

DEVELOPMENT



Ping! returned this summer to the cities of London, Liverpool and Bristol on the run up to the London Olympics. This mass participation event has encouraged approximately 130,000 people to pick up a bat and play.

The launch of Ping! Bristol saw Wallace & Grommit playing along with the Mayor, and London saw a number of tables and renowned players showcasing their skills.

Ping! Pong Parlours have been run in Liverpool and Bristol with the former staying open a month longer due to its popularity.

Events have ranged from designing a bat to challenge the champ, talks on the science of spin and public participation events.

CITY	Participants (target)	Participants (estimated)
London	40,000	68,000
Liverpool	25,000	40,000
Bristol	25,000	TBC

PING! YOUR CITY

The Ping! Your City has proved to be pivotal in raising both public and local authority awareness of the sport at a local level. The Sport England Small Grants has enabled Local Authorities and partners to bid and develop projects with a local steering group of community table tennis clubs, education, volunteers, leisure trusts and other community clubs /organizations.

A number of cities involved in Ping! Your City have asked to leave their tables out in situ beyond the end of summer and the four week Ping! Project. This has been partly due to the unforeseen weather during the summer and popularity of the tables when the weather improved.

CITY	Participants (target)	Participants (estimated)
Sheffield	23040	35,000
Leicester	34560	TBC
Brighton	23040	TBC
Birmingham	TBC	50,000
Hampshire	11520	12,000

This summer has seen five cities engaged in Ping! Your City! with Birmingham becoming involved again after being a main Ping! City last year.

OUTDOOR TABLE TENNIS TABLES

Eight tables will be installed in NHS properties this month, four in the London Region across three sites and four in the North West in two sites. Six tables will be installed in National Trust Properties across three sites; The Vyne Estate, Basingstoke, Barrington Court, Liminster and Attingham Park, Shrewsbury. There are 12 other tables waiting to be placed, work is being done to locate sites for them.

YST SCHOOL SPORT CONFERENCE

The ETTA and ESTTA will be attending the YST School Sport Conference, on 16th October in Kettering. CSPs, NGBs and SGO's are expected to attend and to partake in table tennis.

INSTANT PING! PONG

Discussions are currently underway with an equipment supplier and distributor to market and retail the IPP packs nationwide. An interim order of 800 packs has been delivered to the ETTA to satisfy current demand until an agreement is reached.

The IPP pack is currently being redesigned to fit in with the Ping! brand so that it is seen as part of the same programme and not separate. When version two of the pack is agreed the cards will be in the new branding / design but the other components (bats/ball etc will stay the same)

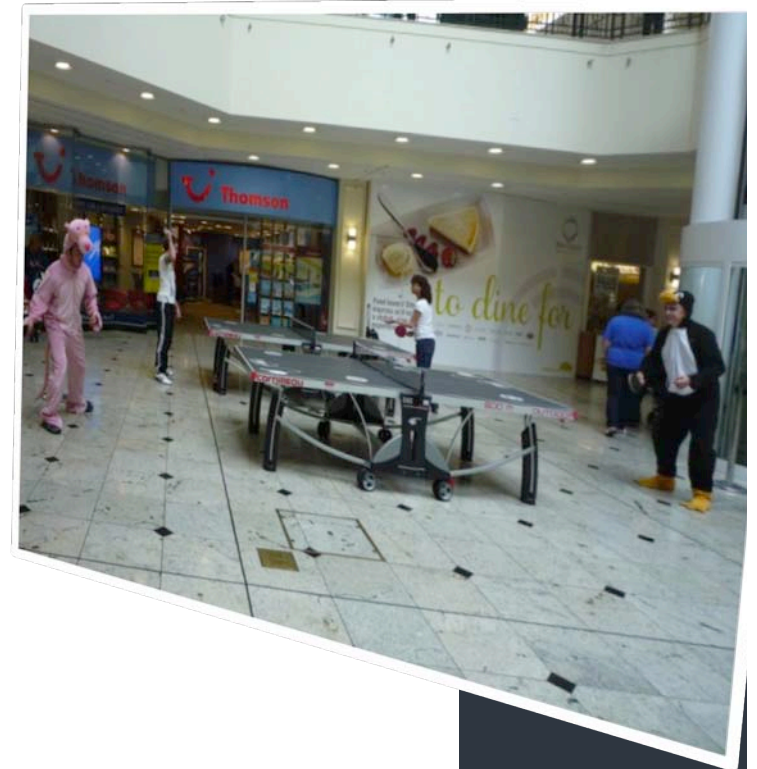
We now have 600 version one Instant Ping Pong packs to sell before version two is finalised. Please promote these packs as widely as possible. An order form is available from: www.etta.co.uk/instantpingpong

UNIVERSITIES

The ETTA has supplied 19 funded Active Universities with a pilot IPP pack on which they have provided valuable feedback, that has lent itself to the redesign and version two of the pack. The ETTA has also worked with BUCS (British University & College Sport) to fund a number of outdoor tables in 13 university grounds across nine regions to encourage participation in the sport.

UCAS STUDENT LIVE

Table Tennis was represented at the Student Live event in London on Friday 7th & Saturday 8th September at Olympia in London. It will provided an ideal opportunity to gather insight into the higher education market in terms of student expectations and motives for participation. IPP was showcased and two non standard tables were consistently busy all day for both days, with an estimated 150 people having a play on each day.



JACK PETCHHEY LONDON SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

The Jack Petchey London Schools Project bid for Year 3 is currently underway and the 2013 individual finals are scheduled for 8th June 2013. The indoor tables are currently going into schools and a successful sports match bid means that more outdoor tables will be going into London schools, the school application process will be available shortly. Photos from the Year 1 outdoor table donation are available <http://flic.kr/s/aHsjALhw43>

CHANGE FOR LIFE PROGRAMME

Change4Life schools that haven't yet used their training bursary can still take part in a course, CSPs and SGOs should help to organize these with us. However please note that the funding is only available until spring, so please don't delay if schools are interested. To encourage school club links we are giving C4LSC the option to offer their UKCC bursary to a local club member in return for free coaching sessions at the school. It is hoped that the school and club will agree an SLA and develop a positive relationship that will benefit students and club members.

LONDON PLEASURE GARDENS (LPG)

Two full size table tennis tables and eight custom made tables were supplied to the London Pleasure Gardens. This was done so that people transiting through the site going to and from the ExCeL Arena during the Olympics could play table tennis whilst they waited for trains or their sessions to start.

The organisers of the LPG were expecting between 30,000 to 40,000 people to move through the site every day. In reality the number probably didn't exceed 5,000 per day. As the LPG organisers were funding security and staff to cope with a much larger number of people they quickly ran into administration and the administrators were called in. Deloitte took responsibility of the site and some of the equipment has been recovered including the two full size tables and six of the custom tables. Kieron Pelling will be getting in touch with his contact to see what happened to the other equipment.

DISABILITY ABILITY CLUBS

The number of Ability Clubs continues to rise with the total being 64 currently, and plans are underway to target more between now and the end of March 2013 to meet the target of 72.

REGIONAL SQUADS

The Regional Disability Officers are continuing to build their regional squads and have been holding joint regional sessions and competitions over the past few months. In addition Shaun Alvey has been working with Gorazd Vecko and BTTAD to start the process of putting together an England Youth Squad of disabled players. The first camp has been held including players from Yorkshire, North West, North East, West and East Midlands. It is hoped to hold a camp in the south to include players from the remaining regions in the near future.

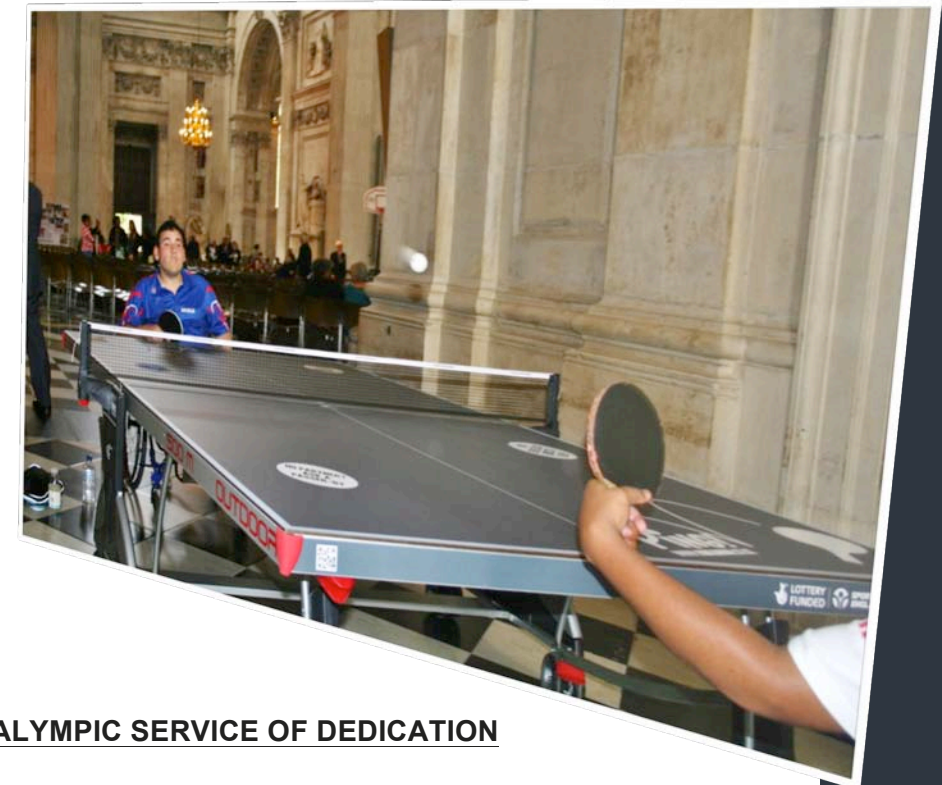
The team of Disability Officers with Judy Rogers has been working on putting together a Disability Strategy to cover the sport over the next four years through to 2017 which has also been fed into the ETTA's Whole Sport Plan.

INCLUSIVE SPORT FUNDING

The ETTA's bid to the Inclusive Sport fund has been submitted and a copy of the Executive Summary sent out to everyone for information – Ping!clusive. We will know the result of this bid during November.

COACHING COURSES

Using funding received earlier this year from the Dfe, each disability officer has been recruiting volunteers with an interest in working with disabled people to attend UKCC Level 1 and ETTA Bridging courses. The aim is to have a team of coaches in each region working with disabled people. There is still a significant amount of funding left to fund these new coaches so please make sure that your region has used its quota – they have to commit to a minimum of 20 hours volunteer coaching with disabled people.



PARALYMPIC SERVICE OF DEDICATION

With the run in to the Paralympic Games the ETTA were asked to demonstrate table tennis in St Paul's Cathedral during the Paralympic Service of Dedication. Thanks to Jack Pegram and Nicko Anderson for being there on the day.

SAINSBURYS SCHOOL GAMES

The Games were held from the 5th – 9th May in London with table tennis using the Excel as the playing venue along with a number of other sports. All the athletes attended an Opening Dinner where Lord Coe spoke about the upcoming Olympics and Paralympics with an inspirational speech. The table tennis event took place over the Monday and Tuesday being a team event only. All of the athletes had the opportunity on the Wednesday to visit the Olympic Park to watch the swimming, athletics and cycling take place with the Closing Ceremony held there.

Thanks should go to all the umpires, team captains and team managers who made it such a memorable event, and also to Steve Welch as referee and ESTTA for their support and assistance.

Funding and sponsorship from Sainsburys has been secured so that the event will continue to run over the next four years with the dates for the 2013 event announced last week as 5th to 8th September with the event returning to Sheffield.