

# STOCKPORT BASKETBALL



Established 1963





**We are Stockport Basketball Club, the home of Basketball for all across and around Stockport – and we have been since 1963.**

In that time, thousands of individuals have been part of our teams, squads and camps.

We are a Club where our people are our priority and our sport is our passion.

Those two priorities are at the heart of everything we do – we are proud to be a family of girls and boys, women and men, and built on the legacy of one man who grew our Club into the one family it is today.

**Together, we inspire, respect & work as a team.**

**Together, we are stronger.**

**Together, we are Stockport Basketball.**



Our boys and mens teams play under the name...

# Stockport Falcons



Our girls and womens teams play under the name...

# Stockport Lapwings



Our Club and all our teams are part of the Basketball England family



### **Our Mission**

- To promote and teach the sport of Basketball, developing players and coaches to their highest potential in a positive environment while encouraging discipline, commitment, and integrity both on and off the Court.

### **Our Vision**

- To provide the best possible Basketball Coaching in Stockport giving each player whether youth or adult, the opportunity to reach their individual potential.

### **Our Goal**

- To build from the ground up, an inclusive Basketball Club that sponsors all levels of play.
- To encourage the development of a Basketball family ethos, providing the warmest welcome to new players and providing mentoring support for all.
- To highly value volunteerism, fostering positive growth of the game and providing support of every club member both on and off the court.
- To dedicate ourselves to the creation of a professional Basketball Organisation with the highest quality coaching staff, and passionate and engaged members who will support its growth.
- To develop Championship Basketball Teams that have a solid club identity and access for our players to Basketball England's Developmental Pathway.



## Our Story

- The club was started by Jim Bennison MBE
- A huge part of basketball in Stockport for more than 60 years, Jim was an art teacher with a great passion for sport and, whilst working at Brinnington Secondary School was introduced basketball via training course.
- He started a basketball club at the school in 1963. The school had a small gym located on Lapwing Lane, Brinnington and Stockport Basketball Club, originally known as Brinnington Lapwings, was formed and ran from there for many years.
- Jim was involved with Brinnington, which went on to become Stockport Lapwings, then Stockport Lapwings and finally the present Stockport Basketball Club. The Lapwings women's team won a number of the Division One League titles and Cup Finals.
- Jim was awarded with an MBE by The Queen for his services to Basketball in 2013. He died in 2023 and we are proud his legacy lives on in every player inspired and every performance put in week-in, week-out.



## Proud to be part of the community

- Our national League programme has several teams with age groups from under 14, under 16, under 18 boys and girls through to men and woman's team who compete predominately in the North and North West of England.
- We are proud of our ethos that gives everybody a chance; we will support our players to reach their potential whilst having fun.
- This positively impacts the lives of many children and young adults across Stockport and Greater Manchester, not only giving them skills that help them on the basketball court but will give them life skills for the future.
- Many of our players and volunteers achieve Coaching and Officiating qualifications including playing for Basketball England – something the club are active in supporting developing.
- We hold regular Basketball Camps attended by hundreds of young people which teaches them key skills of our sport but also how to be the best they can individually and as a team.



## Your team can be part of our team

- We are always looking for partners to work with us to develop our Club and support our teams and individuals.
- You could support the Club as a whole, one of our junior teams, our academy programme or individual games and match balls.
- We are based in the Stockport Sport for All Centre in Reddish which currently hosts round 300 local teams a week with 2,500 participants and around 5,000 people coming through the doors each week.
- We currently have 12 teams – our Academy teams from U12 to U18 play in the National and Regional Leagues, and four Senior teams who play in the National League or the Manchester Area Basketball League.
- They are coached by 18 coaches – the youngest aged 16 and the eldest 62, and supported by volunteers who run the Club for the benefit of the community.
- There are plenty of options available to suit all budgets – we outline some options on the next pages, but if you have any specific needs please contact us:

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## CLUB SPONSORSHIP



**The Stockport 500**  
- Our Business Club for Stockport Supporters

### What's included?

- Your name, brand or business named as sponsor of Stockport Basketball Club and member of The Stockport 500
- Invite to an annual The Stockport 500 business networking event, including our coaches, volunteers and players, to showcase the Club and your business or brand.
- Your logo / advert to be shown courtside on match days for all our teams (where we are able to show advertising)
- Your logo and name on our website as part of our The Stockport 500 page with a link to yours
- Social media mention of your sponsorship across our channels
- Opportunity to have photographs with teams, coaches and others across the season

### What does it cost?

- **£500 per season** for membership of The Stockport 500.



## TEAM SPONSORSHIPS



### What's included?

- Your name, brand or business named as sponsor of one of our teams
- Your logo on any new match or training tops produced for your sponsored team
- Your logo / advert to be shown courtside on match days
- Your logo and name on our website with a link to yours
- Social media mention of your sponsorship across our channels
- Opportunity to have photograph with your sponsored team during the season.
- Tickets to games to support your sponsored team in action.

### What does it cost?

- Sponsorship of an Academy Team for one season  
– **£1,500**
- Sponsorship of a Senior Team for one season  
– **£2,500**

### Academy Teams

Team	Compete in...
U12 Falcons	BNW Regional
U12 Lapwings	BNW Regional
U13 Falcons	National League
U14 Falcons	National League
U14 Lapwings	National League
U16 Falcons	National League
U16II Falcons	National League
U18 Falcons	National League

### Senior Teams

Team	Compete in...
D2 Lapwings	National League
D3 Falcons	National League
Women's MABL	Manchester Area Basketball League
Men's MABL	Manchester Area Basketball League