

## Bowls Devon

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Hi all Coaches

Just an update before the start of the summer outdoor season. I know this a very busy time with open days and new members hopefully joining after seeing what is on offer. Good luck with all of that.

During the last few months I have been speaking to some of you by phone or email. Hearing what is happening in your clubs or just to find out about courses. At the moment I still do not have a definite date for the BDA level 2 course but I can assure you all that I am working to get one as soon as possible. The level 1 course in Exeter has 14 people on it, which is going to be completed by the end of the month good luck to all those candidates. By the end of May, 2 safeguarding courses will have been run, one in Plymouth and one in the Exeter area, hopefully we will see more courses run in the near future, including the disability workshop which is not only for coaches but volunteers and carers..

I went with my clubs juniors to visit Dawlish and had a great day with children and coaches from both Dawlish and Shaldon. I would like to thank them again for holding this fun afternoon. As it was such a success we are going to have a return session, at the Plymouth Life Centre on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September, costings and timing 12 – 4 to be confirmed nearer the date. As we have the opportunity of using all of the Plymouth Life Centre 8 rinks it is hoped that other clubs either indoor or outdoor in the county with junior sections will come and join us. Please let me know if you coach juniors and would be interested in joining in as soon as possible; it will also be a good opportunity for coaches to get together and discuss the pathways that these children will have in the future.

I am trying to find out if there will be an EBYDS event held in the county again as no one seems to be taking on this. Therefore there is no Pathway for juniors in the county to go forward as they used to do. Please let me know your views on this?

It is important that if you have any issues or information that you wish to share that you contact me and I will endeavour to get it out to the coaches. The more interaction we have as coaches the more we can become a group that will make a difference not only on the green but a voice that can be heard off the green too. At the moment I only have email addresses for BDA coaches and BDA members. Information is a 2 way thing and I hope that you will become more involved in sharing things and ideas to help make coaching fun and an important part of your club.

Have a great summer

Regards Gilly Ainslie

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