

# Old Silhillians Hockey Club (OSHC)



## Reasons for Choosing “The Sils”

- Runner Up in England Hockey Board Club of the Year 2011
- Finalist in the Top 10 Best Clubs in Europe
- The ONLY Club in Warwickshire that has a clubhouse that directly looks out onto the pitch

This means it is the perfect FAMILY club; allowing parents/siblings/friends/other teams to “watch” hockey without being taken away from the comforts of the clubhouse with its large screen TV, WiFi access, bar catering and toilets.

- The Home of Warwickshire Hockey

The club not only hosts the Solihull Junior Development Centre, but also is the main base of Warwickshire Hockey – hosting 3 Junior Academy Centres, regular Warwickshire matches, the County Minis tournaments and most (if not all) of the County’s (AND the MIDLANDS) meetings. If you want to know what is going on with / get involved in County Hockey, there is no better place to start than at the Sils.

- England Hockey Board’s ClubsFirst Award

This is a National Standard which recognises a Club as delivering Best Practise in terms of several elements relating to Developing Young People in Hockey, Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Hockey, Sports Equity and Ethics, and Club Management.. The Sils was the first hockey club in the country to be awarded this accreditation, and is now the first to renew within Warwickshire, as well as being one of only a handful of clubs to hold the award at all.

- A Pedigree in Junior Player Development

Over the years, the Sils has provided several International players (in fact you can see some of their International Blazers / Shirts on display in the clubhouse); in more recent times, 2 boys who started their hockey at the Sils have played for England U16s and U18s, and the club has provided more than 30 County / JAC players in both boys and girls sections in the past 10 years.

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## • A Great Foundation for the Future

- As more and more clubs in the local area are struggling, the Sils has grown in numbers over the last year
- The club is recognised Nationally as having one of the best Mixed Hockey Festivals in the Country – regularly inviting in excess of 500 hockey players to the club for the August Bank Holiday weekend
- The Hockey section shares a great relationship with the other sports' sections at the Silhillians (mainly football and rugby) and benefits from having a joint Men's and Women's club (unlike some of the other local clubs whose sections remain separate)

## • A Future that is not just about playing hockey....

- The club has plans to develop its site to provide additional play facilities for younger children, supporting the Family ethos of the club
- The Sils is the **ONLY** Club in the **Midlands** to offer ALL of the following:
  - A Level 1 Umpire Coach on site to run umpire courses whenever required
  - An approved site AND tutor for Young Leaders' courses
  - An accredited coach to deliver the all new England Hockey Board Leadership award
  - A County Chairman to ensure that all County activity aligns with the Club's plans!
  - 1 x EHB Centrally Contracted Coach, 5 x Level 2 Coaches & 6 x Level 1 Coaches

## • But some of it that is!

- Men's Saturday Hockey: 4 teams + 1 team in National Knock Out & Summer League
- Ladies' Saturday Hockey: 2 teams & Summer League
- Men's Veterans: midweek with home matches on Wednesdays (all year round)
- Juniors: training, matches against other clubs on a regular basis, and entry into the County Minis and National Development Leagues (all on Sundays); a Saturday Academy for our development age players e.g. 12-15
- Badgers and Vixens: Sunday hockey providing a great "bridge" between Juniors and Adult hockey
- Mixed hockey: entry into National Knock Out competition + Silz Festival Entry
- Back to Hockey – a programme aimed at getting Ladies back into playing the game they love

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