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## TABLE TENNIS ON THE RISE

The latest Active People's Survey (APS) has provided further evidence that table tennis participation levels continue to be on the rise across the country.

According to the results released by Sport England on 13th June, table tennis has shown almost a 5% increase in once a week participation levels over the past 12 months.

In 2011-12, APS 6 displayed 107,300 played the popular table-top sport at least once a week in England. Now, in 2012-13, APS 7 has registered a 4,900 increase to 112,200. The results continue to display a positive trend for the sport which has seen its participation levels nearly double since the survey's inception in 2005-6 when table tennis participants measured just 69,400.

Diccon Gray, National Competitions & Events Manager – formerly Development Director, commented: "We are delighted with this very encouraging news and salute our people (volunteers and staff), programmes and partners who have all contributed to this continued upward trend in participation – any time, any place, any one!"

Participation in each sport is defined as the number of adults in England (age 16 plus) who have taken part in the sport at moderate intensity for 30 minutes or more at least once in the last week (at least four days out of the previous 28 days).

To see the full facts and figures from APS 7: <http://www.sportengland.org/research/who-plays-sport/>

## FAREWELL TO THE CHIEF

Former Chief Executive of the ETTA, Richard Yule, was given a grand farewell at a surprise celebratory retirement party in Bounce, London.

The fantastic occasion, arranged for weeks under great secrecy, included a host of colleagues (both

old and new), players, officials, family and friends with whom Richard was able to enjoy some nostalgia, re-acquaint himself with old friends and listen to accolades and recollections of his career.

'The Chief', as he's affectionately known, said: "This has been an unbelievable day that I will treasure forever. To see so many people past and present from all over the world has just blown me away. I was so surprised and am so grateful."

Read more here: <http://etta.co.uk/news/grand-farewell-for-the-chief-at-bounce/>

## WELCOME TO SARA SUTCLIFFE

The ETTA is pleased to announce the appointment of Sara Sutcliffe in the post of Interim Chief Executive Officer from 15h July 2013.

Sara comes to the ETTA with an excellent background and extensive experience primarily within the sports industry including most recently the British Olympic Association (BOA) where she was Director of Legal and HR for almost 12 years.

Sara Sutcliffe said: "I am delighted to be joining the ETTA at such an exciting time. I look forward to working with the new chairman and his team, the board and all the staff at the ETTA to help lead the organisation through a period of sustained and continuous improvement so that we can grow the number of people enjoying table tennis at every level."

## VOTE FOR PING!

Ping! has reached the finals of the National Lottery Awards. The National Lottery Awards are

an annual search to find the UK's favourite Lottery-funded projects. Each of the finalists is now in with the chance of appearing on a BBC One show and winning £2,000 prize money.

Ping! is a collaboration between Sing! London and the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA) and has boosted the game's profile in imaginative and popular ways with outdoor tables placed in public places in London, Hull, Bristol, Sheffield, Brighton, Hampshire, Liverpool, Leicester and Birmingham. Along with this, Ping Pong Parlours have been set up in disused shop spaces attracting new players and those that just want to have a go!

Ping! is competing against six other projects for the accolade of Best Sport Project, and we have successfully been whittled down from over 900 initial nominations to be in with a chance of winning this category. We need your vote to help us win!!! Voting is FREE, just click on the link below and cast your vote for Ping!

Vote here: <http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/project/ping>

## PING! 2013

This year there will be Ping! Events taking place in July and August in 11 locations across England. Confirmed launch days are:

Liverpool: 21 June

Leicester: 29th June

Bristol: 18th July

Cambridge: 20th July

Cornwall: 20th July

Brighton: 25th July

London: 26th July



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Launch dates for Oxford, Middlesbrough, Sheffield and Birmingham are being finalised.

## IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT DBS (formerly CRB) CHECKING!

A number of important changes have been announced by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) which will come into effect on 17th June 2013. Sports had been advised that we would be given 3 months notice of these changes, in effect we were given less than 3 weeks.

The changes are as follows:

- DBS will only issue disclosures to the applicant – the Registered Body will no longer receive a copy.
- The DBS Online Update Service will go live.
- The Position Applied For field on DBS applications will need to be completed differently.

How will this affect you:

- The Position Applied For field will be updated by TMG CRB Ltd so you will continue to complete with your role as previously e.g. volunteer coach, paid coach etc.



- The Online Update Service – the ETTA will be carrying out a managed staged introduction to the changes and we will be looking to introduce this service in 2 or 3 months time.

- The major changes that will come into place with effect from Monday 17th June are as follows:

- The ETTA will no longer accept 'paper' applications for DBS checks they will all have to be done online. This is because the only way we can check the outcome of a check is via the online database.

- The online database will allow the ETTA to check if a disclosure is clear or has content.

- If the disclosure is showing it is clear then we

will update our records and there is nothing more for the applicant to do.

- If the disclosure is showing that there is content we will not know what that content relates to as the online database will not give us that information. We will then email the applicant and ask them to send in either the original certificate or email a scanned copy within 21 days to the ETTA's lead Safeguarding Manager. The certificate will be checked and a decision made regarding any action that may need to be taken – exactly the same as process that is currently in place. The applicant will be advised via email of the outcome and the certificate returned.

- If the certificate is not received within 21 days then the applicant's coach licence will be suspended and the applicant (if not a coach) may themselves be suspended from the ETTA until they comply.

If you have any queries please contact Judy Rogers, National Programme Manager Volunteering, Diversity and Child Protection either by email [jrogers@etta.co.uk](mailto:jrogers@etta.co.uk) or on 01424 456211.

For more information please follow this link: <http://www.sportandrecreation.org.uk/smart-sport/update-service>

## PREMIER LEAGUE 4 SPORT RECEIVES £16.8M OF FUNDING OVER THREE YEARS

The Premier League and Sport England have jointly committed a combined total of £16.8m to help encourage youth sports participation for three years.

The equally funded investment will see Premier League 4 Sport (PL4Sport) receive £3m a year and Kickz £2.6m.

Under the new deal, PL4Sport schemes will be



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expanded to include 12 Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth sports.

It will also help target an extra 30,000 people in disadvantaged areas through the rebranded Kickz programme.

A further 3,000 volunteers will be trained and 600 competitions delivered.

In addition, the PL4Sport deal will see 270 satellite sports clubs created, 1,500 volunteers trained and 2,500 sports qualifications obtained.

"There is no other company in this country that gives away more than we give away. It is huge beer," Premier League chief executive Richard Scudamore said.

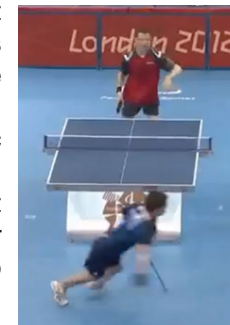
The initiative is designed not only to introduce young people to sport but keep them engaged in it when they leave school.

## VOTE FOR DAVID WETHERILL!

Great Britain's David Wetherill has found himself in the limelight once again by earning a nomination in the last 16 of the ESPN ESPY (Excellence in Sports Performance Yearly) 'Best Play' Award category.

You won't be surprised to learn that his nomination comes as a result of his 'wondershot' at the Paralympics.

His diving forehand shot past Poland's Tomasz Kusiak has already been voted as the fourth greatest moment from the London 2012 Paralympic Games by the International Paralympic Committee, but now faces an even bigger challenge as he comes up against the 'Best Plays' in ESPN's American-dominated line-up.



You can vote here: <http://espn.go.com/espys/2013/>