

Strategic Development Group Report for SBA AGM 16th July 2025

Since restarting the Development Group, it would be fair to say that progress over the past two years has been significantly slower than I would have expected. There are many reasons behind this, the most important of which is the lack of volunteers and time for those who do volunteer to actually make a difference.

As a result, with the exception of the Communications and Governance workstreams very little progress has been made in two years since we started – and even then, the changes are still struggling to make an impact.

The group did run a series of sessions to encourage ladies play, and whilst a few ladies did turn up on a regular basis there is no evidence that they will continue now the sessions have concluded.

It should also be noted that under the guise of the Development Group a significant development has been around the starting of Junior clubs – Adrian Cook must take the credit for this – without his commitment I doubt it would have happened – and it didn't need the development group to make this happen either – Adrian just got on and did it!

It is with this background I will not be staying on as lead for the development group after this AGM – I'm afraid I simply do not have the time that it requires.

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