

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE
HOCKEY
ASSOCIATION**

GHA Committee Meeting – 21st March 2024

Men's Masters Report

Masters Activity in Gloucestershire

This report is limited mainly to the over 60's age group which just reflects my own current experience and interest in masters hockey.

EH Masters O60's Championships

Update 21/3/24: B Team defeated by Epsom in the T2 q/f. A great achievement to get that far. The A team beat Bournemouth in the T2 q/f and now have a s/f match, away against Suffolk on Sunday 24th March. Winnable if enough players can travel.

42 active players registered with G&H this season, so a healthy number between 60 and 69 years of age.

Despite the ever-increasing expense of pitch hire, provision of after-match hospitality and travel we've managed to self-fund all matches this season. If the A team make it to the final it would be good if the committee would consider subsidising a celebratory polo shirt or similar.

West Masters

Several of the O60's group play for West Masters in their respective EH Regional tournament age groups but as yet lack the leadership/organisation to get involved in the West local tournaments.

International Masters

Several of this seasons O60's group represented England A, England B, England LX and Wales at this year's European championships at O60, O65 and O70. Quite a few gold and bronze medals were brought back from Valencia.

Future

There are more masters players out there in the county at all age groups but as ever the barrier is leadership and organisation to get them mobilised.

Steve Foster

GHA Men's O60's Masters