



**Freda Bussey**  
**Nominated for International Events and Competitions Director at**  
**2016 AGM**

I started my volleyball journey in 1970 when I started to play volleyball at Dartford College of Physical Education and met my mentor and friend Don Anthony. As a PE teacher I introduced many youngsters to volleyball and in 1975 while teaching at The Ashcombe School in Dorking, Surrey I founded the Ashcombe Volleyball Club, now celebrating its 40 year anniversary. I am still secretary and one of the coaches at Ashcombe where we play National, Local and junior standard volleyball as well as organising the Ashcombe Tournament in June every year.

Representing England from 1972-81, I played in 94 International matches, the proudest moments of my volleyball career along with carrying the Olympic Torch in 2012 and being awarded an MBE in 2013.

My background in teaching, international performance, coaching, club and event management make me well suited for the position of International events and Competitions Director. I am stepping down as Chair of South East Volleyball Association but still aim to remain as a committee member and also will stay involved with both the Surrey and Sussex Volleyball Associations. These local associations allow me to see what is really going on in the wider volleyball community and at all levels of performance.

As Head of Physical Education in a large department I am used to working alongside and leading colleagues in implementing strategic strategies and planning major events. As secretary and coach of a National League club with teams in local leagues and junior competitions I have a good knowledge of the problems and needs of players, coaches, secretaries and referees from elite to grass roots level. As a coach tutor and FIVB Level 2 coach I have regular communication with all levels of volleyball in England and abroad.

My passion is to bring volleyball to all: top quality matches to big arenas, opportunities for our elite athletes to perform at the highest level, well-structured NVL competitions, co-ordinated junior elite programmes and well run county and regional leagues to allow all to have access to indoor, beach and sitting volleyball at all levels.

I see my strengths as my openness, dedication, volleyball knowledge, international experience and drive to see volleyball gaining the exposure it deserves in England.