

GLOUCESTERSHIRE MASTERS 2022/23

For the 2022/23 season we were only able to run an Over 45's team and we were placed in the SouthWest division. This should have meant games home and away against Devon, Wiltshire and Hampshire however before the season got started Devon had to withdraw as they could not raise a team. We too struggled to raise teams as three of our players from the previous year were unavailable.

Our first match of the season was against Hampshire who fielded a very strong team and we were comprehensively beaten 11-1. Hampshire did in fact go on to become national champions for 2022/23.

Our second game was against Wiltshire and we were able to beat them 11-1 to restore our dignity.

In January 2023 the County Challenge weekend took place in Worcester and our team of Mike Haywood, Mike Kennedy, Phil Richardson, Dave Evans and George Moorey along with Mandy Joiner, Linda Percy, Rhonwen James and Trudy Bartlett competed in the Premier Division where we had to play Yorkshire, Surrey, Middlesex and Derbyshire. We battled through coming fourth in the division.

The second half of the season was very disappointing as we were unable to raise a team to play Hampshire and had to forfeit the game and similarly Wiltshire were unable to raise a team to play us and conceded that game.

We need a greater depth of player availability to successfully run these teams so if anyone is available to play please let me know.

Linda Percy