

# Uphill

## Junior Badminton Club

**Name of Club:** Uphill Junior Badminton Club, Avon  
**Date of return:** Tuesday 13th April  
**Number of Juniors:** 6-7pm (ages 5 – 11) 18 juniors,  
7-8.30pm (12 – 17) 18 juniors  
**Number of coaches:** 9 or 10 coaches and helpers across  
the two sessions who followed Badminton England's  
Return to Play guidance to ensure the sessions were safe.

### Here's what Head Coach and Junior Club Organiser Mark Edwards had to say;

"It's great to have all the kids back on court, there was plenty of pent-up energy and enthusiasm and the kids treated it as if we had never been away. We have a great family feel at our club and with a big mix of children from across the local area from different schools and this has been the first time they had seen their badminton friends in over 4 months".

"Although out of our normal season I felt it was important to get back on court as we need to retain and encourage all our young players as they have missed so much over the past 12 months. I'm happy to say the enthusiasm and willingness to return from the players, parents and coaches has made the setting up of the sessions and the successfulness of them very simple. We even gave all the children easter eggs as we missed our normal March end of season tournament and trophy presentation which went down a treat!"



Katherine Dormer (aged 9)  
"It's great being able to play again and practice my smashes! I've really missed playing over the winter".

Juliet Dormer (Parent & helper)  
"It's fantastic to see the kids back on court, having fun with their badminton mates and enjoying the game. Lots of energy at our first night back from a big group of youngsters of all ages"