



Dear Ladies' Members of EGHC,

I wanted to touch base with you all moving into the National Lockdown 2.0. It is a huge disappointment that we will stop playing for the next 4 weeks (and maybe longer) and I wanted to touch base with you all.

Over the last year we have worked hard as a club to try and increase the membership experience, with the rich history the club has, it is easy to become complacent. This season has shown we can pull together as a community/hockey family and really buy into the ethos and history the club has for over 100 years. There are very few clubs in the country who were formed before the 1900's. We were founded in 1897 and we must appreciate our rich history as we are the ones who continue and lay more foundations for those to come.

It has been fantastic to witness the brilliant start all teams have had to the season. The commitment, enthusiasm and desire to perform for each other and our famous logo has been great to see.

On the pitch we have started the season with full squads of 16 and superb training numbers. It is so nice to see so much East Grinstead kit and members wearing it proudly. It has been heart warming to see everyone get behind the ladies 1stXI campaign to raise money for Breast Cancer raising an amazing total of £1470 in just over a month. Big thank you to all that contributed and helped in the initiative. If there are other charity events that you would like us to be involved with please let us know.

On the pitch, the new ethos and training plans are starting to work and that is showing in the fantastic results and start to the season that each team has had. The ladies 4's are sitting in 2nd places on equal points with Brighton only losing out to goal difference, though they have the best defensive record in the league. The Ladies 3's are sitting in 3rd going into lockdown with the majority of the league being made up with 1st XI and 2ndXI teams from other clubs. The ladies 2's having dropped down to south div 2, have had a great start after rebuilding from last year and are currently sitting in 4th place only 4 points below the team in 1st. The ladies 1's have started the season with a bang having not lost a game and sitting pretty on top of the prem table and the new management team of Jason Lee and Mary Booth seems to be working very well.

Credit to you all for adapting so well to the new covid rules and have really committed to training and that is showing in the results we have across the club.

With the restrictions of Covid, we have achieved some amazing feats:

- We have begun to Live Stream Premier League fixtures. Bringing Premier League matches to your home and increasing our reach.
- Provided more coaches/volunteers to help our juniors progress.
- Recruited new coaches for the L1's, L2's, and L4's.

There are so many layers to our club, we don't just put teams out at the weekend, we build to be sustainable and push ourselves to achieve the most we can. We try to always be better and punch well above our weight. I am so impressed with the atmosphere we have created this season and the positive ethos we have carried.



If anyone thinks they would be able to contribute or become involved in any area of development, on or off the pitch, we are always looking for support so please do contact me.

I wish everyone all the best over the next 4 weeks, I can't wait to see everyone when we get back. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any feedback or other matters.

All the best,

Lottie Gregory-Young

Ladies's Club Captain

