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The Wimbledon Club is pleased to announce that Wimbledon Hockey Club Men's 1st XI was crowned Champions of England after beating East Grinstead 8-5 in the final of the England Hockey Premier League Play-offs at the Olympic Park on Sunday 12th April.

As a result Wimbledon will now represent England in the European Hockey League in 2015/6

Wimbledon Hockey Club, part of The Wimbledon Club, is one of the oldest clubs in the UK. Founded in 1883 and now Champions of England, The Club wants to share this success story to encourage children and adults from all walks of life from the Borough to get involved with the sport.

"HOCKEY IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND BACKGROUNDS TO INTERACT AND ENGAGE IN A SPORTING ACTIVITY WHICH HAS EXCEPTIONAL VALUES AND BELIEFS." BEN HAWES, 1st TEAM CAPTAIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE BRITISH OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION ATHLETES COMMISSION

The Club's player pathway begins with a Quicksticks Programme and continues through to elite hockey coaching at a premier league level. The Club prides itself on a community driven access to all children approach, nurturing junior talent into senior league hockey players.

"AT WIMBLEDON HOCKEY CLUB WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT PROVIDING SPORTS FOR ALL, ENCOMPASSING OUR COMMUNITY AND ENSURING THE OPTIMUM COACHING EXPERIENCE." BEN MARSDEN, DIRECTOR OF HOCKEY, PLAYED FOR ENGLAND & GREAT BRITAIN AT THE BEIJING 2008 OLYMPICS, ENGLAND COACH OF THE YEAR

We are further pleased to announce that at recent meetings and discussions with community organisations, residents and local people in Merton and Wandsworth, The Wimbledon Club has been able to share some of its ideas

and proposals for the future with Merton Council.

These involve developing and upgrading the sports and spectator facilities at the Wimbledon Park Athletics Stadium with the objective of increasing the benefits and participation opportunities for sport for all current and future users.

The Wimbledon Club is proud to be part of this incredible community project.

We are extremely pleased that Merton Council has said that it is prioritising and carrying out a master planning exercise for Wimbledon Park, so that all demands on the Park can be considered and developed in a planned approach. This will build on the Park's existing heritage and create a sustainable environment for all users of the Park.

The Wimbledon Club looks forward to being part of these plans and discussions over the months to come and to supporting the Council in the achievement of the optimum sports and leisure opportunities in the Park, whilst continuing to protect the ecological benefits and heritage of the park for the benefit of the wider community.

Men's Hockey 1st X1 - Facts

5 current England players (Commonwealth and World Cup) who coach teams of all ages

2 Olympians who manage and coach teams of all ages

3 players on the England Development Programme who coach teams of all ages

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"Supporting Sport in the Community"



