



Name: James Lewis

Position: Portchester and Townsend TTC Club Support and Coaching Officer

Hours Per Week: 20

Coaching Experience/Background: Primary School Teaching background. Personally enjoyed playing and competing in sports from a young age.

What does an average day in the job entail?: Planning sessions with Jo Kuzu, the other community coach. Coaching during the afternoon in schools.

What is most enjoyable/rewarding about the job?: Seeing young players improving and growing in self confidence.

What is the biggest challenge?: Attempting to enthuse occasional classes who lack motivation and desire to improve.

Your thoughts on the future of table tennis in your area: Excited.... Bournemouth will hopefully soon be rated as one of the top places for table tennis and player development in the country.

Any other exciting projects happening in your area?: A regional development squad commencing in Bournemouth from September for talented cadets with some excellent coaches on board to assist.

What tips would you give to fellow coaches working in schools?: Be enthusiastic.... engage all the participants attending. Remember the fun factor. Take into account numbers and resources available when planning sessions to keep all players on task.

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