

Devon County Fencing Union

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SW Fencing Rep.

Unfortunately, although many of the Devon Senior Competitions managed to run before the zombie apocalypse, several of the Senior Regional Competitions were affected, and many of the Junior Series events too.

In terms of interactivity between the County and the Region, this was minimalised, although a number of Devon fencers were selected for regional events, and we had a strong chance with the Excalibur Competition again. On behalf of the SW, a number of the County's fencers were selected to represent the Region at the GB Cup, which was unfortunately a further victim of the lockdown.

The standing of the County as part of the Region remain high, with representation and support for the Region in a number of areas, with positive communication between County and Region being particularly effective.

Building on last year's initiatives at a Regional Level, I think that there are opportunities for clubs or organisers to benefit from Regional-based events such as Coaching Courses or Refereeing Courses which could easily be hosted in a Devon Based club, and attract attendees from around the Region. The new format 'teams' competition which was organised by Exeter Uni last year has shown that people are willing to travel for such events. Once venues have been allowed to open up, this may be a source of revenue worth consideration. These can be coordinated through the Regional Committee who are always willing to assist.

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