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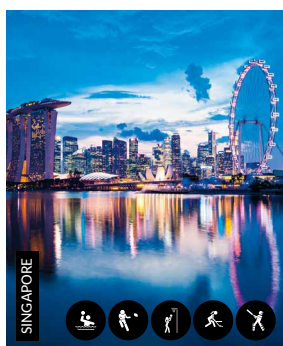
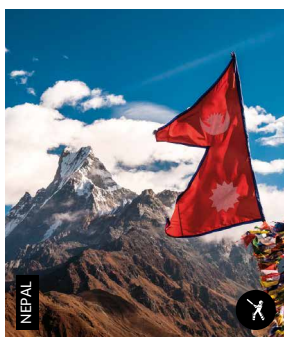
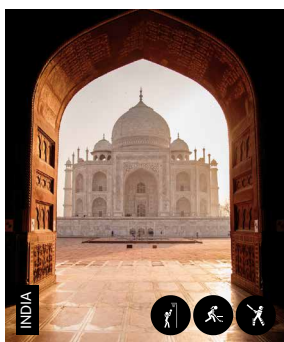
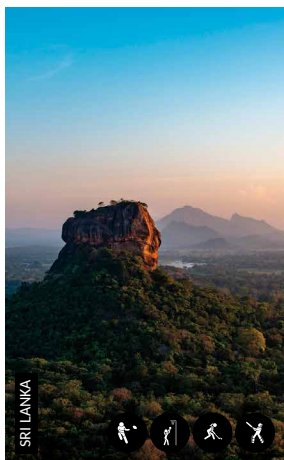
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## Devon Cricket Development Tour - Sri Lanka 2023

**Matt Theodom | Managing Director  
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Sri Lanka is a country of immense natural beauty, with a rich cultural diversity, incredible wildlife and a burning passion for the sport of cricket. I had the privilege of visiting the country last year ahead of this tour and was taken aback by the bustling nature of Colombo, the plethora of tuk-tuks and even elephants crossing the streets!



During this visit, it quickly became apparent that our touring teams would be in great hands with our partners at Lions Sports Travel. The tour will give the girls incredible cricketing opportunities across the island as well as the opportunity to experience the rich and diverse culture of this magnificent island.

Women's sport has grown massively in recent years and cricket is no different. Female cricket has been the fastest-growing area of the game in Devon over the last four years, and this has been in no small part thanks to the efforts of our Women & Girls Development Officer, Ann-Marie Presswell. Since her appointment, the women and

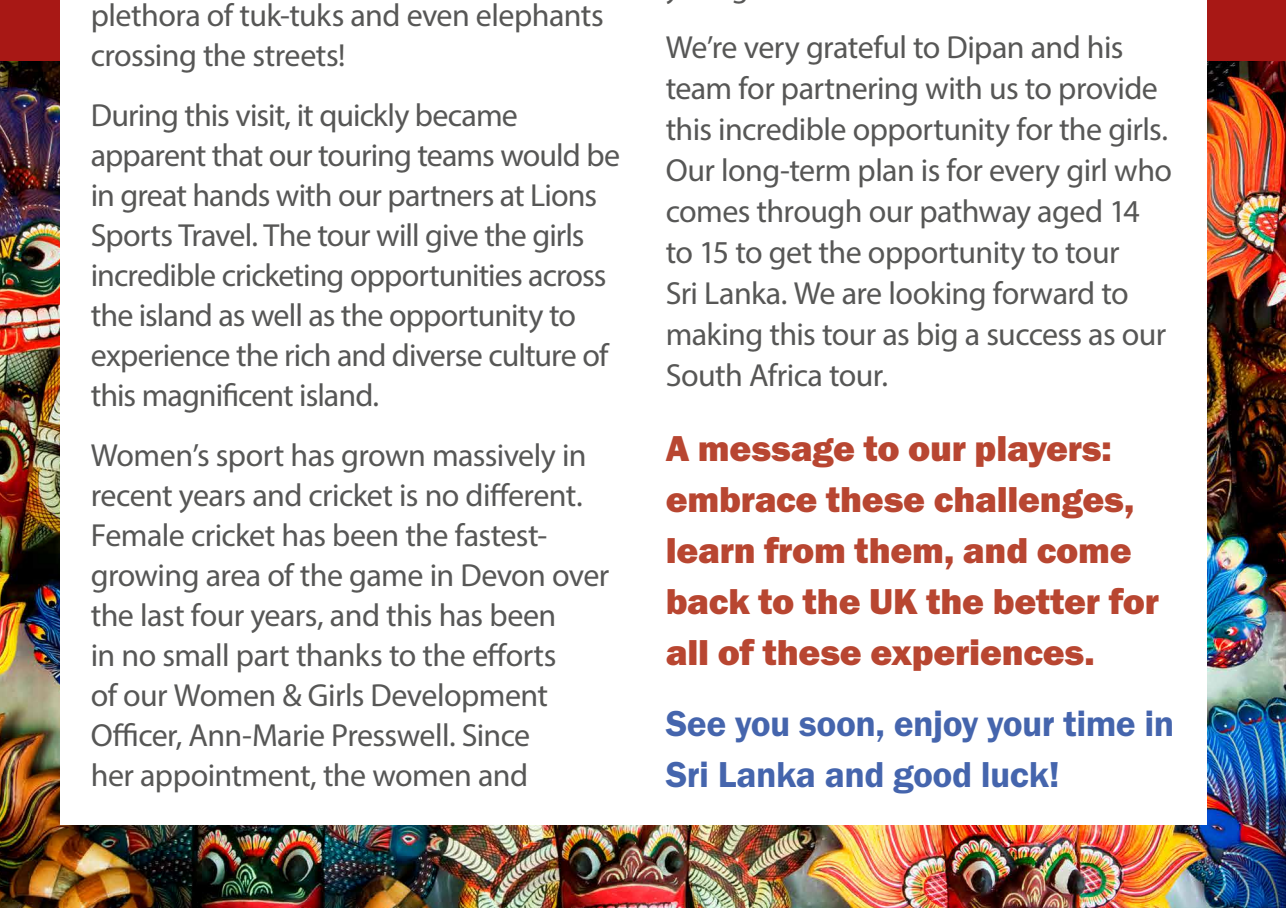
girls' game has gone from strength to strength across the county and this has begun to be reflected within our Performance Pathway.

We have been working for a long time to expand our overseas offering within the Performance Pathway and we are excited that we will be bringing the girls' pathway in line with the boys' by running an Under 15 Girls' tour. So many players within our pathway have benefited from overseas tours, from current senior players Katie Donovan, Rebecca Halliday and Steph Hutchins to professionals such as Amara Carr. We are keen for this to now be a more established part of the development of young female cricketers in Devon.

We're very grateful to Dipan and his team for partnering with us to provide this incredible opportunity for the girls. Our long-term plan is for every girl who comes through our pathway aged 14 to 15 to get the opportunity to tour Sri Lanka. We are looking forward to making this tour as big a success as our South Africa tour.

**A message to our players:  
embrace these challenges,  
learn from them, and come  
back to the UK the better for  
all of these experiences.**

**See you soon, enjoy your time in  
Sri Lanka and good luck!**





Clyst St George Cricket Club is delighted to support Freya Cleveland and the U15's Girls from Devon who are representing the county in Sri Lanka.



## Devon Cricket Girls' Development Tour - Sri Lanka 2023

Ann-Marie Presswell | Women & Girls' Development Officer - Devon

Since I took on the role of Women and Girls' Development Officer in 2019, the growth of the female game in Devon has amazed me. The desire for clubs to



become more diverse and welcoming has been so great that from the moment I started, I have hardly had a quiet day in the office, on the pitch or coaching!

The women and girls' playing calendar is such that all year round, teams can access league cricket, friendly festivals and development sessions, as well as novelty cricket events such as Cricket in the Dark or Colour Me Cricket! As a Foundation, we have set up a Women's Softball League and a Devon Girls' League which gives a player pathway from Under 11s to the adult game. Each year the number of teams in the leagues have grown, due to the hard work of volunteers in clubs across the county. In fact, the softball league has increased from 9 to 36 teams in just 2 years!

My focus now is to grow the opportunities for women and girls off the pitch - in coaching and officiating roles, as well as grounds maintenance.

The development of female role models in all areas of the game gives any woman or girl the chance to find a role where cricket is the game her.

**Balance and parity of opportunity in the game is essential for the women's game to continue to grow. Why build the base if there are limited chances to play your game at the highest standard?**

Therefore, I am proud to be part of the first Under 15 Girls tour to Sri Lanka. I was lucky enough to go to South Africa as a parent of under 15 twin boys and so know first-hand how important this tour is to broaden the cricket playing experiences, but more importantly for the players to experience a different country and culture and expand their understanding of the world. My role on the tour is to make sure the girls embrace and enjoy their tour as much as possible, making the most of every game they play and place they visit.

Every young lady starting her cricket career in Devon now has the chance to have her hard work and dedication to the game rewarded with an overseas tour, just as the boys do in their county pathway programme. From All Stars to Overseas County Pathway Tours, my job has never been more exciting or more important to ensure that females in Devon continue to see cricket as an opportunity and game for them.



## David Joseph on why the tour is more than just cricket

**David Joseph | Lead Coach Devon Women | Manager Under 18 Boys and Under 18 Girls**

Embarking on a tour of Sri Lanka with my school team a 'few years' ago turned out to be a stroke of luck that greatly impacted my growth as a player.



The experiences, whether on the field or beyond, have left an indelible mark on me. The anticipation of returning to Sri Lanka fills me with excitement and I'm keen to see the changes that time has brought when we revisit the places that enjoyed as a teenager.

Shifting from a playing role to that of a coaching tourist presents an exciting prospect. I'm looking forward to seeing the team develop as both players and personalities and seeing how they adapt

and learn during the tour. However, it's important to note that the tour extends beyond the boundaries of cricket.

The upcoming tour holds multiple opportunities. I'm convinced that the girls will not only excel in their cricket but also strengthen friendships and create new ones. The intensity of the tour and shared experiences will undoubtedly forge connections that go beyond the cricket pitch. The tour isn't merely a chance to enhance skills; it's an opportunity to create memories that will last a lifetime.

**Sri Lanka is a treasure trove of awe-inspiring experiences. Exploring ancient ruins, venturing into rainforests full of wildlife, and lounging on golden beaches, each player will forge unforgettable memories in the breath-taking landscape of Sri Lanka.**

I can hardly wait to see how this tour shapes up, not just the players but also from my own perspective, as I continue to evolve as a coach.





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## TOUR ITINERARY



<b>When</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Where</b>
Tuesday 17th Oct	Travel day	LGW   DXB   CMB
Wednesday 18th Oct	Arrive Hotel No.1, Colombo - Leisure Day	Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel
Thursday 19th Oct	Morning: Practice Session Afternoon: Colombo City Tour	Moors Cricket Club
Friday 20th Oct	1st Match Day 35-40 overs v Wadduwa Central College	Thursdon College
Saturday 21st Oct	2nd Match Day 35-40 overs v Colombo District Team	Burgher Recreational Club
Sunday 22nd Oct	Leisure Day - Morning by the pool and shopping in Colombo	
Monday 23rd Oct	3rd Match Day 35-40 overs MCA Academy Team	Mercantile Cricket Association
Tuesday 24th Oct	Travel day - Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, Arrive Hotel No.2	Heritage Kandalama Hotel
Wednesday 25th Oct	Leisure Day - Visit Sigiriya Rock Fortress and leisure day	
Thursday 26th Oct	Travel day - Arrive Hotel No.3 and visit to a local Temple	Citrus Waskadwa Hotel
Friday 27th Oct	4th Match Day 35-40 overs v Sri Sumangala School	Ordanance Cricket Club
Saturday 28th Oct	5th Match Day x2 T20's v Kalutara District Team	PJ Cricket Ground
Sunday 29th Oct	Travel day	CMB   DXB   LGW



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The Trevor Ward Foundation is proud to support Ella Gill for her upcoming tour to Sri Lanka.



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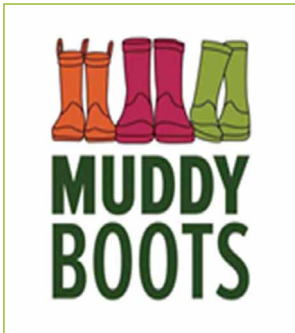
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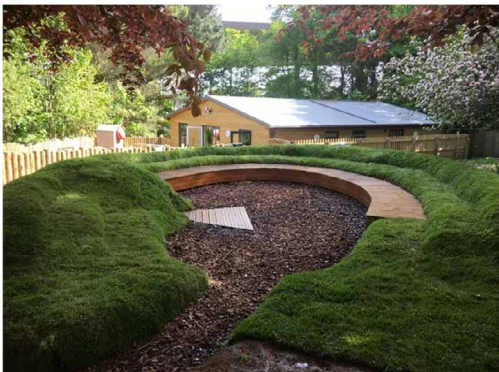
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# Growing together

A photograph of two young women in blue and white cricket uniforms standing on a grassy field. The woman on the left is wearing a blue cap with a yellow lion logo. The woman on the right is looking down. The background shows a wooden fence and trees.

This year has been a really positive year for the girls, from the winter training all the way through to this point of the season. One of the most impressive things with this squad has been the togetherness and team ethos that has been created by the girls and coaches, which has been a delight to witness by all involved. This togetherness and unity within the squad was evident throughout the winter training sessions, in which the girls put lots of hard work into developing technical and tactical skills ready for the season.

This led nicely into the early stages of the season, where we held T20 days against the Youth Development U15 Girls side as well as against Cornwall and Wales. These perfectly allowed the girls to put the skills that we had worked on during the winter into practice, and the girls came out on top in both with 4 wins out of 4.

We then moved into playing the Royal London ECB Girls U15 County Competition. Playing first, away to

Cornwall, the girls batted exceptionally well, scoring 248 off 40 overs and proving that when we bat the full amount of overs we can out score any team that we play against. The girls also bowled extremely well, winning the match by 160 runs and in the process, demonstrating a complete all-round performance that consisted of a multitude of positive individual and team performances.

The girls then had games against Somerset and Wales, where finding form with the bat proved difficult. However, the development that was on show alongside the resilience and adversity that the girls demonstrated in their attempts to defend sub-par scores (especially considering that we knew we were capable of scoring more, as shown by the earlier stages of the season), showed the side that we are. This was really positive to see and clearly stuck with us, as in the reverse fixtures the girls showed that resilience, unity and togetherness that I have previously mentioned.



Despite being bowled out for 62 in the reverse fixture against Wales and not having our best game with the bat, we went out with a great mindset and chose to focus all of our attention on the second innings, where we bowled and fielded brilliantly, having Wales 48 for eight before an unfortunate injury meant that the game had to be abandoned. This seemed to redevelop the confidence of the girls, which was further shown by our improved performance against Somerset, defending a score and walking away with a hard-fought victory.

As the season draws to a close, the girls have increasingly shown their excitement for the tour to Sri Lanka, mentioning it at every game we've played! The girls are extremely excited by this opportunity and are particularly thankful to all parents, carers, coaches, managers, clubs and sponsors that have helped provide them with this amazing opportunity!

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## U21 - 2018



### **Steph Hutchings tell us of the positive impact touring with the U21's had for her.**

In February 2018, I had the incredible privilege of joining the Devon U21 Women's tour to Cape Town, South Africa. To this day, those moments remain etched in my memory, both on and off the field. Our tour was of immense value to the team; not only did we forge stronger bonds with our teammates, but we also experience profound personal growth. My journey to Cape Town was a mixture of diverse cultural encounters, including a humbling visit to Langa Township.

Touring abroad to play presented me with a unique opportunity to navigate - both geographical and in terms of skill. The chance to compete on different pitches and at varying altitudes added layers to my understanding of the game.

The ball reacted differently and the pitch demanded many adaptations. I gained invaluable insights about the art of extracting the best from both the ball and pitch.

The tour was more than just refining my cricket techniques; it was a life experience. Experiencing the pulse of a community like the Langa Township provided an indelible perspective shift. The encounter was a testament to the unifying power of sports and a reminder that cricket, beyond the boundaries, brings people together in remarkable ways.

In retrospect, that tour was a massive learning curve. Not just lessons of strategy and athleticism, but also of camaraderie and adaptability. Those moments beneath Cape Town's Table Mountain expanded my horizons, on the field and within myself. The memories from that tour continue to shape my approach to the game and life beyond it.





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## Darcey Boote

Date of Birth	28/07/2009
Squad number	1
School	Plymouth High School for Girls
Batting	Right Hand - Top Order
Bowling/Wicket	Right Arm - Seam
Cricket Club	Plympton Cricket Club
Other interests	Netball, Swimming, and Volleyball
Favourite player	Jimmy Anderson and Lauren Bell



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## Ella Gill

Date of Birth	11/03/2009
Squad number	8
School	Churston Ferrers Grammar School
Batting	Right Hand - Top Order
Bowling/Wicket	Right Arm - Seam
Cricket Club	Paignton Cricket Club
Other interests	Netball, Musical Theatre/Dance, Surfing, and Golf
Favourite player	Nat Sciver-Brunt



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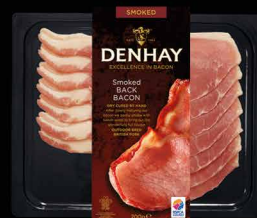


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Date of Birth	12/02/2008
Squad number	6
School	St Peter's Church of England Aided School, Exeter
Batting	Right Hand - Top Order
Bowling/Wicket	Right Arm - Off Spin
Cricket Club	Clyst St George Cricket Club
Other interests	Sport, Football, and Surfing
Favourite player	Joe Root



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### Holly Evans

Date of Birth	10/01/2008
Squad number	9
School	Newton Abbot College
Batting	Right Hand - Middle Order
Bowling/Wicket	Wicket Keeper
Cricket Club	Bovey Tracey Cricket Club
Other interests	Netball and Animals
Favourite player	Tammy Beaumont



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## Immy Prickett

Date of Birth	31/03/2009
Squad number	15
School	Plymstock School
Batting	Right Hand - Middle Order
Bowling/Wicket	Wicket Keeper
Cricket Club	Plymouth Cricket Club
Other interests	Football and Climbing
Favourite player	Amy Jones



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## Keeley Willcock

Date of Birth	03/10/2008
Squad number	17
School	Plymouth High School for Girls
Batting	Left Hand - Lower Order
Bowling/Wicket	Right Arm - Leg Spin
Cricket Club	Plympton Cricket Club
Other interests	Art
Favourite player	Sophie Ecclestone



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# PLAYER PROFILES



## Lily Innes

Date of Birth	12/11/2008
Squad number	7
School	Plymouth College
Batting	Right Hand - Top Order
Bowling/Wicket	Right Arm - Seam
Cricket Club	Plympton Cricket Club
Other interests	Netball, Golf, Fashion, Science, and Photography
Favourite player	Danni Wyatt and Joe Root



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## Lucie Carwardine

Date of Birth	01/11/2007
Squad number	5
School	Ivybridge Community College
Batting	Right Hand - Middle/Lower order
Bowling/Wicket	Right Arm - Seam
Cricket Club	Ivybridge Cricket Club and Plympton Cricket Club
Other interests	Netball
Favourite player	Nat Sciver-Brunt and Lewis Gregory



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## Rosemary Johnson

Date of Birth	22/06/2009
Squad number	4
School	Plymstock School
Batting	Right Hand - Lower Order
Bowling/Wicket	Right Arm - Seam
Cricket Club	Plymouth Cricket Club
Other interests	Music, Reading, and Open Water Swimming
Favourite player	Danni Wyatt



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## Maggie Haffenden

Date of Birth	11/04/2009
Squad number	10
School	Plymouth College
Batting	Right Hand - Middle Order
Bowling/Wicket	Right Arm - Seam
Cricket Club	Plymouth Cricket Club
Other interests	Hockey and Reading
Favourite player	Marnus Labuschagne



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## Megan Hayward

Date of Birth	03/06/2009
Squad number	11
School	Plymouth College
Batting	Right Hand - Top Order
Bowling/Wicket	Right Arm - Leg Spin
Cricket Club	Plymouth Cricket Club
Other interests	Hockey, Singing, and Travelling
Favourite player	Sophie Ecclestone



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## Naomi Hancock

Date of Birth	26/09/2007
Squad number	3
School	Torquay Girls' Grammar
Batting	Right Hand - Top/Middle Order
Bowling/Wicket	Right Arm - Seam
Cricket Club	Paignton Cricket Club
Other interests	Tennis, Basketball, and Travelling
Favourite player	Ben Stokes



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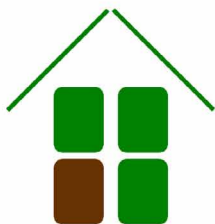


### Sophie Brandom

Date of Birth	02/06/2008
Squad number	2
School	The King's School, Ottery St. Mary
Batting	Right Hand - Middle Order
Bowling/Wicket	Right Arm - Off Spin
Cricket Club	Ottery St. Mary, Topsham St. James, and Whimple Ladies
Other interests	Badminton and Hockey
Favourite player	Sophie Ecclestone



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## COACH PROFILES

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### **Ann-Marie Presswell**

#### **Women And Girls' Development Officer | ECB Core Coach | ECB Level 2 Scorer**

Ann-Marie took on the role of Development Officer in 2019 after becoming involved with Hatherleigh Cricket Club, where she co-ordinates the Women's teams as well as the junior section. She holds the role of Regional Scoring Officer, co-ordinating and supporting scorers throughout the Southwest of England. This role led to her scoring some of the 2019 World Cup games in the Press Box.

For her, cricket is a family affair, with almost all of the family involved in volunteering and playing at Hatherleigh. They all enjoy watching and playing cricket together.

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### **David Joseph**

#### **ECB Level 3 Coach | Lead Coach Devon Women | Manager Under 18 Boys & Under 18 Girls**

David currently has a number of coaching roles with Devon. He coaches the Devon Women and Under 18 Girls as well as the Under 18 Boys teams. In addition, he is a specialist spin coach on the Devon Emerging Player Programme.

Outside the County programmes he coaches on the Western Storm Academy and their Emerging Player Programme. He is really looking forward to working with the touring team, especially the spinners in spin-friendly conditions.

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### **Steph Hutchins**

#### **ECB Core Coach | Captain Devon Women | Coach Under 18 Girls**

Steph started on the coaching ladder in 2015 and completed her Core Coaching qualification in 2017. Since then, she has coached on multiple programmes and for multiple squads. She currently supports David Joseph with the Under 18 Girls, where they have seen some great success. Alongside this she is the lead coach for the Devon Under 15 Girls Youth Development group and works with different age groups at her club.

Steph is captain of Devon Women and was formerly part of the Western Storm programme. She still plays and loves her cricket, but coaching is her passion.

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