

The Essex Association of
Boys' Clubs

ANNUAL REPORT

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" Working Today for
A BETTER TOMORROW "

Chairman's report

The last year has seen a consolidation of the Association's financial position. This, coupled with the preceding three years results, has put our work on a firm and sound footing and has enabled us to expand our services to Essex Clubs. My thanks to everyone who has supported us financially, either through our Celebrity Golf Days, the Jailbreak, or as a donor or covenantor. My thanks also to the major trusts, and of course the Essex County Council who continue to give substantial support our work.

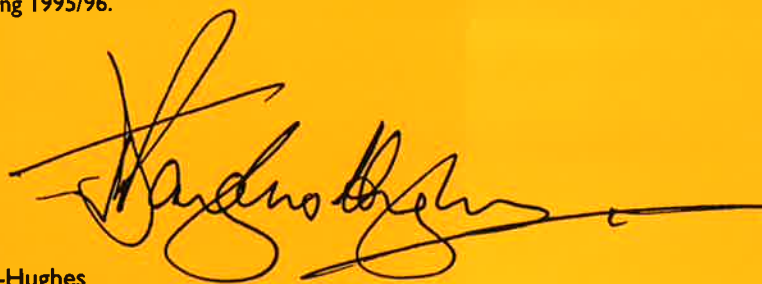
You will see on the page opposite a brief resume of our Association's aims, how we propose to achieve these, and what gives our Organisation its uniqueness. We fulfil a particular niche within the Youth Service.

Work with boys and young men is of vital importance, especially when you consider the incidence of youth crime, drug abuse and vandalism, it is no wonder that the reasons for establishing an Essex Association in 1939 are as valid today as they were then.

The Association is committed to the expansion of opportunities for members of our affiliated clubs and the recruitment of a Development Officer is an illustration of this commitment.

This appointment has enabled us to provide a more varied programme of activities for all concerned. Last year saw the introduction of orienteering, rifle shooting and "It's a Knockout" to the programme. During the next year we hope to expand these opportunities for the young people in our affiliated clubs even further. I feel strongly that the young derive huge benefit from our programme of events, training and support and so our aim must be to broaden all these aspects of our work to reach more young people.

My thanks to everyone who has made 1994/95 such a successful year for clubs and members, I hope that we can build upon this success to further increase opportunities for young people during 1995/96.



J. Douglas-Hughes
Chairman



What do we aim to achieve ?

To increase numbers of young people using leisure time in a purposeful and constructive way, which diverts them from anti-social behaviour such as drug abuse and youth crime. Whilst encouraging 'education' in the broadest sense.

The Creation of greater youth provision by the establishment of new clubs, re-building and renovation of old clubs and the promotion and affiliation of existing clubs, both urban and rural.

The provision of an enhanced and more varied program of activities for club members

Increased support for clubs through more frequent and increased levels of servicing.

Increased training opportunities for club members, leaders and management.

Enhanced profile for organisation and young people.

How will we achieve these aims ?

By implementing a more varied program of activities as well as providing greater levels of support to clubs through club visits.

Through the appointment of additional full and part time members of staff.

The provision of grant aid to clubs for work and building development.

Research and development of existing resources and new avenues of funding for youth provision.

Why Boys' Clubs ?

Boys' Clubs exist in some of the most deprived areas of the County and therefore, our work is clearly targeted to disadvantaged young people.

Our approach is still unique in that we strongly believe in activities, sporting, artistic, outdoor pursuits etc. as the medium for dealing with current issues facing young people, as opposed to the issue based approach of most youth organisations.



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Club Servicing

Our dynamic programme of events is designed to provide Essex representatives for NABC-CYP National Competitions as well as meeting the needs of all EABC members.

We keep in touch with the clubs by visiting them regularly, either informally on club nights or formally at Management Meetings.

As a result of these contacts, we are able to gauge the effectiveness of our events and include new activities in our programme, e.g. Essex Rifle Competition and Essex Orienteering - both new for 1995.

However, the planning and running of events is only part of our work for the clubs. We have helped Basildon Boys' Club raise money for repair work to their building and are actively involved with them in their plans for a move to new premises.

The negotiating of leases for premises can be a lengthy, time consuming process, calling for specialist skills. We are pleased to report that with EABC help, Chadwell & Tilbury ABC, Chalvedon Boys' ABC and Lifstan Boys' Club are all close to signing leases acceptable to all concerned.

Chadwell & Tilbury ABC have recommenced boxing after a break of two years and are now building their general youth activities. Mrs. Jean Benson, secretary for the club, is helping EABC assess a pilot course which focuses on voluntary workers survival skills.

Following a lean period Chelmsford Boys' Club has won the support of the Essex County Council who have funded a Youth Worker for one evening each week. The Council have also helped with some refurbishing, the supply of some furniture and a £2,000 maintenance grant.

Fundraising is a constant challenge for us all, however, when the Essex Show Corps had their coach vandalised, they needed money quickly to keep their 'Show' on the road. EABC were pleased to help them raise funds for a replacement 52 seater coach.

EABC were also able to help Four Villages Youth Club at Great Yeldham raise money for equipment at their new club. Ingatestone Boys' own Club has also benefited from EABC assistance in raising money for their new cricket nets.

We are pleased to welcome back Linford Wanderers F.C. to the EABC fold after a spell in the wilderness and they have already supported many county events this year. Four clubs in the Colchester area affiliated to EABC during the year and we look forward to welcoming young people from Monkwick, Stanway, Straight Road and Tiptree to our events in the future. We are always pleased to visit clubs to discuss their aspirations and requirements, as we know that direct communication are the best way to ensure that EABC is meeting their needs.

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Our **Training Programme**

This year's Training Programme has seen us concentrate on Young Leaders. The Young Leader Course for 1994 was combined with the London Federation of Clubs for Young People's Presidents Award for the first time, which we see as a positive step forward. It is hoped that with further liaison next year, the course will be even better supported than in the past. Congratulations to Darren Connew of Tiptree Youth Club who successfully negotiated all aspects of the Course.

The Association was also able to offer three bursaries to enable Senior Members to take part in the National Boys' Clubs Candidates Week and of the three that took part, James Grimwood from Chelmsford Boys' Club and Luke Duncan from Clacton Youth Centre successfully completed the week.

Through our National Association and the Training Advisory Group it is hoped that in the very near future our Association will be able to offer a comprehensive programme of training activities from member through to part time worker level. Chadwell & Tilbury Boys' & ABC has been instrumental in the piloting of the survival skills for a part time workers course and we have sat on the Training Advisory Group with a view to developing the Young Leader Training aspects. The training opportunities afforded members and workers within our clubs have never looked better, and we hope that with further refinement during 1995, these schemes will be launched to the Movement and we are sure they will make a real impact on the work of clubs.



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The Essex Scene

It has been another busy and exciting year for Clubs affiliated to the Association, with a wider programme than ever on offer.

The year kicked off with the EMI Pop Quiz, hosted by Thorpe-le-Soken Youth Club. The Pop Quiz has gone from strength to strength over the years, with this year's competition being won by L. Linford and C. Smith from Thorpe-le-Soken Centre with the Runners Up D.Baker and M. Cavener from Clacton Youth Centre.

The Gillette Cup Inter County Football Championships was played on a league basis for the first time in 1994 with the Essex side competing against London, Surrey, Suffolk and Hertfordshire. The Essex boys acquitted themselves well finishing mid table, but with over 40 players attending the football trials earlier in the season, support for our National game is as great as ever.

This is exemplified by the 5-a-Side Football Championships, which had almost 300 young people competing over a day at the Riverside Leisure Centre. Successful teams from Great Danes Boys' Clubs Under 12, Basildon Boys' Club Under 14, County Park F.C. Under 16 and Island Boys' Club Under 19, all went on to represent the county further in the South East Regional Championships. Although none progressed to the National Finals, all acquitted themselves well, with Island Boys' Club at Under 19 level finishing third on goal difference and being our highest placed team.

The Association has for a long time been promoting cricket at club level. We are fortunate that through the Lord Taverners we were able to provide every affiliated club with a set of Kwick Cricket equipment to facilitate grass roots development of the game, and lead more youngsters to play the full game. Our Representative Cricket trials were held once again at the Essex County Indoor School, overseen by Norman Bainbridge, the coach to the Essex County Cricket Side. Our side played fixtures against Orwell Public School, Chigwell Public School and Clayhall Cricket Club acquitting themselves well with wins against Orwell and Clayhall and a close game at Chigwell resulting in a loss. It is hoped that we can further facilitate cricket within clubs as the attitudes and standards of the game are encompassed within the philosophy of boys work.

The Cross Country Championships proved to be as successful as ever with over 40 boys taking part, with a small group going on to the National Championships held at Stoke on Trent. A spirited run by Glen Smith of Ingatestone Boys' Own Club saw him finish in seventh place and with a year left in the same age group, hopes are high that Glen will improve on this placing next year.



The **Essex Scene** (continued)

The Angling Championships this year were expanded to include a unique Winter venue at Ingatestone Hall, courtesy of Lord Petre and a new Summer venue at The Hyde, Ingatestone, as well as the River Wid which has been a regular favourite for the past 4 years. The Ingatestone Hall Lake, set in picturesque grounds of the Hall was a delightful venue for all who took part, as was the Hyde. The day at the Hyde was rounded off with a barbecue and a swim courtesy of Alan Pudney, a local farmer and supporter of Ingatestone Boys' Own Club. We look forward to 1995 and hope that we can further expand these angling experiences and also include a training day in our programme.

The Association had to hold two Boxing Championships during 1994 due to the ABA changes of date to our National Competition. Boxing continues to go from strength to strength within the Association with almost 50 entries for the National Championships in November and a similar entry earlier in the year in the Spring Championships. We have had a number of National Champions during 1994. Notably, N. Cook from Hornchurch & Elm Park Class 'A' Under 42 kgs who also won Best Stylist Award and J. Martin from Canvey Island ABC Class 'C' Under 51 kgs. Earlier in the year our congratulations go to Nigel Coe from Hornchurch & Elm Park ABC Class 'C' Under 57 kgs and Scott Honeywell of Rayleigh Mill ABC Class 'C' Under 91 kgs. The boxing season was rounded off by boys from Chelmsford ABC and Canvey Boys' Club attending the Boxing Coaching Weekend, run by the National Association, in Portsmouth during the Summer.

Another mainstay event for the Association is our Night Exercise which saw 130 young people negotiating a wet and muddy Mersea Island course of some seven miles over night, with various tasks to complete en route from basic First Aid to aerial runways, death slides, etc. The event was won by one of our newer clubs, Four Villages from Great Yeldham, and Darren Hyatt received the trophy on behalf of the club from Lord Braybrooke at Audley End.

Darren also had the good fortune of carrying Lord Braybrooke's message of goodwill to our National Association's AGM and Award Ceremony at Central Hall Westminster, where he met with stars from stage, screen and sport, followed by a river boat reception on the Thames.

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Essex Servicing fees £1,133
Training & Development Grants £1,900
Bank Deposit Interest £1,893
Fund Raising Events £8,970
Essex County Council Grant £ 13,572
Donations Received £20,773

Fig.1 1994 Income

Premises & Admin. costs £2,192
Activities, Training & Equipment £2,457
Cost of providing Primary Services, Club Servicing and Events £43,436

Fig.2 1994 Expenditure

Treasurer's Report

The abridged financial statements which follow record a third successive year where income has exceeded expenditure. This years surplus is rather smaller than the two previous years, but remains after a completion after the full program of activities. Given the difficulties many charitable organisations continue to experience in raising funds in todays economic climate, this represents a very satisfactory achievement.

The decline in receipts of Charitable Donations was compensated for by the increasing success of our own fund raising activity. We remain grateful to Essex County Council for their support and to NABC -CYP for their grant to help fund the cost of our newly acquired part time Development Officer.

The creation of this post is the major contributing factor to the increase in Salaries, Promotional and Secretariat costs. Expenditure of this nature is obviously long term and creates pressure on funding, however this considerable expansion of resources benefits the Association, and our current and future members, right at the heart of our aims and objectives.

The reduction in net expenditure on Activities, Training and Equipment costs is largely attributable to non repeating expenditure on equipment incurred last year. Savings were also made in the cost of staging a number of events.

As in the past, the costs included in the accounts represent money actually expended and no attempt has been made to value the considerable amount of time, services and equipment donated freely by all our supporters.

The Association's funds remain adequately placed to support it's on going activities.

Abridged Income and Expenditure Account Year ended 31/12/1994

	1994	1993
Income		
Donations received	20,773	23,538
Essex County Council grant	13,572	13,019
Fundraising events	8,970	5,864
Training / Development grants	1,900	975
Bank deposit interest	1,893	2,171
Essex servicing fees	1,133	1,249
Total £	48,240	46,816
Expenditure		
(Salaries, Promotional and Secretariat costs)	43,436	39,527
Activities, training and equipment	2,457	4,558
Premises and administration costs	2,192	2,057
Total £	48,085	46,142
Surplus for the year	£ 155	£ 674

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Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of preparation

The Accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis and under the historical cost accounting rules

2. Fixed Assets

	Motor Car	Furniture & Equipment	Total
Cost			
at 1.1.94	6,912	2,559	9,471
Total			
at 31.12.94	£ 6,912	2,559	9,471
Depreciation			
at 1.1.94	3,916	2,435	6,351
Charge for year	749	120	869
Total			
at 31.12.94	£ 4,665	2,555	7,220
Net book Value			
at 1.1.94	£ 2,966	124	3,120
at 31.12.94	£ 2,247	4	2,251

Rate of depreciation used
25% x WDV (Motor car)
20% x Cost (Equipment)

The unabridged Accounts together with KMPG Peat Marwick, registered Auditors' report to the members can be obtained by application to the Hon. Treasurer at the EABC headquarters.

Balance Sheet Year ended 31/12/1994

	1994	1993
Fixed assets (see note 2)	2,251	3,120
Current assets		
Bank and cash balances	40,004	40,296
Stocks	160	160
Debtors	4,051	3,856
Total £	44,215	44,312
Less current liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	2,368	3,489
Total net assets	£ 44,098	43,943
Represented by :-		
General Fund		
As at 1st January	43,943	43,269
Surplus for the year	155	674
As at 31st January 1994	£ 44,098	43,943

Cash Flow Statement Year ended 31/12/1994

	1994	1993
Operating activities		
Operating surplus	155	674
Depreciation	869	1,128
(increase)/decrease in debtors	(195)	(144)
Increase in creditors	(1,121)	2,032
Net cash (outflow) / inflow from operating activities	£ (292)	£ 3,690
Financing activities		
Repayment of Hire Purchase Loan		£ (293)
(Decrease) / Increase in Bank Balances	£ (292)	3,397

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Fund Raising Events

As in past years, our two major fundraising events for the Association have been the Celebrity Golf Classic at Gosfield Lake Club and our Annual Jailbreak from Chelmsford Prison. During 1994 we were able to include an additional Golf Day at Wanstead Golf Club which incorporated the Dennis Waterman and Kenny Lynch Trophies, as well as maintaining the momentum created by our established events.

The Gosfield Lake Celebrity Golf Day was once again supported by Frankie Vaughan and many other stars of stage, screen and sport. This event greatly assisted our Association in the provision of outdoor pursuit activities for clubs. Now in its seventh year the day is a well established part of the Association's programme as well as the County Calendar. As with all our events, members are involved heavily on the day, and for some it is an opportunity of a lifetime to rub shoulders with the likes of Henry Cooper, Robert Powell, Steve Davis etc.

The Essex Jailbreak which has been in operation for over fifteen years, continues to attract some weird and wonderful teams, raising money not only for our Association, but also for many other local good causes. A splendid effort from Dave Duffett of the Stansted Airport Team saw them make their way to Abu Dhabi some 3376 miles away and also raised around £2000 for local charities. The support from Chelmsford Prison via the Governor David Sinclair, and also the Prison Staff, through John Good, helps to ensure that the Jailbreak continues to be a major event in the County Calendar. This year's event attracted television coverage from Anglia TV and was extensively covered by radio and press. Our hope for 1995 is that a major sponsor is found for the Jailbreak, as well as for our two golf days to further enhance the fundraising capacities of the days' as well as giving them a higher profile.

In addition to these events, our Association is also most grateful to the Essex County Council and the various Trusts, Companies and individuals who have supported us during the year. In particular, donations from the Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation and the Lord's Taverners ensured that every affiliated club was able to receive a set of Kwik Cricket equipment at the beginning of the year.

We also very much appreciate the continued support from the Augustine Courtauld Trust, E. Cecil Jones Trust and Charles French Charitable Trust. We shall always be indebted to Mr. Augustine Courtauld, Mr. Cecil Jones and Mr. Charles French for their efforts in founding the Association in 1939, and continuing to support the Association financially to the present day. The Duveen Trust, Clover Trust, Prince's Trust and the T.S.B. kindly made donations to assist with our Outdoor Pursuits Programme and the purchase of essential camping equipment.

Without the support of all these organisations and individuals, including our covenantors and individual donors, the work of the Association would be severely limited.

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Keystone Awards

Voluntary service is the backbone of our movement. These awards give official recognition to those whose voluntary service has been of the highest standard. The Bronze Award for 10 years service, Silver for 20 years and Gold for 30 years.

We congratulate the following:

Bob Rance

Belhus Park ABC

Gold award

Richard Bonnington

Ingatestone Boys' Own Club

Silver award

David Williams

County Park F.C

Silver award

Mike Dyer

County Park F.C

Bronze award

County Honours list

Angling Team Competition

Winner: Ingatestone 'B'
Runners-up: Ingatestone 'A'

Individual Competition

Winner: G. Smith (Ingatestone B.C.)
Runner-up: K. Carter (Ingatestone B.C.)

Five-a-side Football

Under 12
Winner: Great Danes B.C.
Runners Up: Brentwood Boys F.C

Under 14
Winner: Great Danes B.C
Runners Up: Concord Rangers F.C

Under 16
Winner: Island Boys' Club
Runners Up: Brentwood Boys' F.C

Under 19
Winner: Great Danes B.C

S.E Region 5-a-side Football

Under 14 5th Great Danes B.C
Under 16 4th Island Boys' Club
Under 19 4th Great Danes B.C

Football U16 Representative Squad

N. George, M. Rapp, D. Ellis (Wickford Town B.C.)
P. Bartley, P. Harrison, S. Robertson (Island B.C.)
D. Risling, C. Kendrick, I. Shaw, D. Euston (Concord Rangers B.C.); L. Dekeyser, J. Yeend, L. Bartlett, C. Bartlett (Brentwood B.C.); S. Maidment, B. Collins, T. Greaves (Basildon B.C.)

Peter Warner Trophy

Essex 4 - London 5 (after extra time)

Cricket U14 Representative Squad

J. Todd, G. Smith, C. Wright, P. Boyce, T. Brown, A. Holmes, J. Lodge, A. Paget, S. Hoult, A. Moore, C. Dover, P. Lewis.

Night Exercise

Winner: Four Villages 'A'
Runners-up: Tiptree 'B'

EMI pop Quiz

Winner: Thorpe-le-Soken Y.C
Runners-up: Clacton Y.C

Cross Country

Under 15 Team

Winners: Island Boys' Club

Under 17 Team

Winners: Chelmsford Boys' & A.B.C

Under 13 Individual

Winner: D. Gladen (Great Danes B.C.)

Runner-up: D. Berner (Ingatestone B.C.)

Under 15 Individual

Winner: S. Smith (Chelmsford ABC)

Runner-up: S. Irving (Island Boys' Club)

Under 17 Individual

Winner: B. Williams (Chelmsford ABC)

Runner-up: C. Skelton (Chelmsford ABC)

County Rifle Shooting

Under 14

Winner: Island Boys' Club

Runners Up: Tiptree Youth Club

Under 16

Winner: Ingatestone B.C./
Tiptree Youth Club

Runners Up: Island Boys' Club

Orienteering

Under 14

Winners: Ingatestone B.C.

N. Weinstein, B. Collins, E. Kirby

Runners Up:

Linford Wanderers F.C.

B. Black, G. Steel

Under 16

Winners: Basildon B.C.

D. O'Neal, M. Hobson

National Honours

Cross Country

u15 G. Smith (Ingatestone) 4th

u15 Team - Ingatestone B.C. 3rd

Boxing Championships

Champions

Class 'A' u.42kg N. Cook
(Hornchurch Elm Park ABC)

Class 'C' u.51kg J. Martin (Canvey Boys' Club)

Class 'C' u.57kg N. Coe
(Hornchurch Elm Park ABC)

Class 'C' u.91kg S. Honeywell
(Rayleigh Mill ABC)

Runners-up
Class 'C' u.81kg S. St. John (Berry Boys' Club)

Class 'B' u.54kg A. Thomas (Canvey Boys' Club)

Class 'A' u.45kg T. Brocklebank
(Canvey Boys' Club)

Best Stylist N. Cook
(Hornchurch Elm Park ABC)

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MEMBER CLUBS

Central

Basement Youth Club YMCA
Billericay Boys' & ABC
Chelmsford ABC
Chelmsford Boys' Club
Harlow ABC
Ingatestone Boys' Own Club
Rettendon Youth Club

South West

Alma ABC
Belfry Boys' FC
Belhus Park ABC
Brentwood Boys' FC
County Park FC
Chadwell & Tilbury Boys' Club
Essex Show Corps
Five Star Youth Club
Great Danes Boys' Club
Hornchurch, Elm Park
& district ABC
Linford Wanderers FC
Tilbury Dockers Athlone ABC

North

Brightlingsea Centre
Clacton ABC
Clacton Youth Centre
Colchester ABC
Four Villages Youth Club
Frinton & Walton Centre
Mersea Island ABC
Mersea Island Youth Club
Thorpe-le-Soken Centre

South East

Ashingdon Boys' FC
Basildon Boys' Club
Berry Boys' Club
Canvey Boys' Club
Chalverdon Boys' ABC
Concord Rangers Boys' Club
Island Boys' Club
Lifstan Boys' Club
Millhouse Boys' FC
Rayleigh Mill ABC
Rochford & Southend ABC
Wickford Town Boys' Club



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