



*COMMUNITY DISCUSSION EVENT
12.30PM TO 1.30PM / 6PM TO 7PM*

*'MEET THE CLUB DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'
WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2026
CHRISTOPHER JOHN BRYDEN*



About Me

- *Over 17 years experience in sport development*
- *NGB experience with England Hockey and Table Tennis England*
- *Hockey player for Northampton Saints HC, 4th team men's captain and club's Schools Relationship Manager since 2021*

Club Survey

- *BF looking to commission a Club Survey with external partner*
- *The last survey was conducted in 2017 so challenges facing clubs are likely to have changed/alterd*
- *A fresh club survey will provide BF with an up to date snapshot of how to tailor support*

Fence Together/Club Assist

- *A centralised document for best practice, templates and guidance without the need for resources to be spread across multiple sources*
- *Feedback shows clubs need a single, trusted source of information, with growing administrative and compliance pressures*
- *Great for BF clubs to help shape this piece of work*

Learning Month/Club Development

- *Plans are in motion to hold a 'Club Development' week within Learning Month in August 2026*
- *A provisional date for the week is 3rd - 7th August*
- *Themes around workshops currently include funding, club compliance, Sport:80 and how BF partnerships can help grow your club*

GB League App

- *BF are working alongside Simon Brock to implement the GB League App*
- *An initial implementation plan has been put together to help structure and move the project forward for the benefit of BF clubs*
- *Benefits to clubs include opportunity to create fun and inclusive environment and bring new people into the sport*

Additional News/Business

- *NEW Membership Checker now live and launched, offering a simple and efficient way to confirm whether a fencer holds a current and valid BF membership:*

NEW MEMBERSHIP CHECKER LAUNCHED – BRITISH FENCING

- *BF has also updated the Coach Search page to make it easier for clubs, organisations and fencers to find a suitable coach:*

BF COACH REGISTER – BRITISH FENCING

On The Horizon

- *Clubs Working Group (Communities of Practice)*
- *SwordSeat*
- *WAFF x Club Connect*
- *Club Visits*



ANY QUESTIONS?

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