



NORTHUMBERLAND SCHOOL GAMES UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2014

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2014 NORTHUMBERLAND SCHOOL GAMES HAILED AS THE BIGGEST SPORTS DAY THE REGION HAS EVER SEEN



Over 1500 young people from schools across Northumberland competed for the honour of becoming county champions in 32 different events at the **NORTHUMBERLAND SAINSBURY'S SCHOOL GAMES**. Concordia Leisure Centre and the Sporting Club in Cramlington hosted two memorable days of competition, which captured the real spirit of the festival, where the young competitors demonstrated team work, determination and passion to succeed.

This year also saw the inclusion of the **NORTHUMBERLAND SCHOOL PARA GAMES** incorporating sports such as wheelchair basketball, fencing, swimming, boccia and cricket, as well as taster sessions for KS 2 pupils.

Special guests throughout the days included former Test Cricket hero **STEVE HARMISON MBE** who represented the Duchess of Northumberland as her Deputy Lord Lieutenant. Also on hand to inspire participants throughout both days were Team GB long jumper **CHRIS TOMLINSON**, cyclist **DAVID DANELL** and wheelchair fencer **CRAIG MCCANN**. Chris Tomlinson said: "I've really enjoyed watching all the



participants compete across a wide variety of sports from hockey and tennis to football and of course my sport athletics. I also thought that all the young volunteers did a great job, ensuring everything ran smoothly throughout".

As always the Northumberland School Games had a strong cultural component, with fantastic opening ceremonies each day, the unveiling of the 6 area flags and inspiring performances from school dance, music and singing groups

lining the route of the Parade of Athletes. The event featured in both local and regional news, a link to the **TYNETEES NEWS COVERAGE** can be found on our **FACE BOOK PAGE**.



The dates for the 2015 Northumberland School Games have been confirmed as

23RD & 24TH JUNE 2015

@ Concordia Leisure Centre and Sporting Club Cramlington

GOLD MEDALLISTS

Congratulations to all the teams who won their events this year!

MORPETH & PONTELAND



Y3/4 Athletics - Stamfordham First
 Y8 Handball - Ponteland Middle
 Y9/10 G Rounders - Ponteland High
 Y6 Hockey - Ponteland Middle
 Y4 Tennis - Darras Hall First
 Y9/10 G Trampoline - KEVI High
 Y9/10 B Trampoline - KEVI High

TYNEDALE



Y8 G Rugby - Corbridge Middle
 Y9 B Basketball - Prudhoe high
 Y7/8 G Volleyball - Corbridge Middle
 Y3/4 Tri Golf - Wylam First
 Y3/4 Gymnastics - Prudhoe West First

CRAMLINGTON & SEATON VALLEY



Y8 B Basketball - Seaton Sluice Middle
 Y5/6 G Football - Whytrig Middle
 Y10 B Football - Astley High
 Y7 B Football - Cramlington LV

BLYTH & BEDLINGTON



Y6 Netball - Meadowdale Academy
 Y5 B Football - Meadowdale Academy
 Y7/8 G Football - St Benet Biscop's High
 Y4 Football - Whitley Memorial First

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Y3/4 Rugby - Pegswood First
 Y5/6 Athletics - JCSC South Avenue

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Y5/6 Rugby - Berwick Middle
 Y5 Hockey - Berwick Middle
 Y8 G Netball - Berwick Middle

CULTURAL CELEBRATION

Last school year a competition was held within each of the 6 Northumberland School Games areas to design a flag which represented both the identity of the area and included the School Games Values. The winning designs were made into large flags and unveiled at the Opening Ceremony of the Northumberland School Games. These flags, carried by specially selected flag bearers led out the area teams each day in the Parade of Athletes.



The Ashington & Coquet flag was designed and carried on day one, by Josh and Ellie from Pegswood First School. On day two, 2 Ashington High School students, Jessica and Emily were

chosen as flag bearers in recognition of the volunteering they had undertaken, and their commitment to the School Games with their plan to introduce the inclusive sport of goal ball next year.

Faye and Shania from St Benet Biscop RC High School led out the Blyth & Bedlington team, chosen as outstanding all round performers and leaders. The flag was designed by Ella from Croftway Primary who was also competing in the tri-golf competition



Tom's (Morpeth First School) design was chosen to represent the Morpeth & Ponteland area. He was joined by Luke (Newminster Middle) in carrying the flag on day one, and by Sam (Longhorsley First) and Tom (Chantry Middle) on day two. All three boys were selected because of their excellent sporting ability and superb sportsmanship.



Stephanie from Chollerton First School carried the Tynedale flag she had designed accompanied by Rory and Lauren, sports leaders from Haydon Bridge High School.



The flag for Cramlington & Seaton Valley was a combination of two winning designs created by Martha from Seaton Sluice First School and Rashika from Shanklea Primary. Pete (Eastlea Primary), Ellie and Brooke (Whytrig Middle) and Chloe from Seaton Sluice Middle School were given the honour of being flag bearers. These pupils all have a great passion for sport. They were chosen because of their determination, and positive and supportive attitudes in sport and in school.



Anna from Berwick Middle School designed the North Northumberland Flag and was joined by fellow pupil Alix along with Alfie and Matt from Tweedmouth West First School. Both of these schools had been awarded the prestigious Gold School Games Kitemark, recognising their enormous commitment to PE, sport and competition.

FLAGS

PARADE OF ATHLETES



As part of this year's

CULTURAL CELEBRATION,

after the fantastic performances in the Opening Ceremonies, competitors took part in the **PARADE OF ATHLETES** from Concordia to Sporting Club Cramlington. A guard of honour was created each day by the pupils competing at Concordia.

Along the way participants were entertained, inspired and reminded of the

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GAMES

by talented school groups, who sang, danced, and played with great passion and enthusiasm. The Parade route passed by Hareside Primary School and we were delighted when each day pupils came out on to the field to cheer and wave their flags in support of the event. Special thanks go to all of the performers who enhanced our festival: Ashington High School, Bothal Middle School, Burnside Primary School, Eastlea Primary School, Hareside Primary School, New Hartley First School, Scremerston First School and Thropton Village School. If you have a group of pupils who would like to perform at the 2015 Northumberland School games please contact your **SCHOOL GAMES ORGANISER**.

SELFIE CHALLENGE



We challenged our

CHAMPIONS, Chris Tomlinson and David Daniell to take as many different "selfies" as they could during the School Games competitions. They were fantastic sports and got stuck in to snapping as many different poses with as many different people as they could. As well as providing some brilliant photos this also gave them the opportunity to **ENGAGE** with and **INSPIRE** hundreds of our participants and volunteers. A Cramlington & Seaton Valley Y4 athlete said "It was so cool meeting Chris Tomlinson, he gave me some tips on the standing long jump". A Tynedale gymnast said "We got to meet a real athlete and see his medals, then I was proud to show him mine too!". All of the selfies can be found on the **NORTHUMBERLAND SCHOOL GAMES FACEBOOK PAGE**. The picture to the right got the most likes and was declared the **WINNER!**



THE EDUCATION NETWORK

Education recruitment specialists, The Education Network generously sponsored the 2014 Northumberland School Games. Their donation funded the **729 MEDALS** that were presented at the School Games Finals as well as all of the medals for the Level 3 stand alone events. Kevin Gill, Director of the Education Network said "I am delighted that we were able to offer our support to such a great event. Hats off to everyone involved in organising the two days, we really enjoyed it".



SAINSBURY'S SUPPORT

Sainsbury's is the national sponsor of the School Games. Here in Northumberland we were extremely lucky and grateful to have the support of the local **SAINSBURY'S** store in **CRAMLINGTON**. Their staff volunteered on the day before the Games and helped with everything from moving equipment, to hanging bunting and assembling goals. A team of staff then set up and manned a **REFRESHMENTS STAND** on both days providing free drinks, fruit and snacks to the hundreds of participants, volunteers and spectators. School Games

volunteers were rewarded for their efforts with a packed lunch made up on Sainsbury's goodies. A huge **THANK YOU** goes to everyone involved.

STAND ALONE EVENTS

Four stand alone events were organised in the Autumn and Spring terms to accommodate sports which could not take place during the County Festivals, either because of the numbers of pupils involved and space needed or because winning pupils progressed onto regional and national rounds taking place before June.

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

310 young athletes competed in the 2014 Level 3 School Games indoor athletics final held at Sporting Club Cramlington. Pupils competed in a variety of events including sprint, distance and relay races, speed bounce, standing long and triple jump, javelin and medicine ball throws. Well done to **Newminster Middle School** who won the mixed U11 competition and the U13 Boys; **Chantry Middle School** who won both the U12 and U13 Girls' competitions and **James Calvert Spence College** for winning the U12 Boys' event.



TABLE TENNIS

Cramlington Table Tennis Club organised the table tennis competitions this year at Cramlington Learning Village. The winners in the team competition were: U19 Girls' - **Ponteland High School**; U19 Boys' & U16 Boys' - **King Edward VI School** Morpeth; U13 Girls' - **Bothal Middle School**. The winners qualified for the Regional finals. The winners of the individual competitions were: Boys' U19 Blair Carmichael - **King Edward VI High School**; Boys' U16 Arran Kent - **Haydon Bridge High School**; Boys' U13 Patrick Craggs - **Richard Coates Middle School**. The winners qualified to play in the English Schools' Table Tennis Association National Finals.

STAND ALONE EVENTS CONT...

ROWING

The indoor rowing competition was held at Cambois Rowing Club, Ashington on the River Wansbeck. Over 150 students from around Northumberland took part in individual events from Year 7 up to Year 12 & 13 and were timed over various distances depending on age. Pupils from Queen **Elizabeth High School** dominated by winning the Y9, Y10 & Y11 Girls' competitions as well as the Y12 & 13 Boys' events. Milly Dickinson from Queen Elizabeth High School managed to reach above the 100% medal target, meaning her times are amongst the best nationally. **Bede Academy** provided the Y9 and Y10 Boys' winners and **Ponteland High School** won the Y11 Boys' category. **King Edward VI High school** took gold in the Y12 & 13 girls' competitions. This year's event will take place on December 5th.



BADMINTON

The County Finals, organised by Northumberland Badminton Association, were held at Blyth Sports Centre with a group of specially trained Young Leaders from St Benet Biscop High School. The KS3 Boys' event was won by **Longridge Towers**. The KS3 Girls' event was won by **Berwick Academy**. The KS4 Boys' event included many games of a high standard, particularly between the top 3 schools, Cramlington Learning Village, King Edward VI High School and Duchess High School. In the end **Cramlington Learning Village** emerged as winners. **Berwick Academy** girls repeated the success of their younger counterparts, winning all of their games in their group.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Northumberland School Games would not go ahead, and could not be the astounding success that it is without the help of the hundreds of volunteers involved. Many of our adult volunteers came from local sports clubs, or from the National Governing Bodies of Sport. Our young volunteers came from schools across the County:



VOLLEYBALL - Queen Elizabeth High, Haydon Bridge High. **NETBALL** - Bedlingtonshire High. **FOOTBALL** - Bedlingtonshire High, Ashington High, Cramlington Learning Village. **TI-GOLF** - Newmister Middle. **TENNIS** - St Benet Biscop RC High. **HANDBALL** - Ashington High. **HOCKEY** - Berwick Academy. **RUGBY** - Duchess Community High. **ATHLETICS** - James Calvert Spence College. **BASKETBALL** - The Blyth School, Bedlingtonshire High. **PAPA GAMES** - Haydon Bridge High, Ashington High, Atkinson House, The Grove, Collingwood, King Edward VI High, The Blyth School. **EVENT VOLUNTEERS** - Cramlington Learning Village, Eastlea Primary, Ashington High, Darras Hall First.

Please contact your SGO if you know of pupils who would be interested in any form of volunteering. We are not only looking for sporty types, but photographers, reporters, sound technicians, Djs. Any areas of interest would be considered!

We would like to acknowledge the hard work of our School Games Organisers and partners including Northumberland Sport, Active Northumberland, Youth Sport Trust, National Governing Bodies of Sport, local clubs and staff at Cramlington Learning Village and Concordia Leisure Centre.

SCHOOL GAMES MARK

The Sainsbury's School Games Mark (previously School Games Kitemark) is a Government led awards scheme, to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.

ROLL OF HONOUR

The following schools have already successfully completed their School Games Mark applications and had their submissions verified and approved:

GOLD

Berwick Middle School
Tweedmouth West First School
The Grove School
Holy Trinity First School
Seaton Sluice Middle School
Eastlea Primary School

SILVER

St. Benet Biscop RC High
Seaton Sluice First School
Whytrig Middle School
Northburn Primary School
Hareside Primary School
Shanklea Primary School
Craggside Primary School
Walkworth First School
Bothal Middle School
NCEA
Newminster Middle School
St Robert's RC First School

BRONZE

Beaconhill Primary School
Burnside Primary School
Hirst Park Middle School
New Delaval Primary School
Meadowdale Academy
St Bede's RC Primary School
King Edward VI High School
Whalton First School
Longhorsley First School
Morpeth First School
Morpeth All Saints First School
Cambo First School

It is not too late to apply, the deadline for applications in October 1st
www.yourschoolgames.com

Please ask your SGO for any assistance needed
REMEMBER YOU NEED TO RE-APPLY EVERY YEAR

FACEBOOK PAGE

For more information, photos and regular updates please visit

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northumberlandschoolgames](http://www.facebook.com/northumberlandschoolgames)**

This year we will be featuring, results, reports and photographs from Level 2 events, as well as the Northumberland School Games finals and stand alone events.



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