



Chester Hockey Club



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New team for U13's

Chester is re launching the U13's Saturday side (The Beavers) this coming season. This side is a mixed side that provides an opportunity for young players aged 11- 13 to play other local sides regularly on Saturday afternoons during the season. The side will be coached by Dafydd Jones and Paul Williams (Willow). If you are interested please email dafydd-helen@jonesdh.freeseve.co.uk with your contact details. Games will start in September and there are lots of small roles that parents can help with, from driving to games to helping coach/ umpire or administer the team.

Coaching after Easter

Due to loosing so many sessions because of the bad weather we are looking to extend the training sessions for one more month after Easter we will have a session next week 28th March, break for two weeks and restart on the 18th April. The session will run from 10- 11 (U11) and 11-12 (U15)

Feedback from parents

Thank you for all your suggestions this year, over the summer we are focussing our efforts on the following areas;

- Improving communication- we will provide a regular monthly newsletter available at training or by download from the website
- Game planning we will provide a list of fixtures for the season in September
- Kit- We are constantly looking to improve the range of kit available and get it delivered quickly.

- We are a voluntary club and several parents have offered to help with the sessions. We have a variety of roles small and large, for parents from becoming a coach or umpiring; to helping administer the sessions and co-ordinating newsletters. As a club we pay for all the necessary CRB checks for those who are willing to help out. Ask Dafydd or Chris for details.

Other news

40 Goals for Phil, Two England Players and Promotion – What a Season for Chester Men's first team

Chester Men's First team 4- Leeds 2

Chester celebrated promotion to the Northern Premier league on Saturday with a resounding win over Leeds at home. After conceding an early goal due to a nervous start Chester piled on the pressure and Bart Ryan-Beswick scored twice and Phil Roper overpowered the Leeds Keeper from a penalty corner. Phil then put the icing on the cake by scoring his 40th goal of the season, a penalty corner emphatically finished into the roof of the net.

The team celebrated long into the night at the club annual awards night, at the racecourse winning team of the year. This side which is a blend of youth and experience has worked hard under their head coach Mark Bateman, who is also one of England Hockey's centrally appointed coaches. Marks high level coaching and the commitment of the young players has led to Phil Roper being selected to play for England U18's and Huw Barrett being selected for the England U16's. The squad also boasts plenty of home grown talents ranging from the youthful Warwick and Bart Ryan-Beswick, the Evans brothers to the evergreen Dave Newman. Chester hockey club prides its self on developing talent and providing opportunities for all players to reach their potential for more information on next seasons plans and how to become involved, from the new U13's side to the Vintage sides.