

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY NETBALL APPOINTMENT OF ALISON BRIGHTMAN AS COUNTY PRESIDENT



Bedfordshire County Netball are pleased to announce the appointment of Alison Brightman as President of the County.

Alison is well known by many in the County having held several different roles over the years being involved at League, County and Regional levels and also spent a number of years as the Bedfordshire Netball Development Officer.

When responding to the County's invitation to consider taking the role, Alison said

"Thank you so much for inviting me to become County President, I am indeed honoured to be asked and must also admit to feeling slightly "unworthy", but after careful consideration I have decided I will be happy to accept and I look forward to supporting the County in their efforts to enhance the profile of Netball in the County".

Alison's Netball Background

"My passion for netball started at school and I was lucky enough to then join my workplace netball team. One of my colleagues was a keen netballer and she encouraged me to become involved and this gave me the confidence to start playing competitively. I then teamed up with some old school friends and we started our own team playing in the Bedford league.

It wasn't until I had my children that I got involved in coaching, my son started to play football at junior school and I asked the head teacher what the girls did while the boys played football, I was told they could choose needlework or recorder so the next week I was there with a bag of netballs and my team's bibs and started coaching the girls!

The rest as they say is history I took my coaching and umpiring awards, and when my daughter became old enough, along with other parents I got involved with setting up Cranfield Netball Club which is now in its 23rd year.

I am a passionate believer that we must encourage young people to get involved in netball it not only gives them many fantastic and valuable life lessons, but also a group of forever likeminded lifelong friends."

Welcome Alison - look forward to seeing you around the County!