coach Development Manager. The final block of learning has taken place and the candidates are currently working on their learning portfolios.

#### **3.2 Supporting and developing referees**

Throughout the 2013/14 season, referees were successfully recruited to support over 40 ESR events staged at 51 venues around the country. In addition, ESR referees continued to be deployed at all major ESF & WSF championships, many PSA & WSA events and the 2014 Commonwealth Games. 520 candidates attended 32 ESR Referee Training Workshops during the season with 195 candidates achieving their Club Referee qualification. All referees attending ESR events were offered mentoring and regular assessments and additional advanced training workshops were organised for qualified referees at many of our major events. Mike Campbell was promoted to National Grade Referee, Andrew Hood was promoted to Tournament Grade Referee and a further 8 referees were successful in attaining County Grade.

#### **3.3 Supporting and developing our elite players**

In October 2013 Nick Matthew won his 3rd World Championship in Manchester, followed by Laura Massaro winning her 1st World Championship in Malaysia in March. This was followed up by an extremely successful Commonwealth Games in Glasgow during which we achieved our biggest ever medal haul of 9 medals, out of a possible 12.



The Academy has continued to evolve with a number of players achieving significant breakthroughs. Tom Ford and Richie Fallows have both broken in to the top 100 this season, whilst Joe Lee and Adrian Waller have broken in to the top 30.

Further down the talent pathway we had success at a European level with the U19s, U17s and U15s teams winning their respective team titles and with Richie Fallows winning the individual title.

Unfortunately our European success was not translated onto the World stage with the boy's team finishing 5th. Our prospects were not helped with the event being put back due to the Commonwealth Games, as the timing meant that Angus Gillams was outside the required age range.

An in-depth review is being conducted to assess where we can improve and to look at whether there are any lessons we can learn and better plan for future events. The review will extend past just the event and will include how we can better influence and support identified players' home training environments and what role we want squads to perform moving forward.

## 4. Supporting world class competitions and events –seniors and masters

### 4.1. 2014 Commonwealth Games

The Commonwealth Games provided a tremendous platform on which to showcase our sport. Prior to the Games, we supported ten Queens Baton Relay participation events running over a month long period. These were run by local authorities with Laura Massaro and Nick Matthew both playing a prominent role in events, which generated positive television coverage in their presence. This was followed by Nick Matthew being named as the official flag bearer at the Games Opening Ceremony.

Throughout the Games there was continual coverage live on the BBC and over one million viewers watched the men's final. Additionally, significant coverage was secured via all other forms of media helping to raise the profile of squash.



### 4.2. Allam British Open Championships

The British Open returned to Hull again in May and has now firmly re-established itself on the world tour, attracting the top players from around the world. The event was centred around the Sports Arena in Hull which housed the show court, and the University of Hull, which hosted the qualification and masters events. England's two world champions, Laura Massaro and Nick Matthew both made the finals but had to settle for runner-up spots as Nicol David retained her crown and Gregory Gaultier took the title for a second time.

The British Open Masters continues to grow and this year attracted 240 players with a healthy contingent of players from overseas making the long journey to East Yorkshire.

### 4.3. The National Squash Championships

The National Squash Championships took place at The National Squash Centre between 10-16 February. A record entry of 404 players participated in the event across the 17 categories, ranging from the men's and women's senior championships and a full range of masters age groups from over 35s to over 75s. Large crowds were present for the finals weekend which saw Nick Matthew and Alison Waters win their sixth and fourth national titles respectively.

Alongside the championships a vibrant and extensive legacy/junior development programme was run with 1,600 local school children being involved in activities during the week and the Manchester Squash League Cup being held on finals day.

#### **4.4. AJ Bell Men's World Championships**

The successful partnership between ESR, Manchester City Council and UK Sport, with the support of title sponsors AJ Bell saw the Men's World Championships staged in Manchester and attracting the very best players from around the globe. The early part of the championships were held at the National Squash Centre before play moved over to the world class facilities on offer at Manchester Central in the city centre. The event was hugely successful with sell-out ticket sales and the finals weekend screened live on the BBC. The championships also proved to be a success for English squash with three players making the quarter finals before Nick Matthew beat Gregory Gaultier of France in a titanic battle to become World Champion for a third time.

#### **4.5. National Club Championships**

122 teams from 66 clubs competed in the National Club Championships across eight categories. The championships concluded in a finals weekend which was held at Nottingham SRC over the weekend 21-22 June. Pontefract and Colets continued their dominance of the women's and men's events respectively and once again retained their crowns. Pontefract's over 35 women were also victorious and there were wins for home club Nottingham, Moreton Hall, Bannatynes, and Chapel Allerton.

The junior final was delayed a few weeks due to a clash of events but after a close encounter Berkhamsted defeated Pontefract 3-2.

#### **4.6. Inter County Championships**

Team entries from counties exceeded 500 for the first time with an estimated 2,500 players participating in the 22 categories. Surrey & Yorkshire topped the tables with 4 titles apiece while the remaining categories were claimed by no fewer than 12 different counties.

The season also saw the introduction of the Junior County Cup designed to expand and extend the junior ICC season and give a focus for continued county squad activity, providing opportunities for players on the verge of county teams.

#### **4.7. Premier Squash League**

The Premier Squash League supported by Dunlop once again ran from October to May with two leagues of 6 teams leading into play offs. Both divisions proved to be extremely competitive but it was Duffield and Surrey H&R that finished top with Chapel Allerton and Exeter as runners-up.

The semi-finals saw comfortable wins for both group winners who progressed to compete for the PSL crown at a sell-out

Surrey Sports Park on 6 May. The final proved to be a classic encounter with Surrey H&R fighting back from 2-0 down to draw level after their No1 Peter Barker stunned world champion Nick Matthew in straight games. In the deciding rubber Adrian Grant defeated Steve Copping to win it for Surrey



H&R and keep the PSL trophy in the Croydon club's hands for an incredible fifth year in a row, and sixth time in all.

#### **4.8. Masters squash**

The masters regional circuit continued to thrive with almost 800 entries being recorded for the six regional events held throughout the season. These tournaments have become hugely popular over the years and lead into the National Championships and the British Open Masters.

The Home Internationals ran smoothly this year with England claiming all titles with the exception of the Men's Over 35's which was taken by Ireland and Scotland's victory in Women's Over 50's.

The World Masters were held in Hong Kong during the summer and were attended by over 70 English players with Averil Murphy and Adrian Wright being crowned World Champions in the over 65 and over 70 categories respectively.

#### **4.9. Dunlop National Racketball Championships**

Edgbaston Priory has become the home of the National Racketball Championships which were held from 20-22 June. 200 racketball enthusiasts descended on Birmingham and participated in a full range of age categories.

Tim Vail (Sussex) equalled the record of six titles after fighting back from 2 down in his final against Mark Fuller (Nottinghamshire) and the women's trophy was won by Natalie Lawrence (Somerset) for the first time after she upset defending champ Claire Walker (Yorkshire).



## **5. Supporting world class competitions and events –juniors**

The 2013/4 season also saw the junior calendar continue to grow and strengthen with a variety of competitive opportunities widely available to all standards of player throughout the entire year.

### **5.1. Tecnifibre British Junior Championships**

The Tecnifibre British Junior Championships took place over the weekend of 1-3 November and was split between The National Squash Centre, which hosted the under U19s and U17s and The Northern Squash Club which ran the under U15s and U13s. During the weekend a real link between the Junior Championships and the Men's World Championships was forged with many juniors able to see the best players in the world in action. Both the U19 finals went the full distance before Anna Kimberley (Essex) and Angus Gillams (Hertfordshire) prevailed with wins over Lily Taylor (Leicestershire) and Richie Fallows (Surrey). The U17 crowns were taken by Amilia Henley (Kent) and James Peach (Yorkshire) whilst the younger age groups were won by Elise Lazarus (Essex), Kyle Finch (Hampshire), Alice Green (Essex) and Jared Carter (Hampshire).

### **5.2. Tecnifibre British Junior Open Championships**

The Tecnifibre British Junior Open was held in Sheffield between 2-6 January and was played on 17 courts across three venues - Abbeydale, Hallamshire and Fulwood. The event saw 259 players from 36 nations compete with 165 of the top English juniors for the coveted titles on offer. England enjoyed a sound showing with players competing in the various quarter finals. Both George Parker (Leicestershire) and Patrick Rooney (Merseyside) made it through to the semi-final. Parker was defeated in the boys U19 semi by eventual winner Ahmad Alsaraj (Jordan) while Rooney lost out to Ng Eain Yow of Malaysia. Once again Egypt confirmed their No1 status within junior squash taking five titles while Malaysia claimed two.

### **5.3. Tecnifibre English Junior Championships**

The English Junior Championships took place between 21-23 April. The event was split between Surrey Sports Park and Winchester Squash Club and both proved excellent venues. Surrey pair Richie Fallows and Nada Elkalaawy both concluded their junior careers by securing the U19 titles and with it qualified for local spots within the main PSA and WSA qualifying draws of the Allam British Open. In the U17s James Peach (Yorkshire) completed the British/English double while Georgina Kennedy (Kent) gained revenge for her loss to Amelia Henley in the British Championships back in November. Curtis Malik (Sussex) and Sam Todd (Yorkshire) took the boys U15 and U13 titles with stylish 3-0 final wins while the girl's events were won by Jasmin Hutton (Sussex) and Alice Green (Essex) – Hutton having to dig deep to see off Lucy Turmel (Suffolk) in 5 games and Green fighting back after losing the first game to Oxfordshire's No1 seed and favourite Eve Coxon.

### **5.4. The National Schools Championships**

The National Schools Championships ran throughout the season and involved 165 school teams in boys and girls U15 and U19 age categories. The finals ran from 10-13 March at the National Squash Centre. A new expanded format saw 12 schools compete each day, helping to create a wonderful 'festival of squash' feel to the event. The trophy finals have proved to be a big hit over recent years giving all schools a realistic chance to reach a final and play at the National Squash Centre. This year saw trophy wins for Jarrow, Altrincham, Nunthorpe and Heaton Manor Schools. In the main draws the boys finals were once again dominated by Millfield and Wycliffe with each

school taking a 3-2 win over the other to share the titles. Northumbria's Dame Allen's School were the school to watch in the girls categories, taking the U15 crown and then reaching the U19 final before losing out to the impressive Tewkesbury School.

### **5.5. British Under 23 Championships**

The British Under 23 Championships took place from 11-13 April at Hunts County Squash Club in Cambridgeshire. Once again the event was a huge success due in no small part to the fantastic support of the club and their squash academy. The event saw wins for former European Junior Champion Carrie Ramsey (Yorkshire) and World No 63 Charles Sharpes (Surrey), both beaten finalists in 2013.

### **5.6. English Under 11 Championships**

The weekend of 7-8 June saw the English Under 11 Championships take place at Nottingham SRC. The event attracted 80 of the country's most promising young squash players, many of whom were playing in their first major championship. After two days of hectic competition, Sam Osborne-Wylde of Worcestershire and Sussex's Torrie Malik, last years runner-up, were crowned National Under 11 Champions and many others were inspired, hopefully to stay involved within the sport for many years to come.

## **6. Facilities**

### **6.1. ESR Facilities Strategy**

Ensuring that good quality accessible facilities are available in the right places remains a core objective for ESR and our 2012-17 facilities strategy continues to act as a guide and reference for delivery and communication with partners and providers. The identification of priority areas for investment has evolved to support delivery of development targets and we strive to challenge and refine our understanding of where the most effective areas are to invest for growth of squash and racketball.

We provide financial support for different types of facility providers operating across various sectors. Working within clearly identified priority areas enables us to develop strategic partnerships and work collaboratively to attract wider investment through Lottery funding streams to improve and enhance community sports clubs, public facilities and education facilities.

### **6.2. Facility landscape**

Like all public services, local government leisure services are under increasing scrutiny and subject to regular reviews in search of cost saving measures. Sport England developed 'Assessing Needs and Opportunities a Guide for Indoor Sports' (ANOG) to inform local authority indoor sports strategy. We contributed to the development of the guide and are confident it will assist in sustaining accessible squash provision and create opportunities for new modern squash courts. A number of major local authorities have undertaken the process; namely Leeds, Sheffield, Colchester and also more rural authorities such as Cornwall and Chichester.

In recent years there has been a renewed enthusiasm and confidence to invest in sports club facilities. The stock of old facilities that have well established roots are often hindered by poor design, layout, quality of supporting infrastructure and ever increasing maintenance costs. We target such clubs to offer support and guidance to apply for lottery funding and bid for resources from the Inspired Facilities Fund from which community sports clubs can access up to £75,000. Over 70 clubs have successfully accessed capital funding from this pot.

A number of significant developments in the education sector have advanced such as the University of Birmingham, University of Nottingham, Brunel University, Cambridge University and the University of East London. Upon completion they will contribute greatly to our sport from a student, community and regional perspective.

### **6.3. ESR Capital Grants Programme**

Following our Whole Sport Plan application we were awarded £1.5m for the period 2013-17 to support ESR participation and talent programmes (£400,000 in 2013/14; £400,000 in 2014/15; £500,000 in 2015/16 and £200,000 in 2016/17).

During 2013/14 the £400,000 investment has unlocked over £1.6m in partnership funding.

From a 'standing start' many projects established are expected to contribute to growth in participation and also provide an excellent source of information and insight moving forward.

We have partnered with identified key local authorities and delivered public leisure centre refurbishment projects in Birmingham, Coventry, Sheffield, Cheshire East, Leeds and East Riding.

The refurbishment schemes in Cheshire East and Leeds involved multiple sites and 20 courts. Projects in Birmingham and Sheffield contributed to local area investment strategies and a total completion of accessible facility refurbishments in those cities.

Direct investment in clubs has supported new court developments at Oxshott and Shrewsbury (both 2 to 3 courts) via a low level ESR contribution and Inspired Facilities funding. We have contributed to refurbishment work at Nottingham and York Squash Clubs, also a court reinstatement at Leyburn Squash Club.

Education investment has involved a major 4 court refurbishment project at Aylesbury Grammar School which will now be accessible to the community and a new excellent 5 court facility at the University of Cambridge which will provide for students, the local community and also our regional delivery.

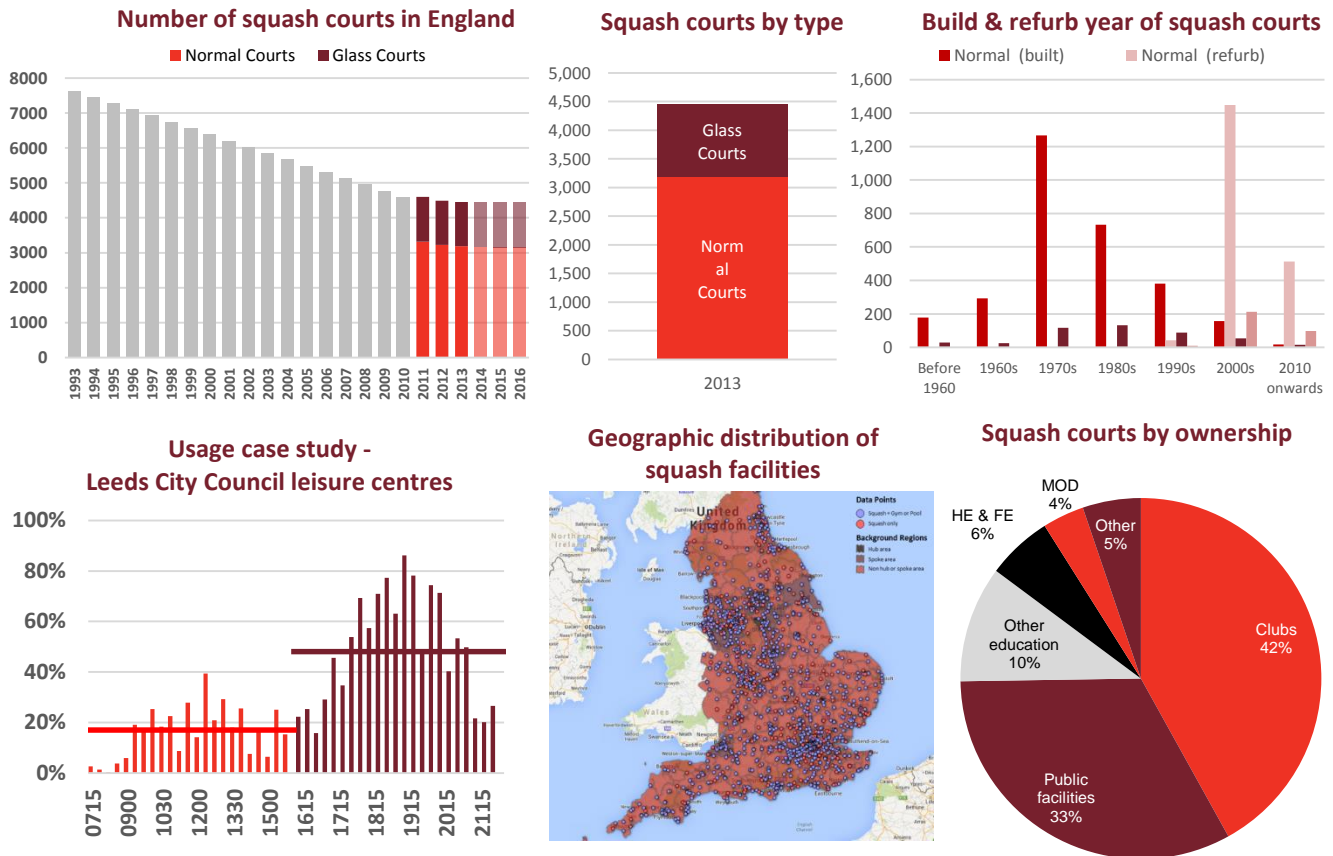
### 6.4. Sport England lottery funding

We continue to provide support to affiliated clubs wishing to access available lottery funded capital grants programmes. The Inspired Facilities Fund is the most relevant and accessible funding stream to the majority of our facility partners. Over the last 5 rounds we have supported over 70 successful applications with a total aggregate value of over £3.5m. Our knowledge and experience has developed, increasing our project success rate so that we are now well above the average for all applications.

We have also experienced success via the Improvement Fund with Hallamshire Tennis & Squash Club being awarded a £250,000 grant to enhance and improve their facilities. In addition, Torridge Tennis Club were awarded a £400k grant to help them move to a new site and the inclusion of a new three court squash facility.

The first Strategic Facilities Fund award of £2m which was made jointly to Chesterfield Borough Council and Chesterfield College will also see the provision of two squash courts at a new leisure complex.

### How are different facilities used?



Sources: Mintel report on Squash Facilities (1992); Leisure Database Company Facility Database (2013); Leeds City Council squash court usage data (2013); Active Places Power (2013)

## 7. Measuring our impact

### 7.1. Monitoring of programmes aimed at increasing participations

We continue to monitor programmes identified in our Local Delivery Plans and use “Court View” to collect data. To date:

- 7,100 people have taken part in our programmes
- 67% of participants have been male, with 33% female
- 44% of activity has taken place in clubs, 30% in Public Facilities 23% in Universities and 3% in other environments such as private health clubs

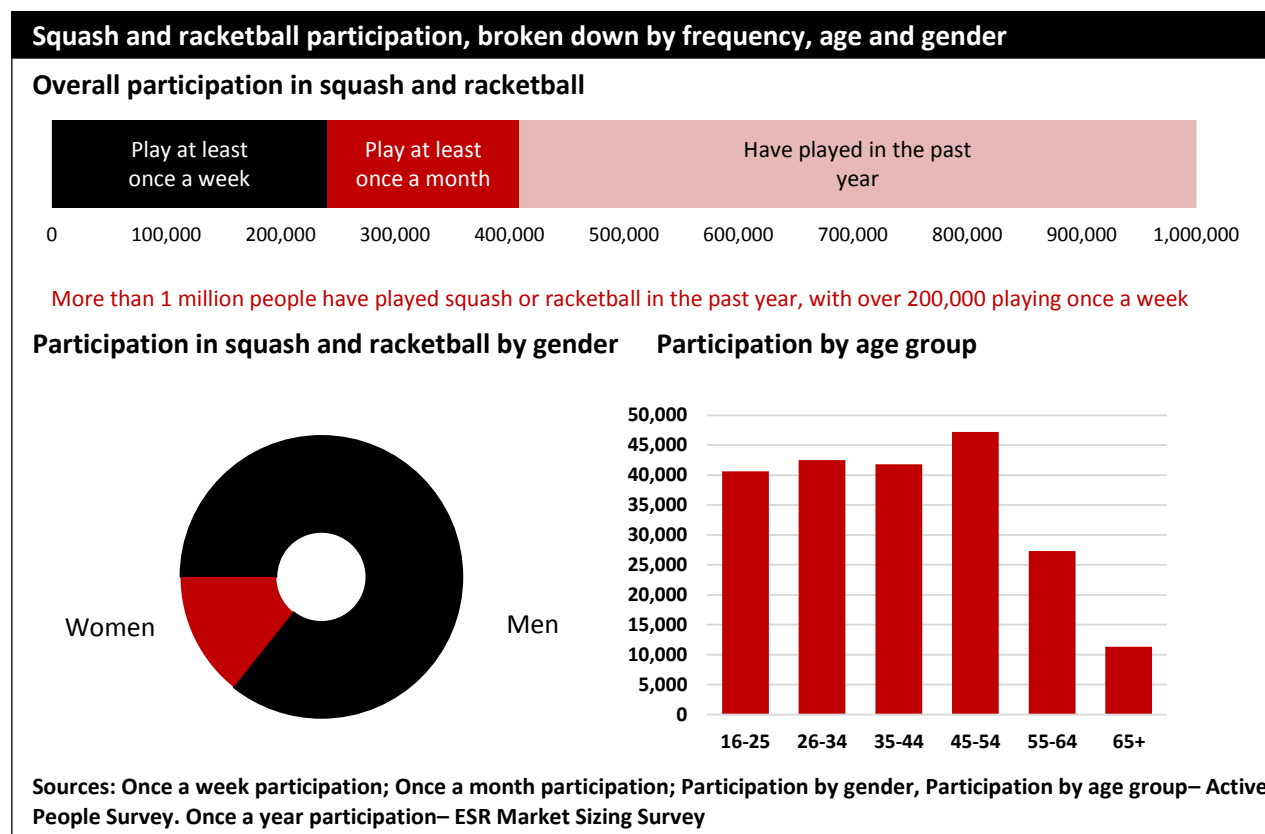
### 7.2. Sport England Active People Survey

Sport England continue to track and measure participation in sport by the 14+ population through their Active People Survey, and the key measure by which we are measured continues to be the percentage of the adult population participating in sport, at moderate intensity, for at least 30 minutes, once per week.

While we did not achieve our Active People targets of 53,750 (participation in 16-25 age group) and 210,600 (participation in 26+ age group) for October 2013, our latest results for April 2014 do show areas of improvement.

In particular, when compared to the previous results, female participation increased by 12%, participation in the 16-19 age group (a priority area for Sport England) increased by 11% and participation in the 55+ age group showed an increase of 25%.

However, these improvements have not been at a scale required to show significant impact and there is clearly much more for us to do.



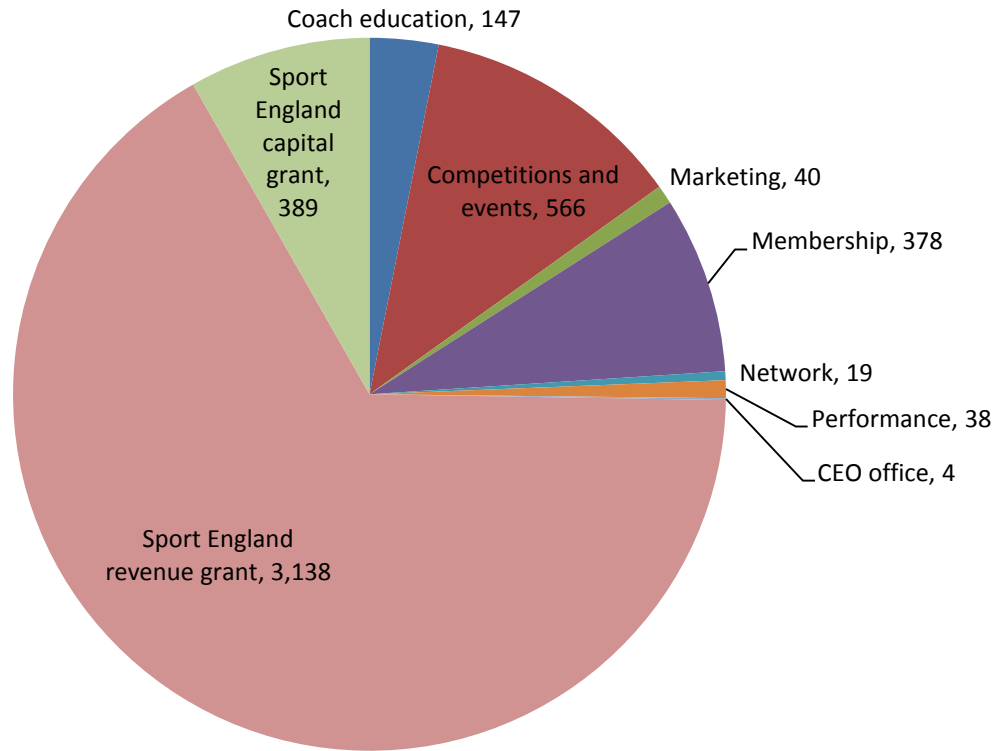
### 7.3. Website and social media

The England Squash & Racketball and Big Hit websites have seen very significant increases in visitors in the last 12 months. The ESR site has seen a 57% increase in visits and the Big Hit site has seen an increase of 285%. Some of this can be attributed to the PR achieved as a result of the Commonwealth Games, and some due to the creation of strategic links between our websites and those of our partners. An example of a successful partnership has been the connection of the Big Hit site to the BBC Sport Get Inspired page, where we have created links highlighting where to play. We have promoted this further and have positively encouraged interactive engagement by creating structured social media campaigns. Our social media profile and reach continues to grow.

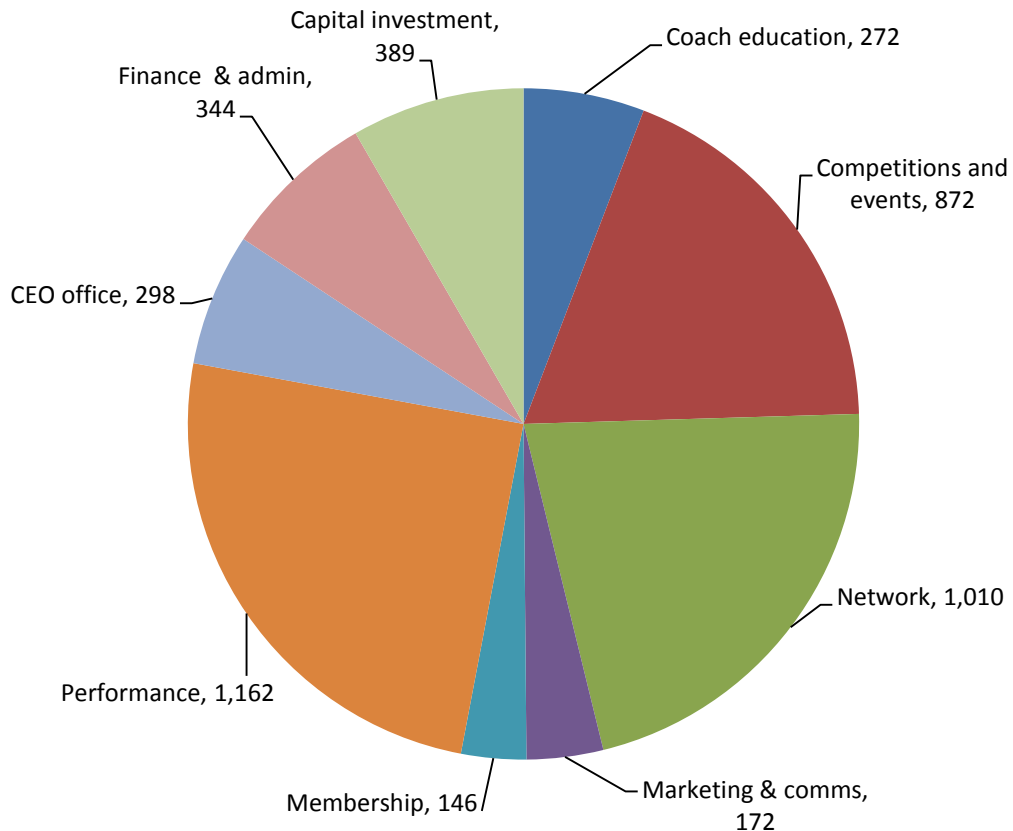


## 8. Financial review

### Income - 2013/14 (£000)



### Expenditure 2013/14 (£000)



## Department Costs & Revenues (£000s)

<b>1) Membership</b>		<b>13/14</b>	<b>12/13</b>
<b>Income</b>	Membership fees	378	369
	<b>Total</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>369</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	Membership services	43	43
	County rebates	53	48
	Staff	50	45
	<b>Total</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>136</b>
<b>2) Coach Education</b>		<b>13/14</b>	<b>12/13</b>
<b>Income</b>	Fees from coaching courses	110	86
	Coaching Resources (Mini Squash Resource Box etc)	9	8
	Coaching conference	10	5
	Coaching insurance	18	21
	<b>Total</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	Costs of running coaching courses - fees to 1st4Sport, tutors etc	77	79
	Production of coaching resources	7	3
	Coaching conference	12	7
	Staff	176	178
	<b>Total</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>267</b>
<b>3) Competitions and events</b>		<b>13/14</b>	<b>12/13</b>
<b>Income</b>	Entry fees	145	161
	British Open	407	408
	World Masters	-	107
	Other	14	4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>680</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	Event costs	276	241
	British Open costs	397	424
	World Masters	-	109
	Other (rankings, referees etc)	14	16
	Staff	185	181
	<b>Total</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>971</b>
<b>4) Network</b>		<b>13/14</b>	<b>12/13</b>
<b>Income</b>	Miscellaneous grants	19	34
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	Development budgets (schools, young people, leisure centres etc)	195	215
	Regional offices	16	17
	Staff	799	805
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>1,037</b>
<b>5) CEO Office</b>		<b>13/14</b>	<b>12/13</b>
<b>Income</b>	Approval fees	4	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	International representation	1	4
	Other (HR, training, research, tech/med)	87	16
	2020 Olympic bid support	-	5
	Performance Management Project	-	29
	Staff	210	134
<b>Total</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>188</b>	



**Department Costs & Revenues (£000s)**

<b>6) Marketing</b>		<b>13/14</b>	<b>12/13</b>
<b>Income</b>	Sponsorship	40	30
	<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	PR Costs	32	33
	Branding materials/collateral	46	78
	Website	33	23
	Commercial management	3	20
	Other	-	12
	Staff	58	62
	<b>Total</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>228</b>

<b>7) Finance &amp; Administration</b>		<b>13/14</b>	<b>12/13</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	Rent	20	19
	Office costs	70	76
	Insurance	24	33
	Depreciation	55	54
	Irrecoverable VAT	17	63
	VAT Provision	-	25
	Professional fees	32	14
	Other	23	6
	Staff	103	102
	<b>Total</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>392</b>

<b>8) Performance</b>		<b>13/14</b>	<b>12/13</b>
<b>Income</b>	Regional academy charges	38	37
	<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<u>Senior Programme</u>		
	Training and preparation – squads, coaching	197	107
	Competition programme support	34	141
	Championship costs – sending teams to WSF/ESF Championships	197	118
	Personal awards	109	93
	Regional academy	59	96
	<u>General</u>		
	Science and medicine support	212	170
	Health insurance for programme players	22	17
	Staff	332	290
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>1,032</b>

<b>9) Sport England</b>		<b>13/14</b>	<b>12/13</b>
<b>Income</b>	Revenue grant	3,138	3,045
	Capital grant	389	599
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,527</b>	<b>3,644</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	Capital investment	389	599
	<b>Total</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>599</b>

## 9. Appendix 1: Main Competition Results – 2013/14

### AJ Bell Men's World Championships – Champion & Runner Up:

Nick Matthew {Eng} bt Gregory Gaultier {Fra} 11-9, 11-9, 11-13, 7-11, 11-2 (111m)

### Tecnifibre British Junior Championships – Champions & Runners Up:

Girls Under 13: 3/4\* Alice Green {Essex} bt 2\* Kiera Marshall {Worcs} 11-6, 11-6, 8-11, 11-7 (24m)

Boys Under 13: 1\* Jared Carter {Hamps} bt 2\* Sam Todd {Yorkshire} 11-9, 8-11, 11-4, 11-6 (26m)

Girls Under 15: 3/4\* Elise Lasarus {Essex} bt 1\* Jasmine Hutton {Sussex} 11-4, 11-5, 11-3 (17m)

Boys Under 15: 1\* Kyle Finch {Hamps} bt 3/4\* Adam Corcoran {Hamps} 9-11, 11-8, 13-15, 11-6, 11-5 (77m)

Girls Under 17: 2\* Amelia Henley {Kent} bt 1\* Georgina Kennedy {Kent} 13-11, 11-8, 11-2 (23m)

Boys Under 17: 1\* James Peach {Yorkshire} bt 3/4\* Jack Cooper {Yorkshire} 11-7, 11-9, 11-8 (30m)

Girls Under 19: 1\* Anna Kimberley {Essex} bt 2\* Lily Taylor {Leics} 11-3, 8-11, 11-6, 11-6 (32m)

Boys Under 19: 2\* Angus Gillams {Hamps} bt 1\* Richie Fallows {Essex} 11-9, 11-8, 6-11, 13-11 (65m)

### Tecnifibre British Junior Open – Champions & Runners Up:

Girls Under 13: 3/4\* Aifa Azman {Malaysia} bt 1\* Jana Shiha {Egypt} 11-7, 11-2, 8-11, 8-11, 16-14 (49m)

Boys Under 13: 1\* Mohamed El Shamy {Egypt} bt 3/4\* Moustafa Assal {Egypt} 11-8, 8-11, 9-11, 12-10, 11-6 (59m)

Girls Under 15: 1\* Siv Subramaniam {Malaysia} bt 3/4\* Hania El Hammamy {Egypt} 7-11, 11-8, 8-11, 11-5, 11-6 (48m)

Boys Under 15: 1\* Youssef Ibrahim {Egypt} bt 3/4\* Moustafa Montaser {Egypt} 15-13, 11-9, 11-6 (31m)

Girls Under 17: 1\* Habiba Mohamed {Egypt} bt 3/4\* Hana Basem {Egypt} 11-6, 11-3, 11-4 (24m)

Boys Under 17: 1\* Youssef Soliman {Egypt} bt 2\* Eain Yow Ng {Malaysia} 11-8, 9-11, 11-5, 11-7 (45m)

Girls Under 19: 2\* Yathreb Adel {Egypt} bt 1\* Mariam Metwaly {Egypt} 11-9, 11-9, 7-11, 11-9 (59m)

Boys Under 19: 5/8\* Ahmad Alsaraj {Jordan} bt 3/4\* Diego Elias {Peru} 11-7, 11-9, 8-11, 11-3 (64m)

### National Squash Championships – Champions & Runners Up:

Women: 2\* Alison Waters {Mdsx} bt 3/4\* Madeline Perry {Ireland} 11-3, 11-6, 11-6 (32m)

Men: 1\* Nick Matthew {Yorks} bt 2\* James Willstrop {Yorks} 5-11, 12-10, 11-4, 11-8 (78m)

Women's Over 35: 1\* Laura Mylotte {Cheshire} bt 2\* Rachel Calver {Leics} 9-0 9-4 9-5 (25m)

Men's Over 35: 1\* Simon Parke {Yorks} bt 2\* Marc Woolhead {Herts} 11-3 11-6 11-4 (32m)

Women's Over 40: 2\* Claire Walker {Yorks} bt 1\* Rachel Pullan {Notts} 7-9 9-6 7-9 9-6 10-8 (50m)

Men's Over 40: 1\* Nick Taylor {Lancs} bt 2\* Nick Wall {Yorks} 11-9 11-3 11-7 (27m)

Women's Over 45: 1\* Andrea Santa Maria {Yorks} bt 2\* Rose Bamber {Avon} 4-9 10-8 9-2 9-5 (50m)

Men's Over 45: 3/4\* Andrew Cross {D&C} bt 2\* Murray Scott {Derbys} 11-7 11-5 11-7 (34m)

Women's Over 50: 1\* Mandy Akin {Kent} bt 3/4\* Fiona McLean {Scot} 4-9 9-4 7-9 9-4 9-4 (51m)

Men's Over 50: 1\* Eamonn Price {Herts} bt 5/8\* Colin Payne {Kent} 3-9 9-5 9-2 9-7 (57m)

Women's Over 55: 2\* Helen Gould {Avon} bt 1\* Julie Field {Yorks} 2-9 9-6 9-7 9-3 (40m)

Men's Over 55: 1\* Jeremy Goulding {Avon} bt Alan Barwise {Lancs} 9-3 9-2 9-2 (40m)

Women's Over 60: 1\* Pauline Douglas {Scot} bt 3/4\* Bett Dryhurst {Worcs} 9-2 9-1 9-4 (18m)

Men's Over 60: 1\* Nicholas Drysdale {Avon} bt 3/4\* Ronnie Bell {Cumb} 9-6 9-2 9-3 (23m)

Men's Over 65: 1\* Barry Featherstone {Hants} bt 2\* Aubrey Waddy {Bucks} 9/4 9/2 9/3 (21m)

Men's Over 70: 1\* Adrian Wright {Yorks} bt 2\* Mike Clemson {Yorks} 9/6 9/5 8/10 9/3 (37m)

Men's Over 75: Pat Kirton {Surrey} bt Lance Kinder {Hants} 8/10 9/4 9/5 5/9 9/3 (53m)

### National School Championships – Champions & Runners Up:

Girls Under 15 Trophy: Jarrow School {Numb} bt Downe House School {Berks} 3-2  
Boys Under 15 Trophy: Altrincham Grammar School {Chesh} bt Gosforth Academy {Numb} 4-1  
Girls Under 19 Trophy: Nunthorpe School {D&C} bt Downe House School {Berks} 3-2  
Boys Under 19 Trophy: Heaton Manor School {Numb} bt Reeds School {Surrey} 3-2  
Girls Under 15 National School Champions: Dame Allens School {Numb} bt Gosforth Academy {Numb} 3-2  
Boys Under 15 National School Champions: Wycliffe College {Gloucs} bt Millfield School {Somerset} 3-2  
Girls Under 19 National School Champions: Tewkesbury School {Gloucs} bt Dame Allens School {Numb} 4-1  
Boys Under 19 National School Champions: Millfield School {Somerset} bt Wycliffe College {Gloucs} 3-2

### Tecnifibre English Junior Championships – Champions & Runners Up:

Girls Under 13: 2\* Alice Green {Essex} bt 1\* Eve Coxon {Oxfordshire} 8-11, 11-7, 11-5, 11-4 (19m)  
Boys Under 13: 2\* Sam Todd {Yorkshire} bt 3/4\* Nathan Mead {Glocs} 11-5, 11-3, 11-6 (20m)  
Girls Under 15: 1\* Jasmine Hutton {Sussex} bt 2\* Lucy Turmel {Suffolk} 8-11, 11-8, 12-10, 5-11, 11-4 (43m)  
Boys Under 15: 2\* Curtis Malik {Sussex} bt 1\* Tom Walsh {Sussex} 11-7, 11-8, 11-5 (28m)  
Girls Under 17: 1\* Georgina Kennedy {Kent} bt 2\* Amelia Henley {Kent} 11-8, 11-8, 11-7 (30m)  
Boys Under 17: 1\* James Peach {Yorkshire} bt 5/8\* Robbie Keefe {Hampshire} 11-9, 11-5, 11-5 (27m)  
Girls Under 19: 1\* Nada Elkalaawy {Surrey} bt 2\* Lily Taylor {Leics} 11-7, 11-8, 11-9 (31m)  
Boys Under 19: 1\* Richie Fallows {Essex} bt 3/4\* George Parker {Leics} 11-9, 7-11, 10-12, 11-5, 11-3 (81m)

### British Under 23 Championships – Champions & Runners Up:

Women: Carrie Ramsey {Yorkshire} bt Victoria Temple-Murray {Devon} 9/11 11/6 11/6 11/6 (51m)  
Men: Charles Sharpes {Surrey} bt Declan James {Nottinghamshire} 11/6 11/4 11/6 (42m)

### Inter County Championships – Champions & Finishing Positions:

Men	Women	Boys Under 11	Girls Under 11
1. Hertfordshire	1. Cheshire	1. Surrey	1. Yorkshire
2. Essex	2. Surrey	2. Essex	2. Warwickshire
3. Surrey	3. Gloucestershire	3. Yorkshire	3. Lancashire
4. Kent	4. Essex	4. Northumbria	4. Northumbria
Girls Under 13	Boys Under 13	Girls Under 15	Boys Under 15
1. S.E.Wales	1. Yorkshire	1. Yorkshire	1. Yorkshire
2. Warwickshire	2. Gloucestershire	2. Sussex	2. Sussex
3. Cumbria	3. Kent	3. Essex	3. Surrey
4. Kent	4. Essex	4. Surrey	4. Essex
Girls Under 17	Boys Under 17	Girls Under 19	Boys Under 19
1. Gloucestershire	1. Surrey	1. Surrey	1. Essex
2. Yorkshire	2. Hampshire	2. Gloucestershire	2. Yorkshire
3. Northumbria	3. Yorkshire	3. Kent	3. Merseyside
4. S.E.Wales	4. Sussex	4. North Wales	4. Gloucestershire
Men's Over 35	Men's Over 45	Men's Over 50	Men's Over 55
1. Surrey	1. D & Cleveland	1. Middlesex	1. Middlesex
2. Norfolk	2. Cheshire	2. Avon	2. Northumbria
3. Surrey	3. Hertfordshire	3. Yorkshire	3. Surrey
4. Hampshire	4. Surrey	4. Dorset	4. Northamptonshire

Men's Over 60	Men's Over 65	Women's Over 40	Women's Over 50
1. Cumbria	1. Hampshire	1. Lancashire	1. Kent
2. Yorkshire	2. Surrey	2. Nottinghamshire	2. Surrey
3. Surrey	3. Sussex	3. Surrey	3. Avon
4. Lancashire	4. Yorkshire	4. Kent	4. S.E Wales

Open Racketball	Over 40 Racketball
1. Sussex	1. Essex
2. Devon	2. Yorkshire
3. Yorkshire	3. Dorset
4. Surrey	4. Warwickshire

#### Allam British Open Championships – Champions & Runners Up:

Women: 1\* Nicol David {Mas} bt 2\* Laura Massaro {Eng} 8-11 11-5 11-7 11-8 (64m)  
Men: 2\* Grégory Gaultier {Fra} bt 1\* Nick Matthew {Eng} 11-3 11-6 11-2 (45m)  
WO35: Katie Lawrence {Eng} bt 1\* Sam Mueller {Eng} 9-7 6-9 9-5 8-10 4-9 (75m)  
MO35: 1\* Omar Elborolossy {Egypt} bt 3/4\* Mick Biggs {Eng} 11-3 11-8 11-13 11-7 (38m)  
WO40: 2\* Rachel Pullan {Eng} bt 3/4\* Shayne Baillie {Eng} 3-9 9-3 9-5 9-1 (27m)  
MO40: 1\* Clive Ewins {Eng} bt 2\* Nick Wall {Eng} 11-5 11-3 2-11 11-6 (44m)  
WO45: 1\* Simone Korell {Ger} bt 2\* Andrea Santa Maria {Eng} 9-7 9-6 8-10 9-6 (43m)  
MO45: 1\* Andrew Cross {Eng} bt 2\* Rick Weatherall {Eng} 11-8 6-11 10-12 11-4 11-6 (56m)  
WO50: 1\* Mandy Akin {Eng} bt 2\* Fiona McLean {Scot} 9-3 8-10 9-6 9-7 (41m)  
MO50: 2\* Colin Payne {Eng} bt 1\* Fredrik Johnson {Swe} 9-4 9-5 9-3 (31m)  
WO55: 1\* Helen Gould {Eng} bt 2\* Lynne Davies {Wal} 9-6 10-8 9-5 (31m)  
MO55: 1\* Ross Norman {NZ} bt 3/4\* Jon Evans {Wal} 9-5 9-3 9-0 (48m)  
WO60: Pauline Douglas {Scot} bt Patricia Appleton {Eng} 9-0 9-4 9-1 (14m)  
MO60: 1\* Peter Alexander {Eng} bt 3/4\* Stuart Hardy {Eng} 3-9 9-1 6-9 9-3 9-6 (53m)  
MO65: 1\* Barry Featherstone {Eng} bt 2\* Aubrey Waddy {Eng} 9-6 9-7 8-10 9-6 (45m)  
MO70: 2\* Mike Clemson {Eng} bt 1\* Adrian Wright {Eng} 3-9 9-6 9-7 1-9 9-6 (56m)  
MO75: 1\* Patrick Kirton {Eng} bt 3/4\* Vincent Taylor {Can} 1-9 9-5 9-1 9-10 9-6 (53m)

#### English Under 11 Championships – Champions & Runners Up:

Sam Osborne Wylde {Worcs} bt Timothy Lloyd {Surrey} 11-5 11-6 11-7  
Torie Malik {Sussex} bt Emma Bartley {Suffolk} 11-6 11-1 11-4

#### National Club Championships – Champions & Runners Up:

Women: Pontefract {Yorks} bt Colets {Surrey} 5-0  
Men: Colets {Surrey} bt Edgbaston Priory {Warks} 3-2  
Juniors: Berkhamsted {Herts} bt Pontefract {Yorks} 3-2  
Women's Over 35: 1.Pontefract {Yorks} 2.Colets {Surrey} (Round Robin)  
Men's Over 35: Christophers {Surrey} bt Moreton Hall {Suffolk} 3-2  
Men's Over 45: Nottingham {Notts} bt Colets {Surrey} 2-1  
Men's Over 55: Bannatynes {Norfolk} bt Colets {Surrey} 2-1  
Racketball: Chapel Allerton {Yorks} bt Lee-on-Solent {Hants} 4-1

#### Dunlop National Racketball Championships – Champions & Runners Up:

Women: 3/4\* Natalie Laurence {Somerset} bt 1\* Claire Walker {Yorks} 12-10 6-11 11-7 11-6 (48m)  
Men: 2\* Tim Vail {Sussex} bt 3/4\* Mark Fuller {Notts} 4-11 5-11 12-10 11-7 11-6 (112m)  
Women's Over 35: Zoe Melis {Essex} bt Sarah Taylor {Lancs} 11-6 11-5 4-11 11-4 (30m)  
Men's Over 35: 2\* James Bowden {Warks} bt 1\* Andy Corben {Dorset} 11-9 11-1 11-2 (30m)  
Women's Over 40: Claire Walker {Yorks} bt Sam Mueller {Bucks} 11-5 11-3 11-5 (32m)  
Men's Over 40: 3/4\* Ian Cox {Norfolk} bt 3/4\* David Lord {Yorks} 11-4 6-11 11-4 5-11 11-6 (42m)  
Women's Over 45: Rachel Woolford {Warks} bt Amanda Harding {Merseys} 11-5 10-12 6-11 11-2 11-5 (35m)

Men's Over 45: 1\* Andy Murray {Warks} bt 2\* Pete Goodings {Essex} 14-16 11-5 11-5 12-10 (38m)  
 Women's Over 50: 1\* Paula Arrowsmith {Yorks} bt Carolyn Lindsay {Warks} 3-11 11-8 7-11 11-6 11-7 (31m)  
 Men's Over 50: 2\* Neil Baldwin {Yorks} bt 3/4\* Stephen Wall {Sussex} 7-11 11-5 10-12 11-6 12-10 (62m)  
 Women's Over 55: Lesley Sturgess {Derbys} bt Frances Humphries {Warks} 11-4 11-5 11-3 (11m)  
 Men's Over 55: 1\* Mike Phillips {Sussex} bt 2\* Nigel Millington {Derbys} 11-5 12-10 11-7 (20m)  
 Women's Over 60: Linda Smith {Devon} bt Bett Dryhurst {Worcs} 8-11 14-12 7-11 11-6 11-7 (32m)  
 Men's Over 60: 1\* Rob Shay {Warks} bt Roger Monteil {Surrey} 11-6 8-11 11-7 11-5 (34m)  
 Women's Over 65: Bett Dryhurst {Worcs} bt Ali Wood {Warks} 11-9 15-13 11-9 (17m)  
 Men's Over 65: 1\* David Scurlock {Lancs} bt Graham Sayer {Dorset} 11-6 11-6 11-4 (18m)  
 Men's Over 70: 1\* Bev Pegg {Warks} bt 2\* Rod Embley {Warks} 11-8 7-11 11-3 13-15 11-6 (56m)

### Premier Squash League

#### Final Group Positions

Group A		Group B	
Duffield	150	Surrey H&R	156
Chapel Allerton	134	Exeter	138
Birmingham	131	St Georges Hill	122
Nottingham	125	Chichester	114
Coolhurst	121	Bristol	114
Pontefract	40	Winchester	61

Semi Finals: Duffield bt Devon & Exeter 5-0 Surrey H&R bt Chapel Allerton 4-1  
 Final: Surrey H&R bt Duffield 3-2