

# The Catt's Eye View

## County Handbook

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David Edwards has recently been looking at how counties are run and how they can be run effectively to raise money to achieve greater participation.

When I was General Secretary of Sussex County in 2008, I undertook a project to produce the [county handbook](#). I had inherited very little information. So I went back through all the available records to piece together some kind of history of the county and to undertake a full inventory of all facilities and active personnel in the county.

I had records back to around 1957 and was eventually able to list all the winners in the Mens' and Womens' singles and the men, women and mixed doubles events.

The inventory that I collated included the following:

- The management committee of county with contact details.
- All the leagues in Sussex and a list of their management committee.
- Within each league - Club names, addresses and contact numbers.
- List of all the qualified and registered coaches.
- Adverts for the coaches – including session times and venues
- List of all qualified umpires
- Officials reports for management committee and AGM
- Schedules for county matches
- Various articles from and about people.
- Where to play – spreadsheet of venues and sessions available that summer.

The contents of the handbook are now stored and updated on the [Sussex County Website](#). The need for this type of handbook has probably been superseded by the website.

But it may well be helpful to counties to have details of clubs, coaches and where to play on a leaflet or brochure which could be available at local sports centres, schools, Active Sports or other local agencies or in any local Ping Pong Parlours or Ping! facilities in the area. Or to have a QR code on display which links to a site with all this information.

We all want to generate more participation to ensure that our sport grows in the future. Hopefully, these ideas will be helpful.

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