**Shropshire Squash Academy – yearly report 2021-22**

*One junior club for all Shropshire from grassroots to top level*

**School Engagement**

* 13 primary schools and 1 secondary school involving 168 children new to squash at Market Drayton, SSRC, Brookside
* Raising the profile of squash with pupils and school staff
* Showing school providers (like Energize) that squash is accessible, inclusive, exciting and engaging to all and meets curriculum needs and can be done with large groups

PLANS:

* Continue and expand programme in primary schools
* Offer a squash programme to secondary schools

**Commonwealth Games Festivals**

* Invited by Energize and SGOs to take squash to 2 school festivals involving 600 primary and secondary school children – using the mini-glass court and rebounders
* Set up the mini-glass court in Shrewsbury town centre
* Secured a spot in the CWG Baton Relay
* Attracting new players to the sport using flyers showing local clubs
* Raising awareness of squash amongst public

PLANS:

* More schools festivals and events
* Public events and festivals
* Improve data capture to follow up on interest shown

**Squash Stars**

* England Squash initiative started at 3 Shropshire clubs: Bishops Castle, Rowton Castle and SSC
* Attracting new players: 33 new juniors have started the 6 week programme and have bought personal squash equipment

PLANS:

* Continue and expand programme into more clubs
* Improve messaging (on club/county websites, social media etc.)

**Club Junior Groups**

* New junior clubs have started at Rowton Castle and Brookside
* Financed coaches gaining England Squash qualifications
* Provided financial support in buying new kit at Market Drayton

PLANS:

* Support Bishops Castle to start a regular junior coaching club

**Development Squads**

* 3 county squads BU19, GU13, BU11 training together regularly and going to England Squash events together

PLANS:

* To invite players from more different clubs and to expand the groups to 6-8 players each

**Academy Teams**

* BU19 intercounty team
* Shropshire league Div. 2 team
* SSC summer league team **WINNERS!**

PLANS:

* 3 intercounty teams BU19, GU13, BU11
* Div. 1 Shropshire league team 2022-23
* >2 SSC summer league teams
* Div. 1 and Div. 3 Shropshire league teams for 2023-24

**Individual Achievements**

* 3 nationally ranked girls: Cordelia Jones, Jessica Weaver, Elspeth Jones
* 4 BU11 ranked in the top 80 nationally: George McGurk, Frank Phillips, Fred Schur, Max King
* Billy Schur selected for West Midlands region Aspire squad