

# SPORTSROUND

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## Round-Up of Sports News & Information for Yorkshire Region

### Leeds Sports Awards

The Leeds Sports Awards for 2005, organised by the Leeds Sports Federation, were presented at a Gala Dinner in the Leeds Civic Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2006, in the presence of the Lord Mayor of Leeds, Councillor William Hyde. The event was sponsored by Yorkshire Evening Post, and supported by Leeds City Council and Leeds Metropolitan University. The Award winners were:

Player of the Year : **Matthew Hoggard** (Cricket)

Club of the Year : **City of Leeds Diving Club** (Diving)

Sportswoman of the Year : **Kiran Matharu** (Golf)

Sportsman of the Year: **Andrew Staniland** (Athletics)

Junior Sportswoman of the Year : **Lizzie Armitstead** (Cycling)

Junior Sportsman of the Year : **Daniel Broadbent** (Football & Cricket)

Disability Performers of the Year : **Katy Colman & Louise Simpson** (Goalball)

Coach of the Year : **Phil Davies** (Rugby Union)

Outstanding Service Awards : **Colin Bulmer** (Swimming), **Tony Larvin** (Cricket) & **Alan Thorpe** (Rugby League)

### National Lottery funded projects

The search is on to find the UK's favourite National Lottery funded projects with the launch of The National Lottery Awards 2006. If you know of someone who deserves recognition, enter now. For further details and to enter visit [www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk](http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk) or call 0845 130 4133. Entries must be received by **Friday 28 April 2006**.

### Sainsbury's and jobswithballs.com

As part of its Active Kids Campaign, Sainsbury's has joined forces with jobswithballs.com to help encourage school leavers and young people to consider a career in sport. For further information visit:

[www.sainsburys.co.uk/activekids/for\\_secondary\\_kids](http://www.sainsburys.co.uk/activekids/for_secondary_kids)

### Award for Sheffield High School

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, the staff and pupils of Sheffield High School are holding a celebration for receiving the award of "Top independent school for sport in the UK", and will be joined by the Minister for Sport, Richard Caborn MP.

### Sheffield Half Marathon

The Bright Finance Sheffield Half Marathon and Fun Run will take place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2006 and hopes to attract over 5000 runners. The main sponsors this year are Bright Finance supported by Hallam FM and Fitness Unlimited. All three companies are supporting the event and want to make it the biggest and most successful ever. This year the Run is trying to

raise money for Help a Hallam Child, a well deserving local charity that directly supports and helps the lives of our children across South Yorkshire. Further details about this event and online entries can be made on [www.sheffieldmarathon.com](http://www.sheffieldmarathon.com)

### Compensation Bill

This Government Bill arose following the failure of a Private Member's Bill seeking to promote volunteering. Clause 1 of the Bill requires judges to take into account the nature of an activity when considering duty of care, which is a positive step for sport and recreation activities. The Compensation Bill completed its Grand Committee Stage in the House of Lords on 25 January and will now go to Report Stage

### Natural Environment & Rural Communities Bill

The Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Bill has now finished in Committee Stage. During the final reading in Committee Stage a number of amendments that will impact upon motorsports that take place on the Rights of Way network were agreed to. These include the introduction of 19 May 2005 as a cut off date to modify the definitive map to show byways opens to all traffic. A full list of all the debates on Committee Stage and which amendments have been agreed to, is available at: [bills.ais.co.uk/IP.asp?title=i](http://bills.ais.co.uk/IP.asp?title=i).

### Commons Bill

The Commons Bill had its third reading in the House of Lords on 18 January; the debate is available at [bills.ais.co.uk/AC.asp?title=a](http://bills.ais.co.uk/AC.asp?title=a). The Commons Bill has now been passed to the House of Commons with amendments for debate.

### Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs)

There are now 3,592 clubs registered, claiming an estimated total cash benefit of at least £12.7m by 31 January 2006. CCPR operates a helpline for clubs and works with DCMS, HMRC, Deloitte, Sport England and Bates, Wells and Braithwaite to administer the CASC scheme. Information on the CASC scheme is available at [www.ccpr.org.uk](http://www.ccpr.org.uk)

### Criminal Records Bureau - Portability

With effect from 1 April 2006 the CRB will no longer process portability requests from customers. Organisations may however continue to accept previously issued Disclosures. Those doing so should read the new portability framework, which is available at [www.crb.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=2316T](http://www.crb.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=2316T). This framework highlights the risk factors you will need to take into account if you choose to accept a previously issued Disclosure and how you can reduce some of the risks.

## Health Bill

The amendments to the Health Bill which called for a ban smoking in public places were passed by the House of Commons on Tuesday 14 February 2006. Further elements of the Bill still have to pass through Parliamentary procedure but the ban is set to be imposed in one year's time. The ban on smoking extends to all enclosed public spaces, including private members clubs and therefore will affect all indoor sport and recreation facilities. Furthermore, it is expected that the Department of Health will hold a public consultation on whether the ban should be extended to stadia and other public places that are only partially enclosed. A total smoking ban will come into force in Scotland in March 2006 and in Northern Ireland in April 2007. Following the decision in England, the Welsh Assembly is now to decide whether to ban smoking in public places in Wales having twice already approved the principle of a ban.

## European Commission Green Paper

The European Commission is consulting on "Promoting healthy diets and physical activity" in response to growing concern about increasing obesity and physical inactivity within the EU. The deadline for responses is March 15. To download a copy of the Green Paper please visit [europa.eu.int/comm/off/green/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/off/green/index_en.htm)

## Employment Equality (Age) Regulations

Subject to Parliamentary approval these new regulations are due to come into force on 1 October 2006 are likely to impact on sport and recreation, particularly with regard to retirement ages for officials. The draft regulations include provisions to:

- prohibit unjustified age discrimination in employment and vocational training;
- require employers who set their retirement age below the default age of 65 to justify or change it;
- introduce a new duty on employers to consider an employee's request to continue working beyond retirement.

## Gender Duty

The gender equality duty for public bodies proposed within the Equalities Bill is expected to come into force in April 2007. This duty places the onus on organisations to demonstrate fair treatment of women and men in the delivery of policy and services as well as in their employment. The gender equality regulator, the Equal Opportunities Commission, is now consulting on a Code of Practice for the implementation of this duty. The Code of Practice includes a definition of a public body, which clearly includes non-departmental public bodies such as Sport England. The position of voluntary organisations such as National Governing Bodies of sport is open to interpretation according to a number of criteria. Receipt of public funds does not of itself appear to bring an organisation within the scope of the duty. However where a voluntary organisation delivers a public service that might otherwise be delivered by a Government department or agency it is more likely to fall within the scope of this duty. To view the code of practice visit:

[www.eoc.org.uk/Default.aspx?page=15016](http://www.eoc.org.uk/Default.aspx?page=15016) .

## Volunteering England Research

The first meeting of the Volunteering England 'Risk and Volunteering Forum' occurred on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2006. Ultimately Volunteering England wishes to produce information and guidance on risk management for voluntary organisations and are investigating the possibility of obtaining additional funding that will enable them to offer training on risk management procedures.

## London 2012 Volunteering Strategy

LOCOG aims to launch its strategy for volunteering at the 2012 Olympic Games this summer and has established a number of working groups, including young people, recruitment and training and accreditation. Technical volunteers and Games officials are not included within this strategy.

## England Volunteering Development Council in the Regions

The England Volunteering Development Council (EVDC) is establishing regional councils and is seeking expressions of interest from anyone who would like to represent sport and recreation on these. The purpose of EVDC is capture the collective intelligence of volunteer-involving organisations, volunteering infrastructure providers and volunteers to provide a powerful, coordinated lobby to steer government policy and community action. The regional Councils are being convened as standing conferences to link the work already taking place nationally with what is happening on a regional, sub-regional and local level. The regional Councils aim to enable regional workers to make their aims and perspectives heard nationally and to improve consultation and feedback between regional and national level. To find out if there is a vacancy for your sport and recreation on your regional Council and how to register your interest - or if you have any questions or queries about the regional Councils - please contact Louise Norgate (tel: 0121 633 5534, email: [louise.norgate@volunteeringengland.org](mailto:louise.norgate@volunteeringengland.org) ). For further information on the work of the national England Volunteering Development Council to date and its Terms of Reference, visit [www.volunteering.org.uk/evdc](http://www.volunteering.org.uk/evdc).

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