

Junior Netball

Local Infrastructure Needs for Junior Club and School Netball

Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire

Local Needs Presentation – March 2017

The Hertfordshire & Essex High School and Science College

East Herts District Council

Saffron Hawks Netball Club

Current and future needs

- ❑ East Hertfordshire District Council, Bishop's Stortford North S106 Sports Investment Strategy – December 2015....

Netball Courts

Conclusion on current provision...

“Current levels of provision of netball courts in Bishop's Stortford are insufficient to allow the expansion of the game locally.”

Assessment of future provision...

“There is no effective spare capacity at the current courts”

- ❑ There are over **8,000** children aged **under 16** living in Bishops Stortford
- ❑ Bishop's Stortford North development predicted to increase U14 age population by **20%**
- ❑ Total population increase from development predicted at **6,000**

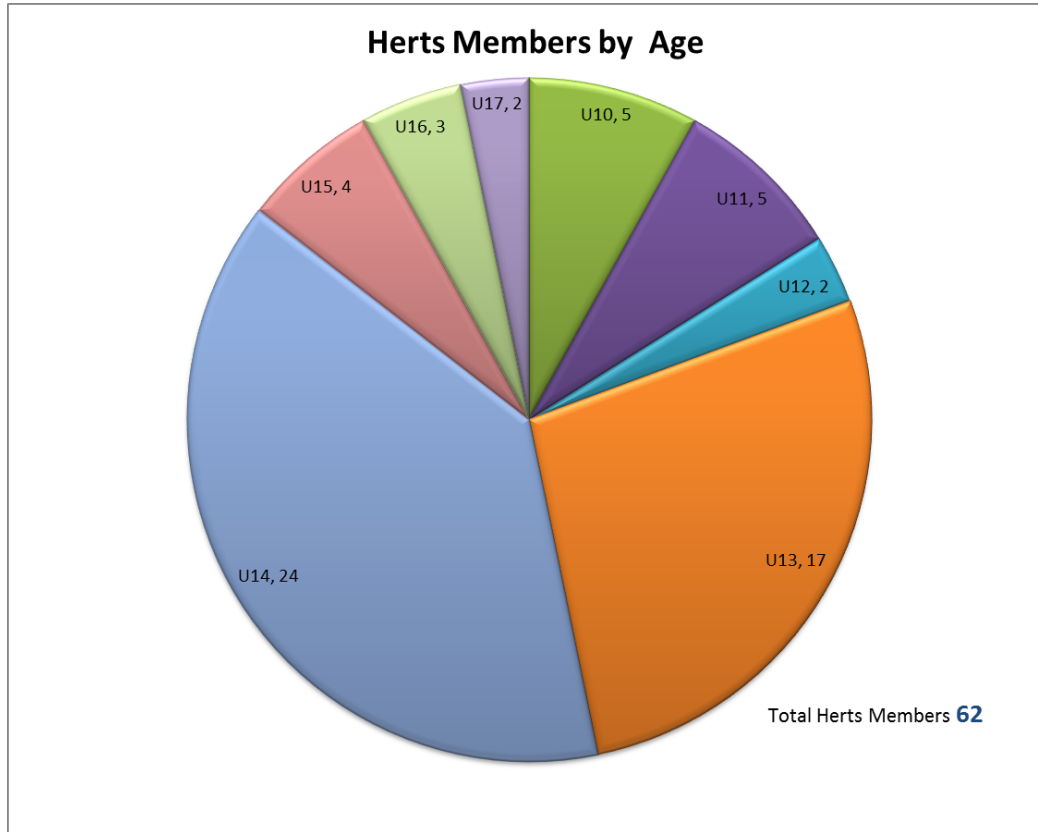
Real Evidence

- ❑ Saffron Hawks **Bishop's Stortford section** has recruited over **60 new members** age under 16 yrs.
- ❑ Due to inadequate training facilities the club has been forced to relocate training to outside of Bishop's Stortford.

Social Responsibility

- ❑ 24.6% of children aged 10-11 in East Herts are classified as overweight or obese*
- ❑ Overweight and obese children are more likely to become obese adults with current trends suggesting that 80% of children who are obese at age 10-14 will become obese adults.*

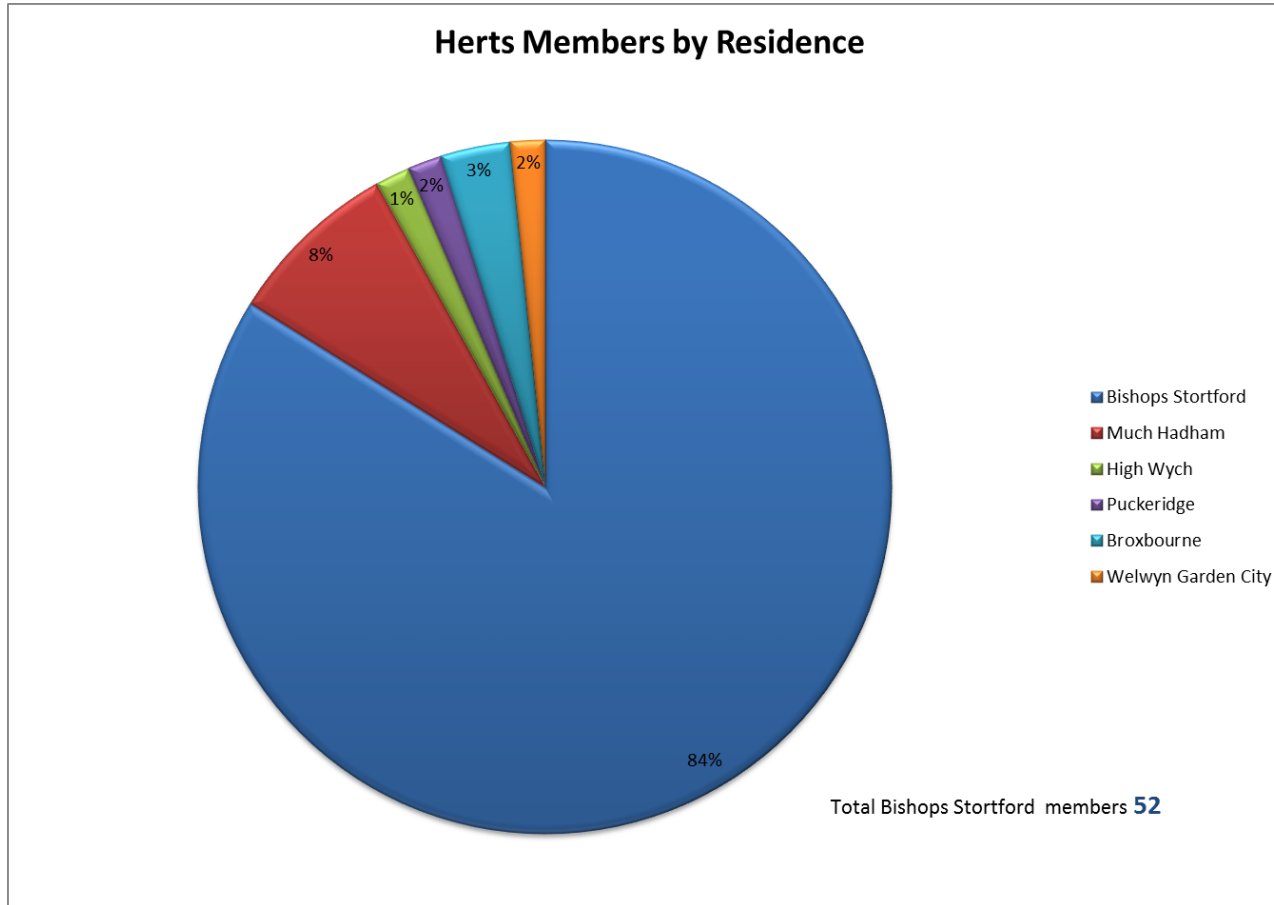
Club Demographics – Herts Members by age



- Over the last 18 months Saffron Hawks Bishop’s Stortford section has recruited over 60 new members age under 16 yrs.
- Member waiting list due to lack of facilities
- Members from Bishops Stortford and surrounding villages travel out of the county to Essex for training

RESIDENCE	TEAM AGE GROUP											
	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	
County												
Herts			5	5	2	17	24	4	3	2		62

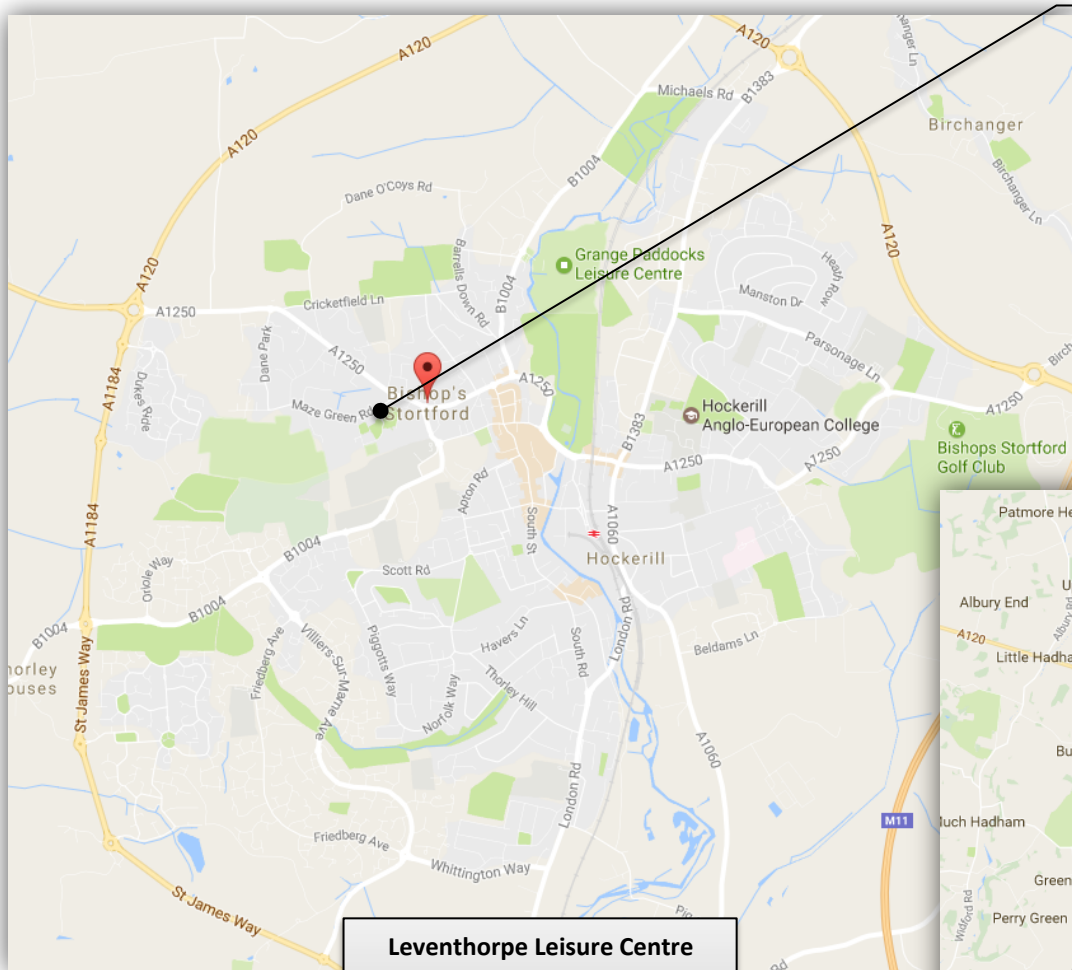
Club Demographics – Herts Members by town



Town	Members
Bishops Stortford	52
Much Hadham	5
High Wych	1
Puckeridge	1
Broxbourne	2
Welwyn Garden City	1

- ❑ **Ove 90% attending the Bishops Stortford training sessions are from within the town and surrounding villages**
- ❑ **Due to the lack of netball infrastructure within the town, players, parents, and coaching staff travel to Chelmsford, Cambridge, and Broxbourne for competition matches every Saturday and Sunday.**
- ❑ **ALL popular team sports provided for in Bishops Stortford have training and competition facilities within the town;**
 - **Football**
 - **Rugby**
 - **Hockey**
 - **Cricket****with the exception of NETBALL**

Netball Courts, Bishop's Stortford – local area availability floodlit courts



Bishop's Stortford College
Bishop's Stortford

- 1 new floodlit court
- Expensive to hire
- Facilities too small

Mountfitchet Romeera Leisure Centre
Stansted Mountfitchet
ESSEX

- 2 floodlit courts
- Distance – 5.1 km



Leventhorpe Leisure Centre
Sawbridgeworth

- 2 floodlit courts
- Distance - 5.4 km

Invitation

You are very welcome to attend and observe one of our Bishops Stortford netball training sessions.

Players, coaches and parents will be on hand to answer any questions.

Date: **Wednesday 8th March**
Time: **6.30pm-8pm**
Where: **Mountfitchet Romeera Leisure Centre**
Forest Hall Road, Stansted CM24 8TZ



“The Bishop Stortford area does not currently have the facilities to support the development of netball, be this through clubs, programs (e.g. walking netball, netball now or back to netball), junior sessions or disability sessions. The new facility at H&E School will allow for the targeted delivery of such sessions in the community.”
England Netball

“Currently across Herts there is a problem with accessible facilities and access in to clubs. Many facilities do not have the equipment or booking space to hold new sessions, an example of which is Cerebral Palsy netball, learning disability netball, and mental health netball, all of which are programs being piloted in Herts with a vision to be hosted at H&E School.”
England Netball

“This problem of access is also extended to able bodied sport and the provision of junior clubs spaces in Herts, many clubs are hugely over subscribed with long waiting lists, the development of this new centre will allow for new junior netball groups and programs aimed at youth netball.”
England Netball