

Cottenham in SECHRA

Back in November last year we responded to a general email from Chris Graff (East Grinstead) looking for eastern counties under 15 teams to take part in the first SECHRA under 15 tournament of the season. The offer of 'out of region match experience' was too good to miss and we duly made up a side from our Intermediates A & B teams. The day was a huge success and after speaking to Deb Pugh it was agreed that we could fulfil all fixtures finishing with our home tournament last Saturday. Through the course of this our team has played 12 competitive matches often against players they have never met, played at new venues and have made many new friends.

The whole experience has been fantastic for our players and for raising the profile of our club. I would like to thank Robin Cathcart, (Herne Bay), Chris Graff (East Grinstead), Deb Pughe, John Barton, Mark Greenwood and Paul Mount (HBU) for making us feel so welcome and offering the opportunity. Of the twelve games we played we came away with 9 wins, 1 draw and 2 defeats and although we may have finished top the real winner was roller hockey through the continued development and experience gained by young people. A very worthwhile experience!

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