

# TWIRL *talk*



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Welcome to Twirl Talk, your quarterly insight into all things baton in England under United Twirl England. Firstly, a Happy 2026 to all of UTE, we hope you have had a fantastic start to the year. Whilst it has been a very wet start to the year, it has been very productive. We opened the year with a very successful selection of the England squad heading to Eindhoven, Holland over Easter in April. We have also seen area qualifying competitions held across the country in preparation for Nationals later this year in May. Behind the scenes the executive committee and technical board have welcomed some new members.

## INTRODUCING OUR SAFE-GUARDING OFFICERS

Our Safeguarding Officers, Helen and Becca, are dedicated to keeping our sport safe and ensuring our members are equipped with the skills and knowledge to recognise safeguarding concerns and understand how to respond to them effectively.

Helen brings a wealth of experience from the public sector, offering both practical expertise and the personal qualities essential for this role. Becca joins us with over two decades of experience in the education sector, providing extensive knowledge and insight.

As twirling mums themselves, they have a personal commitment to the wellbeing of our community. We are sure they will both do an excellent job in keeping our sport safe, and supportive for all. If you have any questions, please email: [safe@unitedtwirlengland.org](mailto:safe@unitedtwirlengland.org)

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11<sup>TH</sup> 2026 - SAVE  
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# TECHNICAL *Talk*

With a new year comes new beginnings and we would like to introduce our new technical committee. A team of judges and coaches working together to shape UTE. A team of dedicated individuals who meet as a whole team monthly and who work on ideas and projects in smaller “Task Forces” to develop the technical side of the UTE.



**International Reps,** are representing us in the IBTF, contributing to the shape of the IBTF. They are also working to support our twirling and majorettes international Squads for 2026.

**Judges Task Force,** have been working on developing a UTE judging scoring system and obtaining feedback on current feedback tools.

**Coaches Task Force,** is working on a new grading system we will be rolling out later in the year, starting at the recreational level working up to elite and working with the **Para Team** on developing some specific and supportive Para Twirl grades.

**Education Task Force,** has been developing and delivering coaches and Judges programmes, They are also working on the re education programme to support any lapsed NBTA/ BBTSA coaches and judges to rejoin the UTE as a Technical member.

**Majorettes Task Force.** Working on judging and coaching tools and techniques and developing a brand-new UTE majorette’s rulebook.

**Para Twirl and wellbeing Task Force.** We have some leading experts that are really developing how we can support our Para twirl athletes in both the class and competition environment.

The technical board and all task forces are working hard for the betterment of our sport please feel free to pick up with your area technical reps or contact the committee directly, email [Technical@unitedtwirlengland.org](mailto:Technical@unitedtwirlengland.org). If you have lapsed membership, would like to be added to the mailing list and have any other suggestions technical board would love to hear from you.

The IBTF offers an education platform where all UTE Judges and coaches including majorettes can register for an account- Home | TWIRLED There is also an IBTF newsletter all UTE technical members can register for – Revolution newsletter- [Communication@ibtfbatontwirling.org](mailto:Communication@ibtfbatontwirling.org) Any coach or Judge wishing to be part of an international competition, (which includes putting and athlete on the floor) Must now complete mandatory IBTF learning on Twirl ed. – If you need any more information, please email [Technical@unitedtwirlengland.org](mailto:Technical@unitedtwirlengland.org)

# TWIRLING ROUND UP

Whilst it has been a wet and rainy start to 2026 for England, our UTE athletes used it to their advantage to get training and working hard to put on some excellent performances at selections at the end of January. Well done to all who competed and congratulations to our England Team for 2026 IBTF European Technical Baton Twirling Championship in Eindhoven over Easter! Good luck!



# MAJORETTE ROUND UP

The Countdown to Blackpool is On, we are thrilled to officially announce the upcoming United Twirl England Open Majorette Competition, taking place this March at the iconic Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool. This prestigious event is a highlight of the calendar, bringing together the very best talent from across the UK. It's a chance for our athletes to showcase their hard work, precision, and passion on a grand stage. The competition will be a full celebration of Majorettes and baton artistry. Good luck all!



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# STOTFOLD TWIRLERS



Stotfold Twirlers, part of UTE Central have been running for over 30 years. Starting off as a majorette troupe with over 60 members. Today we have just under 20 members and hold two classes a week for twirling and Acro. The club is run and coached by Sonia, with Mila as a coaching assistant. Prior to UTE we were members of BBTSA from around 1996 and have attended every Nationals along the way. Too many years to count! We support our local events providing displays for the community. We have been lucky enough to have had girls within Stotfold that have represented England in European and World competitions and we look forward to what the future holds for us.

## AKEMI HUYNH

Congratulations to Akemi Huynh on recently receiving the Jack Petchey Medallion, from her school, in recognition of her dedication and achievement in Baton Twirling.

Well done, Akemi! 🎉



## DATES FOR YOUR *diary*

### MARCH

13th – 16th March – Majorette Open Spring Championships – Norbreck

### APRIL

1st-5th April - IBTF Technical European Championships – Eindhoven, Holland

### MAY

2nd-4th May – UTE Individual National Championships – K2 Crawley  
2nd-4th May – UTE Selections for IBTF World Freestyle Championships – K2 Crawley  
17th May – Majorette Competition - Barnsley

### JUNE

27th-28th June – UTE Open – K2 Crawley

### JULY

5th July – Majorette Competition – Barnsley

### AUGUST

5th – 9th August – IBTF World Freestyle Championships – France

### SEPTEMBER

20th September – Majorette Competition – Barnsley

### OCTOBER

8th October – Majorette Competition - Barnsley  
24th – 25th October – UTE Team National Championships - Norwich



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**Twirlfest** – 26-28th October 2026, UEA Norwich  
**UTE AGM** – 11th October 2026 – details to follow

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